


# Annual Plan 2026/2027

## Written Feedback

## Ōrākei Local Board

April 2026

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Support most

**Tell us why**

Need to focus on bigger picture. Keep Local Board funding to bare minimum in these tough financial times

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

agree.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

### 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**

keep funding to basics in these tough financial times

**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.**

Do not support

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

Do not support

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

water, transport and environment are the main priority. Beautification is not a priority.

**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**

not a priority

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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I accept that rates need to increase however the council need to concentrate on priorities - water, environment, safety - rather than local board's pet projects

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water transport environment

## Question 6: City centre

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Reflects the infrastructure requirements of the city and also is a correction to the relatively low rates being paid for many years.

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

I support most of these but not the refuse bin/ bag exchange fee which should be covered under general services provided in return for rates payments and other charges.

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Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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Support all

**Tell us why**

Community Centre Facilities require refurbishment and investment so that they are fit for purpose. Support investment in green and outdoor spaces enjoyed by the local community and visitors.

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

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Support

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Support

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

Community Centre Facilities require refurbishment and investment so that they are fit for purpose. Philanthropic and community donations may diversify funding and add value and support engagement with refurbishment and development. This may also require added resourcing and management by community anchor organisations to support effective use and activation of the spaces. I also particularly support investment in green and outdoor spaces enjoyed by the local community and visitors.

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More consultation needed to improve accessibility for disabled users and continue to promote age friendly facilities, appropriate outdoor seating, ramps and pathways.

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Improving accessibility for older and disabled adults in venues and open spaces and parks --more benches suitable for those with limited mobility!

Continue to support community initiatives

Properly maintain and upgrade infrastructure in a timely manner

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The 7.9% rates increase remains a sore point. There has been reasonable progress to control costs and capital programmes relative to councils in most other parts of the country but it feels like that level of increase is now treated as the norm rather than an exception. Focus on what councils are supposed to look after and pull back on other programmes.

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See note above re the rates increase. Parking permit fees should be expanded considerably. Surburban roads get harder to navigate with cars parking on both sides to make it unsafe for those driving.

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Do not support

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highly supportive of my rates going to transport and infrastructure i don't mind the increase this year. need to get that CRL open, can't wait! Don't wait another 50 year to start the next big project. Get cracking on rail to the airport(Extend the line from Onehunga)

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seems like small project, haven had time to read

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I don’t know

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

I don't know

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

Re the library playground, sounds nice and i hope it will be used. (respectfully)Remuera seems to be 90% old people these days, perhaps the area could accommodate them or the playground money better spent in an area with more young families.

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Please consider installing subtle "walk on the left" guidance on footpaths along major streets such as Broadway and Queen Street. Many Kiwis appear to have lost their sense of pedestrian direction, and navigating the footpath can sometimes feel like an unsanctioned game of bullrush. While this may sound a little nanny-state, there are genuine productivity (and sanity) gains to be had from smoother pedestrian flow and fewer near collisions

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8% Rate rises are well above wage increases and are starting to bite into family budgets

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Service improvements need to accompany any increase in costs

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**Tell us why**

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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)**

Remuera residents are well able to pay for their own playground - more so than Meadowbank

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Transport and particularly safe Public transport are vital and still not being provided which is why our motorways are jammed at all times during the entire week.

## Question 6: City centre

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

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

With such a large rates increase I think the council should review and reduce all discretionary expenditure and focus only on the core needs of the ratepayers. No money should go to special events, cut out all unnecessary capital projects such as the new cycle tracks such as the Orakei Bridge

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Rubbish should be a core responsibility and covered under the general rates cost

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

The capital amount is quite low but seems ok.

**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.**

Do not support

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

The libraries should use a co pay model for if at all . If don't the council should fund the libraries.

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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There should be a focus on improving travel times for people around Auckland

Better parking at train stations.

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| 3 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

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

Travel times around Auckland have become a real problem. Public transport is average.

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

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

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

RATE HIKE IS TOO HIGH. People are doing it tough. No investmentents needed in the short term as people need money for daily expenses

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

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Ridiculous. Too high. People cannot afford.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

### Ōrākei 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**

Not sure

**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)**

Useless. Waste of money

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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None. Do not increase the rates. Its absolutely ridiculous.

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| 1 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

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

None

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Support most

**Tell us why**

Support for CRL is a key for public transport

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Allowing developers to increase housing density by not having off street parking means the rate payers are essentially subsidising the developers use of the commons off street parking. There is not the balance of sufficient public transport outside Monday -Friday 6am -8pm into the city. The developers are being given free use of public assets & then the cost goes onto residents for parking charges.

# Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

## 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)**

These are all warm fuzzy aspirational proposals but exactly how they will be executed fairly is unclear.

**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?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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The sale of the UoA Epsom Campus needs to be clearly & publicly notified. As per the public meeting in December 24 the strain on existing infrastructure in the surrounding area needs to be paid for by the developer. Alternative uses to it being all urban residential may be required to ensure there is enough public space retained.

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

All of these topics are intertwined.  Adding more park & ride stations to declutter suburban streets near transport hubs.

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

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Other (please specify):No point in attracting more non rate paying people to the city centre if the infrastructure can't support the current population.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

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

Support most

### Tell us why

The rates increase is too high. the millions spent on the CRL is of no use to me UNTIL there is more parking at Rail stations to use the trains

Some parking at Glen Innes station that used to be available on Merton Road (and where I was able to park as train carparks always full early ) has now been eliminated because a 2 way Cycle Lane is apparently of far more importance than train parking, how ridiculous when I have not seen anybody using this wide grand cycle lane since it has been there but the street gets jammed with cars

travelling to Glen Innes and eliminates train parking there. The new works going on in most of the train parking at present will be nowhere enough so many like me will still not be able to use the CRL millions spent

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I did not know that a refuse fee was going to be charged on top of our rates, but it won't affect me as much as some - I never use the food scraps bin and all that extra pickup when many also don't use as we compost kitchen scraps, is wasting money, and my Paper recycling bin I only need to put out every 6 weeks (3 collections ) as I don't have masses of takeaway packaging that others seem to have, only milk bottles and meat trays, and a few cans plus Heralds

The other 3 changes do not affect me

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I don't see much improvement or any, to my area Saint Johns Park . The Meadowbank Community Centre touted long ago is still not being even started, there is still NO BUS SERVICE through St Johns Park that I used to have before so called 'improvements ' I would have to walk about 2 km I think to the bus 75 or Woolworths and I am 84, and the 'bus service' to the Glen Innes train that goes backwards, and I would have to walk out to Ngahue Drive to wait for it, with NO way of knowing if it is going to be on time, or what time it will be at that stop, and will it get me to the train staton in time for the train I want or miss by a minute, all that taking so long that I don't use that backwards' service ' I just want to drive to Glen Innes to the train , but can no longer park to use it as a cycle 2 way lane that is not being used is more important

I do not see that anything in my area will be improved

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I don’t know

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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)**

The Remuera Library has plenty for children when they visit the library, I don't think the library has to e an outdoor playground as well as there seems to be quite a n umber of outdoor playgrounds. The playground I see the most, is at the Ellerslie Michaels Ave one newly redone and hardly anyone using it

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Transport

Trains - such a quick way to travel but unusable as nowhere enough train parking

It would help the gridlock with cars every day and should be NO 1 PRIORITY

I can't even use the 75 Bus to city without a huge walk so want to drive my car, but far rather use the train if I could as much quicker

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Quite simple - no one can afford a further rate increase, and most certainly NOT 7.9% !! There remains no "due diligence" by ACC in limiting costs,, and general attitude like other councils is simply increase the rates each year !!! Perfect example: Ladies Mile work is a disgrace, and needs to be investigated. Firstly footpath was turned into a pedestrian hazard for weeks, and only slightly corrected after complaints. Most recently, it has been re-sealed with exposed aggregate concrete, looks good EXCEPT: 2 days ago they dug some of it up to address Watercare issues - why wasn't that factored in before they disrupted it in the first place. Ratepayers areNOT the Bank of ACC, and

the sooner that message sinks in the better.  NOT FORGETTING the huge promise when introducing this super city council concept was the huge benefit of reduced rates for all previous council ratepayers. Never eventuated but successive increases each year subsequently must now add to a compound increase of maybe 100%+. Real Skills NO ????>

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

NO to AT further scalping of ratepayers !

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki 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?**

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Other

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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.**

Do not 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?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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

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

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

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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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#309**

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

I think what is been prioritizing is good but don't the amount of the rates increase. It's above inflation

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- **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?**

Do t agree with parking. It's hard to get parking in central Auckland and public transport isn't up to scratch

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## 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**

**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.**

Do not support

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

Do t think it's a priority

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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Storm water and drainage should be in the plan due to all the rain and flooding

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

Flood reduction risk

## Question 6: City centre

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

Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#315

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

I don't know

**Tell us why**

I am very disappointed in everything Auckland Council is doing. It is always grabbing money from ratepayers that it is making it impossible to stay in our homes. Rate rises, water rises, power rises, insurance rises, electricity rises go up way too often and the hike is way too high. It is immoral to put all this on good people who have paid their way all their life and more

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Once again very disappointed in our rubbish collection I am constantly ringing the council regarding missed rubbish and I am sick and tired of all the new ideas that you have put onto people including the silly small bins that we pay for. Every idea in the last 3 years has been a waste of time. Train your staff to do better, train the rubbish collector to do better and Auckland Council you need to do better stop ;looking at rate payers to pay for your silly ideas.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei 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

What a mess you have done to our area... too many new builds, no parking on streets, shops shutting, unbelieveable traffic and silly ideas i.e planting trees on berms where no one wants to look after them and you have created an ugly sight. No one is cleaning the streets, looking after trees that fall and water that is running down the roads weeks on end. Once again a big fail in everything that you have done over the last 3 - 5 years.

### 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.**

I don’t know

**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.**

I don’t know

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

I don’t know

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

I don’t know

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

I don't know how to fix your mess and neither do you. This is what you get paid for you have failed in every area and I am at a loss as to why it has got so bad so expensive and the people making these stupid decisions are not accountable. You have made our lives a nightmare demanding money and more money without looking at yourselves. Ratepayers can no longer pay for your stupidity you have bled us dry.

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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The annual plan is and was always on the condition ratepayers pay for your ideas. Ratepayers can no longer afford your 'fix'. How about you fix this with someone else's money. My whole life has been about working hard and helping the community but unfortunately since you are ********** bent of getting all our money for your 'ideas' we can no longer keep giving. Why don't you sit tight for awhile accumulate money and use this wisely and stop your silly ideas about fixing things when you don't have the money to do so and now neither does the poor guy who has to pay ridiculous rates just to keep you in your job. Enough is enough stop for awhile and you will see how lovely Auckland is or was and stop looking for more and more money so you can indulge your ego. I am absolutely gutted at how you think we can pay for all this.

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

Don't care so long as you can get the tourists and grow the economy and stop looking to put the rates up.

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

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

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Its hard to work out and interpret.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Unimpressed

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei 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**

Its hard to analyse, but certainly not impressive

**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.**

I don’t know

**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.**

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)**

Referring to the fact that we are not particularly impressed with the proposals

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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We feel quite let down, we are rate payers and expect help and understanding

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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 - we are bursting at the seams already !

## Question 6: City centre

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#321

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

The lack of frequent, efficient public transport combined with poor pedestrian/cycleways, plus congestion, traffic jams, and lack of parking has a massive impact on trying to work and survive in this city

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

The food scraps collection should never have gone ahead. I pay $77 annually in my rates for a plastic bucket that I never use (I have compost and worm farm) and another plastic item clutterin up my house

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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Support most

### Tell us why

water quality in Hobson Bay and contributing waterways is a problem that needs fixed

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I don’t know

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Support

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Support

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I don’t know

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

The pest management is important to preserve the bush/trees that are naturally in the area. Convolvulus is flourishng and smothering native plants, bird-killing cats are on the prowl everywhere, and most important for me - can the Council please make private owners of reserves (i.e. unstable land that can't be built on yet is covered in bush) maintain their trees and ensure they are trimmed along boundaries of houses

## Question 4: Other feedback

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I live alone and walk everywhere and yet I pay the same rates as a family with kids where both parents work - they will make much more use of Council funded infrastructure/services than me and have a better ability to pay. It seems incredibly unfair.

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

Transport to make it safe to walk/cycle and more freequent public transport

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**#324**

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

Some residents may own their own, be retired and cash poor - increasing rates for some will add financial stress

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

The ongoing dense housing projects seem poorly thought through - little thought given to green spaces, children's play areas, distances from shops - at the same time more bike lanes and for many in these housing developments, often need 2+ cars to get to work they are forced to park on terms and other not so good spots. Public transport has improved but nowhere near enough to offer many that option to get to work university or school.

**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)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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**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?**

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.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#332**

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Do not support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

It is good innitiative to support Auckland

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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Do not support most

**Tell us why**

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Support

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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

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

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

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

Support all

**Tell us why**

More helpful

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Good

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

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

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

TOO MUCH MAORI FOCUS. TOO MUCH FOCUS ON GLOBAL WARMING SCAM. REDUCE RATES NOT INCREASE THEM

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

TOtal rubbish

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Ōrākei

### 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**

**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.**

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.**

Do not 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?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

## Ōrākei 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**

crooks

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

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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)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

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N/A

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Already high rates

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Crazy - increase rates and expect to pay for rubbish??

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Not relevant

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I don’t know

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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)**

Too much noise near library.. other green space that is unutilized

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

Not sure but economic growth is important

## Question 6: City centre

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## Your feedback:

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

I am concerned at the ever increasing cost of rates with little or no information available to confirm the benefit of the spend ie. empty cycle lanes, a $235m operating cost of the city rail line (if it cant pay for itself why have we built it?)!

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

I am extremely opposed to the constant rate increase when I still see SO MUCH evidence of wasteful spend and inefficiency

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

### Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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Support most

**Tell us why**

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Support

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

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

If we are going to build two million new dwellings the infrastructure needs to be able to cope. We also need to be able to ensure that our natural areas are protected to mitigate climate change.

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#439**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

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

Support all

**Tell us why**

Got to have money to accomplish the things you want to do

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

They are all fair and required

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

### 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**

It all seems reasonable enough

**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.**

Support

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

Do not 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)**

Spend the money on priorities not frivolous projects like food planting or restoration projects. Why consult with and pay Maori groups ? Theyre a small minority of the population and dont contribute much to rates because of this as well as their low home ownership rates.

**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?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

I have no opinion on that matter

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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I think the  Tūpuna Maunga

Authority is a rort. A scam even. Why must the Council defer to any minority group for anything ? mountains are no different to roads, rubbish dumps, or parks.

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Stop putting stupid cycleways that never get used on our roads, and thereby reducing lanes, which leads to congestion. youre NEVER going to get cars off the roads in a city like Auckland which is so huge and has substandard public transport infrastructure running East to West. Stop pandering to the greenies

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Support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Don't spend such huge money as in the new expensive walkway from Orakei Bay to the boatsheds

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

Good mix--I hope

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

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I don’t know

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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)**

why waste ground

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N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**#484**

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Do not support any

### Tell us why

Council rate rises in 2023, 2024 and 2025 have been 7.75%, 6.8% and 5.8% respectively (20.3% overall) which is at least twice the official inflation rate.

Council debt has now reached $15 billion and growing with interest payments of nearly $2 million a day.

Where is the rate payers' money from past decades gone?

At the same time Auckland Council has a well-documented track record of irresponsible spending: 250,000 for four sets of stairs in Takapuna. Or how about $30,000 annually on food and drink at council meetings.

We cannot trust Auckland Council with spending our hard earned money.

No matter how much we pay in rates, Auckland Council will find ways to squander all and borrow on top of that

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Negative. Make do with what you already have

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Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki 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?**

**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

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Do not support

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

Do not 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?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

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**#489**

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

With an overall published CPI of 3.1% the rate increase of 7.9% seems to be unfair.

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Auckland Transport needs to take a firmer, more proactive approach to managing parking in residential areas. Narrow streets are increasingly congested, creating safety risks and daily frustration for residents. Introducing more yellow lines on tight roads, adjusting parking rates to better reflect demand, and considering measures such as a second-vehicle charge could help ease the pressure. Stronger, well-planned action is needed to address what has become a genuine and growing concern for the community.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei 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 appears to be no clear or even credible plan to address the real underlying issues facing our community: transport challenges, the deeply flawed implementation of the Unitary Plan, and increasingly dense developments built without adequate parking, garages, or supporting infrastructure.

Against that backdrop, investing in sports courts or loosely defined “cultural” projects feels misplaced. While those initiatives have value, they should not take priority over resolving the fundamental problems that are placing daily strain on residents. The basics such as infrastructure, transport, and thoughtful urban planning need to be addressed first.

**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.**

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Do not 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.**

Do not support

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

We do not support additional recreational sports facilities and R&Rs while critical priority issues remain unresolved. Roads are congested, parking is insufficient, infrastructure is inadequate, and flooding continues as a result of overloaded systems. These fundamental problems directly affect residents' safety and quality of life and must be addressed before further discretionary projects are pursued.

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

Many of the stated "areas" are poorly defined and lack clarity. Auckland Council must take stronger control of infrastructure and planning, with a focus on restoring standards and ensuring long term sustainability, not simply enabling more growth. The priority should be maintaining and upgrading what we already have so it functions reliably and safely.

Growth policy also needs to take a broader view. Development should be directed across regions rather than concentrating pressure on central Auckland alone. Spreading opportunity more evenly would reduce strain on infrastructure and improve overall resilience.

Transport policy, in particular, requires a reset. Transport is fundamentally about moving people and goods around the city quickly, safely, and efficiently. While walking and cycling have their place, they cannot come at the expense of practical mobility for the wider population. At the same time, significant improvements in public transport are essential to provide a viable alternative to private vehicles.

Urban planning standards must also be strengthened. Continued land subdivisions producing very small dwellings without adequate garaging or off street parking only intensify congestion and reduce quality of life. In central Auckland, stricter parking controls should be implemented to reduce street congestion and improve traffic flow.

Finally, economic development and events or tourism should not be treated as a single category. They represent distinct priorities, require different strategies, and should be assessed and funded accordingly.

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Support most

**Tell us why**

Cycling public transport and water quality need high priority

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Hard to say without detail of what it actually means for me living in a different part of the City. That said charging for bin bags will result in negative recycling and waste removal people need incentives not barriers

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

Whether or not they affect me I find out local board effective and communicative so things will get down and there will be change

**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.**

Do not 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)**

Meadowbank community centre is a hub for kids it needs to continue to be accessible and open which is less likely if self funded = private

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
(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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| 6 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
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| 1 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 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?**

Should not just be flood protection but much wider climate and weather protection measures

## Question 6: City centre

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

Other (please specify):I don't use the centre often enough to feel I can comment

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#499**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

Support all

**Tell us why**

The CRL is fantastic, and so needed! The only way to pay for it is through a rates increase.

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

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

I agree with those changes.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## 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**

I support the removal of invasive plants in the Orakei basin creeks and waterways. I would support any community cleanup initiative as the preservation of native species and the environment is essential.

**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.**

I don’t know

**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)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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| 3 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 1 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

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

Flood resilience to cope with extreme weather events caused by climate change.

## 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.,Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#504**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

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

Support all

**Tell us why**

I think most of it makes sense

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## 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**

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

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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)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

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| 4 | **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?**

Manage growth so we get to live in decent housing in natural environments with good amenities including decent, affordable transport options

## Question 6: City centre

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

Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#508**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

It is a waste.

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

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

It seems bad.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## 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**

It is a waste.

**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)**

It doesn't make sense at all.

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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I don't like it.

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

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| 3 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

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

Transport needs to be sorted!

## 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.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#515**

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## Your feedback:

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

Rates going up again, is just so difficult for many. I  understand we need to pay rates but they are becoming astronomical while our city is becoming more unkempt, dirty and untidy.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

Some great initiative,  and especially like The Songbird Project. Great to support sport and libraries and the wonderful programmes available.

I would like to see our local board do something about the empty houses and deterioration of our beautiful community by educating our new immigrants of the Kiwi way of house & section pride. This could hopefully also help our new immigrants settle well.

Berms and footpaths are so untidy and not always pleasant. Our city has become untidy.

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

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I don’t know

**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)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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Thank you for the easy to read option as it made it so much easier to read and understand.

Thank you for the privilege and opportunity to comment.

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

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

Infrastructure with fast growth is essential as so much is dependent on the bigger picture.

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#519

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

Support all

**Tell us why**

It looks good.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

It is good.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## 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**

They seem great

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

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Support

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Support

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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)**

I like all the ideas.

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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

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- **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?**
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| 6 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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| 4 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

We need to plan for another flood.

## Question 6: City centre

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

Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#534**

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

Support all

**Tell us why**

It is a great plan.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?**

I really like it.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## 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**

It is all very good.

**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)**

I support it all because it shows real growth.

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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| 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?**

We definitely need better infrastructure.

## 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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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#547

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

Support all

**Tell us why**

N/A

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

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

**Tell us why**

**2. What do you think about the proposed 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.**

I don’t know

**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)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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| 4 | **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

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

Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#560

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

Support all

**Tell us why**

This is necessary to prevent insane rates increases like in the other councils around NZ.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

I do not understand if the refuse bin/exchange fee is for the weekly residential bin clearance or not.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Not much spending in the area I live in (Ellerslie). Seems very biased to Orakei specifically.

**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.**

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)**

The ones I do not support seem to benefit only a small section of the populace in the area covered by the local board. Opposite is true for the ones I support.

## 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?**

Aligning different public transport modes to make trips more efficient. One should not have to wait 20 minutes during peak times to transfer from a train in Britomart to a Ferry heading to Devonport.

## Question 6: City centre

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

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#566

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

Support all

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei 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 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)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

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

N/A

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#574**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

Support most

### Tell us why

I do not support the proposed rates increase - it should be no more than 6% and I do not support some of the planned spending.

In order to afford the significant capital expenditure for critical infrastructure proposed in the plan, and to keep rates increases lower, Council should seriously reduce the planned expenditure (particularly opex) in the Economic and Cultural Development, and Well-managed Local

Government buckets. This is spending which, while important, our city and its residents cannot afford right now and must be scaled back with a view to reintroducing it in future.

Council must continue to anticipate significant spending for climate action and climate response and we will not afford this with spending at the current level.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

As above, the 7.9% increase is too high. Cost of living continues to be a serious struggle for many Auckland residents and we risk pushing more and more people out of our city due to unaffordability. An increase at that level is not required if the plan and budget is realigned to core obligations.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The information isn't very clear. I support investment in playgrounds and sports grounds but do not support funding any work at Okahu bay which should be funded by users.

### 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.**

I don't know

**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)**

## 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?**

Catching up the infrastructure deficit. Suspending other nice-to-have activities until that is complete.

## Question 6: City centre

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

Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#595**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

The City Rail Link is a total disaster from the beginning. Who is accountable for the screw up and delays and is it the Auckland rate payers that need to come up with the massive cost over runs? Not to mention all the poor businesses that suffered and shut during construction and now you're trying to get them back. Terrible.

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

8% rate increase is much higher than CPI. Property prices have not moved. Focus more on user pays system rather than continually increasing rates more than CPI. CPI plus 1 or 2% is fair for rate increases. Since Housing is currently the highest contributor to the CPI, 6.8% last 12 months compared to food 3.1%.  Thanks to council rates. Stop spending on services not needed, user pays and hold someone accountable for the cost over runs or fire some incompetent staff responsible.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei 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 are some glaring eyesores in Orakei that need to be sorted out. Get government to remove state housing out of the area. You can buy 3 properties and house 3 families for the cost of 1 in Orakei.

### 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.**

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.**

Do not support

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

## Question 4: Other feedback

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Everyone in NZ is tightening their belts, maybe the council should too? Reduce spending when times are tough and give us a break on the 8% rates increase! Your rate increases are directly contributing to the rise in inflation which will result in higher interest rates. Auckland CC is contributing to the demise of NZ... But at least the parks will look nice and we will have a new train link that destroyed half the CBD in the process.

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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?**
(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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| 3 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |

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| 2 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 6 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

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

I want those services that can assist in reducing our rates prioritised first. Ensure user pays services are covering their costs. Annual resident parking permits should be way more than the proposed $114 per annum. Maybe look more at $250! Since you're probably not going to raise them for another 10 years, in which time they will be loss making again!

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

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

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

I'm leaving New Zealand. Too much!

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?**

Insane

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

### 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?**

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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

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Do not support

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

## Question 4: Other feedback

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In light on cost of living standard, please stop increasing. Stop the spending. Instead focus on saving and giving rate payers relief and subsidies. Auckland is already very well built. It's nice and the park and nature are perfect. We do not need anymore beautification that doesn't add value to our daily lives. Time to change Auckland Council.

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

None of the above

## Question 6: City centre

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

Other (please specify):None of the above

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#630

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

Other

**Tell us why**

Dear Auckland Council. You're a monopoly. You're billions in debt. Your debt is projected to keep growing. Your annual charges (aka rates) are growing CUMULATIVELY every year. You increase rates at non-sustainable percentages while wages lag. You waste money on planting trees and Te Reo initiatives when fundamentals like road signage and sewerage get lower priority.

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

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The council needs STRUCTURAL and STRATEGIC CHANGE. Get on it please.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

Support activities with good administration. Stop pouring money in things that the commercial sector should be doing. Spend your money on the fundamentals - YOU'RE BILLIONS IN DEBT AND GROWING.

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

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,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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#648

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Do not support most

**Tell us why**

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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?**

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Ōrākei

### 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**

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**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.**

Other

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

Other

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

I don’t know

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

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

**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?**

**Tell us why**

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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Do not support most

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

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

I am fundementally opposed to the propsed 7.9% increase in rates. I cannot emphasize this enough. The Council MUST contain costs. There oa too much staff and too highly paid staff. This HAS to stop. Ratepayers are not there purely for you to expand your empire. I am a retiree for Gods sake. Im on a pension and akready facing a $7k rates bill. Enough!

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

3 of these options are just you trying fo get more money. STOP! Work out how to contain your costs. Recuce managers! Stop frivolous expenditure.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

You need to economise.

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

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Do not support

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Do not support

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I don’t know

**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)**

You are just tryingvto expend. My other comments refer to you doing the oppsite - cost containment. I do not support every oncreasing Council function. You need to just do the basics well. Oh and we dont need another library. Heard if the internet?

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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The whole approach seems to be ecpansion and fircing rates uo. I am for the opposite. There are too many overpaid managers in the Council. There needs to be a cull. Rates must be capoed and council must go back to providing just core services well and cheaper.

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

I want you to contain costs and fire managers. Not empire build.

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#685**

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## Your feedback:

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

Overall good priorities. While the CRL has cost a lot the benefits will be hard to quantify given only those near the rail will benefit. The rest of the bus service in many areas is woeful and not "public" transport as in busses every 15 to 20 mins. To get across town is hard without a car. Do people really want to get into the city centre with so many working from home and many businesses spread all over the city.

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

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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Can I suggest that you charge for sports field use. As treasurer of a small sport it is extremely hard to find fields for local or even national events as they are always booked by the major sports. Yet half the time the fields are not used. Putting a small charge for usage will make clubs actually only book when they need it rather than the whole season. We have had to go to Cornwall Park, which is not council owned, to get fields for the summer season - at a significant cost. With limited sports facilities in Auckland a charge for all fields would mean better usage and of course some revenue!!

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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?**

making sports fields available to all sports

## Question 6: City centre

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

Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#717

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

My targeted Rates increase is $420 mainly to cover the City Rail Link which I will derive no benefit from as I live in Saint Heliers. Don't charge home owners, charge the Users of public transport. I am a single occupant house but I am expected to pay the same increase as a similar house with 2 or more occupants. You are discriminating against me as a single occupant house.

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Parking fees are to high as it is.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## 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**

Does not benefit me in anyway.

**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.**

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)**

I get no benefit out of something I am expected to pay for.

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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Bring in a Poll Tax or fully user pays

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

Infrastructure

## Question 6: City centre

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

Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#719

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## Your feedback:

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

Auckland Council needs to initiate further cost cutting to take advantage of emerging AI technologies that can streamline many business and customer service support processes. If this was done efficiently it would at least negate this years rates rise as well as a high proportion of future increases.

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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?

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

### Tell us why

The Orakei board needs to control dogs on beaches. As a frequent use there are dogs off leash at all times of the day and this is safety issues especially for young children. Additionally it's a significant health risk given the daily amount of defeacation and urination on these beaches )even though most owners try the clean up the mess). I suggest that there or 'no dogs' allowed zones on the Mission bay, Kohi and St heliers beaches that cover say 80% of the beaches, and dog owners can take their dogs, on leash, for their ablutions to the restricted 20% zone. This practice of dog management is common overseas.

### 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.**

I don't know

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

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

CBD development and personal safety. We need a vibrant and safe city centre.

## 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.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#737

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Support most

**Tell us why**

Makes a lot of sense

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

I think they are good for the city

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei 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**

Need to undersatnd fully

**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

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I don’t know

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

Support

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Support

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

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I think rate increase needs to be controlled and new developments need to pay more for consents and infrastructure enhancements.

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

Public transport and signals need to be focus of attention.

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#781

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

The rates increase needs to be targeted towards those who will be using the CRL the most (ie the CBD folks and the westies and mt eden people). Our rates have already gone up about 50% in the last 5 years, the council is out-of-control. You are so inefficient, you could easily knock out 10% of your costs (useless bureaucrats behind desks) instead of doing a 7% rates rise.

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

OK

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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Support all

**Tell us why**

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

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Support

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Support

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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

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Please provide us with a detailed plan on how you are going to keep rates the same, or decrease rates. We are sick of increases. For example, (i) a reduction in headcount of 8% (ii) better purchasing terms from suppliers so you aren't always paying top dollar, ie professonal procurement (iii) use of AI to reduce your costs. Also the council tax is basically a wealth tax, why should a household of 3 people in a nicer area pay more rates than a household of 10 in a poorer area; you need to totally revise the way rates are charged so that rates fall more fairly across the populous. Also stop subsiziing property developers, and charge the property developers more for infrastructure so it doesnt fall on other ratepayers.

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#836

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Most have no benefit to me - mainly CRL

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

No benefit to me

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei 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 benefit to me from most

**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.**

Other

**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.**

Other

**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)**

What's in it for me?

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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I can't afford my rates now and they will increase even further over the next few years

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

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

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
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| 4 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Maintaining existing infrastructure.

## Question 6: City centre

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

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#860**

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## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

I do not support the 7.9% rates increase. Auckland ratepayers should not bere the cost of poor money management by Council/Governement in regards to the CRL project.

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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?**

Ōrākei

### Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

I don't know

**Tell us why**

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

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Support

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I don’t know

**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)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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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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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#870**

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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**

With cost of living crisis this will put more pressure on households

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

This is ridiculous idea

With the new CV, rates has recently gone up. This is too soon for another increase.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Albert-Eden,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 most

**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?**

Support

**Tell us why**

## Ōrākei 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 key areas of additional investment and changes to services?**

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Support

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Support

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Support

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Support

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

# Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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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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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#905**

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## Your feedback:

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

Support most

### Tell us why

We need better public transport and roads for increase population in Auckland. But how can you justify the increase of 7.9%  of rates??? That is lot more than usual avg inflation rate. Also NZ's average pay increase was 1-2% and how can you ask for 7.9% of rates rise? That is outrageous and pure robbery.

Dont just try pass on the cost (such as congestion charges or toll fee) to hard working people. Get something done first before pass on the cost. Such as more frequent and accessible public transport like other cities around the world, before pass on extra cost to the tax payers.

Other major cities around the world has world class public transport first before passing on the extra cost or tax such as congestion charges or toll fee.

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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?**

Ōrākei

### Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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Do not support most

**Tell us why**

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

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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)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

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We should only focus on main infrastructure projects first when there arent enough money as per council???? Keep down the rate increase. Maybe renters should pay tax too like "living" tax at this point for more revenue not just from house owners and landlords house rates

## Question 6: City centre

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Do not support any

**Tell us why**

Reduce debt and stop rates increases. The council budget is $5b debt and $3b rates - something is very wrong here - please wake up. Sell more airport shares. NO more borrowing. STOP THE NONSENSE CLIMATE CHANGE AND WOKE INITIATIVES. STOP BUILDING WALKWAYS IN ORAKEI WHERE THERE IS A DOUBLE WIDTH FOOTPATH. GET SOME SANITY

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Ōrākei

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| 5 | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
| 2 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
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| 3 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

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

DEBT REDUCTION !!!Rubbish collection (scrap the foodscrap bins), roads (NOT Cycleways), public transport. CUT ALL WOKE Initiatives and climate change initiatives pronto.

## Question 6: City centre

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

Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#934**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

General comments :

The council does not know how to manage costs & wastes too much money, & the 2026 plan / budget again reflects this.

The mayor often boasts about false achievements to supposedly justify council's performance & boost his ego but it is just hyperbole (as therefore is most of detail in 2026 plan).

There is ongoing & continued excessive council head office 'fat'.

There are too many woke politically correct or unnecessary projects.

There are, too many road / other projects based on safety grounds (what happened to just letting people take personal responsibility & use common sense).

There are too many unnecessary bike lane projects past & present (& I am a bike rider).

There are too many silly projects in city centre past & present that take forever to complete (e.g. reducing car lanes & street parking & replacing them with empty footpaths or trees, too many one way streets or restrictions, too much forever roadworks, too many road markings / signs...).

There are too many projects to unnecessarily install a new roundabout or new traffic lights in suburbs.

There are too many pedestrian crossings & speed hump projects.

There is insufficient parking near train stations, discouraging train use.

There is massively reduced street parking everywhere (& with increased parking fees) with inadequate public transport so continued traffic congestion,.

There are dangerous safety issues on public transport in evenings & reduced city street parking, both discouraging people to go into city at night.

City centre is dying with no council vision.

There are more & more housing projects & increased population but no matching supporting infrastructure.

There are unnecessary projects reducing vehicle speed limits (there is already so much traffic that everyone has to drive slow anyway, so lower limits not needed).

It is a waste of money in changing names of everything into Maori (that no-one understands).

There is an ongoing ridiculous overuse of road cones (so contractor overstaffing, excess costs...) & unnecessary road safety measures for most roadworks.

The new expensive train loop sounds great but what is point as it is not even a loop (who needs train to go from Britomart or whatever it is called now to KRd & Mt Eden other than maybe go to rugby).

All projects take too long to deliver.

AT & NZ Police are obviously obsessed with revenue gathering via speed cameras & automated drive-by detection of street parking overstays, with mobile speed checks often strategically placed deliberately on certain roads (e.g. hidden around corners, on downhill slopes or on quiet back-streets with no safety history, often at certain times of day when there are clearly zero safety issues on those roads), so clearly designed to catch as many people as possible = blatant revenue

gathering using scarce police / AT resources instead of allowing police to focus on crime (they are supposedly understaffed).

Conclusion = 2026 budget includes too much unnecessary spend & a poor use of financial resources, resulting in excessive rates that are not justified.

The Government should bring in the rates cap, forcing council to eliminate poor choices & unnecessary overspend.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

See earlier comments

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

### Ōrākei 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 zero visibility of any local Board actions, so projects are clearly white elephants to appease local councilors that lobby for their pet projects

**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)**

See above comments - waste of money, no visible benefits

## 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)

See earlier comments - another disappointing plan, but it will no doubt be approved anyway

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

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

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- **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.**

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

As per ranking above, all underpin by cost reduction with culling of unnecessary projects to pay for real need.

## 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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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#935**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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- **Transport**
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**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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

Do not support any

### Tell us why

I do not support the proposed Annual Plan 2026/2027, primarily because the suggested 7.9 per cent increase in rates is too high given the current cost-of-living pressures faced by many households. With everyday expenses such as food, housing, utilities, and insurance already rising significantly, an additional rates increase of this size will place further financial strain on residents. While I understand the need to invest in important infrastructure such as transport and water, I believe the council should place greater emphasis on managing costs, improving efficiency, and exploring alternative funding options before passing such a substantial increase on to ratepayers.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?

I am concerned about the proposed changes to additional rates, fees, and charges, particularly when they are being introduced alongside a 7.9 per cent rates increase. With the current cost of living already placing pressure on households, introducing new charges such as a refuse bin/bag exchange fee and increasing residential parking permit fees will add further financial burden for residents. While I understand that services need to be funded, the council should carefully consider the cumulative impact of these increases on ratepayers. Greater effort should be made to keep fees reasonable and ensure that any increases are necessary, transparent, and represent good value for the community.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## 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

I believe it is important that the Ōrākei Local Board continues to focus on maintaining essential local services, community facilities, and public spaces that residents rely on. Investment that responds to the needs of the local community is important, particularly for parks, community programmes, and infrastructure that supports a growing population. However, given the current cost-of-living pressures and the proposed overall rates increase, it is also important that spending is carefully prioritised and managed efficiently. Any new initiatives should demonstrate clear value for the community and ensure that ratepayers' money is being used responsibly.

### 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.**

I don't know

**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)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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Overall, I encourage the council to carefully consider the financial impact of the Annual Plan 2026/2027 on residents. With the cost of living continuing to rise, many households are already under financial pressure, and significant increases in rates and other charges will make it more difficult for families to manage everyday expenses. While investment in important infrastructure and community services is necessary, it is important that spending is prioritised, transparent, and delivers clear value for ratepayers. I encourage the council to focus on cost control, efficiency, and exploring alternative funding options to minimise the financial burden on Auckland residents.

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

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| 1 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

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

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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spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#941

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?**

Ōrākei

### Ōrākei 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 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.**

I don’t know

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

I don’t know

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

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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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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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#943**

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Waste of our money and time

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## 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**

I think this is a waste of our tax money

**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.**

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)**

Protect and preserve is more important

## 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?**

Retain Auckland as a liveable place and stop the densification of the city

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#978**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Water: Yes

Local boards: No

Transport: Needs to pay for itself. Make it safer for people to use otherwise it is a waste of time.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?

Bag/bin exchange fee: more details needed. If for a bin, you need to be able to lock it so that you don't end up with a full bin of someone else's rubbish.

Waitākere sewerage: important

Parking permits: are expensive enough

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

I don't know

### Tell us why

I don't feel that Ellerslie should be part of Orakei ward. I have no affiliation with Orakei - it is a world away from where I live which is closer to Maungakiekie

### 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.**

I don't know

**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.**

Support

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

I don't know

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

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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I would support a smaller rates increase

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

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**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
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| 6 | **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?**

Flood resilience - self explanatory isn't it

## Question 6: City centre

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

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#1015

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

How can you increase by 7.9%? This is way over inflation. Councils always want more money for doing the same things. You drive inflation that way.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki 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?**

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

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

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

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

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

**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?**

**Tell us why**

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

N/A

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

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| | **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?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#1052

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The council needs to manage its spending

Annual increases should be no more than inflation / CPI

Extra costs need to be offset by saving money somewhere else

The council needs to go back to providing basic essential services

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

User pays and targeted rates are fine

Again, the council needs to stick to basics and recognize ratepayers generally only get salary / pay increases close to the inflation / cpi rate

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

We do not have the money to pay for all these nice to have things

Council needs to focus on basics / essentials first

### 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.**

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.**

Do not support

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

Focusing on water, waste, roads, footpaths, rubbish should be the councils focus

A playground and sports fields etc are nice to haves we cannot afford

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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The council should have a legal rates cap imposed by Government

The focus needs to move to core / essential services

Rates increases 3 and 4 times what people are getting as pay rises is unacceptable

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

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

These questions are flawed as they incorporate too wider parameters

Managing existing infrastructure is important / critical where rebuilding urban center's is not...

Stopping sewage in harbor's and waterways is way more important than addressing flooding of houses built in holes and swamps

Fixing roads way more important than cycleways

Making parking a critical part of developments solves parking on berms and narrow street

## 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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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#1054

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

Support most

### Tell us why

In operation of the CRL to have more people using this, major projects for 2026/2027 should take into consideration parking building in nearby train station.

Auckland offers a good train system, but suburb train stations are limited to available parking space in the station.

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Understand the reason and funding needed to support the development.

I am interested to know if the interest charge of 167 million over the total 235 million spending, is the rate at market or competitive given it's a low-risk loan.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

### Tell us why

Suggestion that some funding should be used to improve transport route for truck drivers, Nagapipi Road and Orakei Road are single lane road with several close by schools. Large container truck (travelling to the port) should consider to alternative route.

### 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

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Support

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

I don't know

**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)**

Orakei do lack integrated kids play area, upland road playground is one of the bigger playgrounds but does not have public toilets. Mission bay playground is a good integrated play area but that has large numbers of both local and international tourist.

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

A well establish and safe transport system allows more travel throughout Auckland.

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#1076

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

My family does not live in city center and we very seldom go to city center. I don't think we will take CRL more than once a year when it starts operating. The new plan is unfair for the people who don't take CRL.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Agree

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei 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 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.**

Do not support

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

There's no extra parking places around Remuera library and difficult to find one during some time. To build a playground is good idea, but it's probably wasting money when it's built as only those living close/near to the library can use the playground.

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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

No

## Question 6: City centre

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

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#1078**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

Support most

### Tell us why

I do not support the funding level of the Tūpuna Maunga Authority. There is not enough scrutiny of their budget. They do not support positive environmental outcomes, nor do they act in the interests of, or with consideration to all Aucklanders. Any council organisation given the right to set their own budget must be held to account by the council, and all rate payers. Their spending is wasteful, being used to cut down perfectly healthy trees with questionable legality. And fighting court cases against the very same people who fund it.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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

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### 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?

Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#1095

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

There are costs involved in running a city and if services are maintained at a level which meets the need of Auckland I think that's good use of available funds. If increases need to be made, so be it.

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

No strong opinion

# Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

Fully supportive of the plans for Colin Maiden Park, and I think it will be beneficial to both cricket and the local area. I'm not so supportive of the plan to put more private-investor housing in the Meadowbank Community Centre proximity since a large number of these properties remain empty at the moment (and are kept that way to keep rental rates high). The Meadowbank Community Centre should be for the community, and a housing proposal is likely to impact on that. Given the current state of the economy I'd rather see the empty properties filled before any more are built.

**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)**

All four are things that will benefit the community and, in the case of numbers 2 and 4, will provide services which should make them more user-friendly.

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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

Given the way more and more of the world seems to be affected by concentrated weather events, we can only suppose Auckland will suffer from them more regularly as well. So much development has closed off natural means of drainage, runoff and water uptake into plants which served as controls (mangroves, for example) that flooding is both more regular and more extreme than it was. Those affected most are generally also those who can least afford it, and some social conscience rather than just a swelling bank balance has to be part of the desired outcome for any projects in the options I've ranked 4 and 5. The Council's responsibility is to everyone, not jut the well-heeled.

## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#1102**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

As an ordinary employee household living in Auckland, we cannot afford year-on-year rate hike whilst our salaries are standing still for a few years already.

We cannot provide funding to services indefinitely, especially those services we do NOT use, e.g. CRL. Those commuting on it should be the one paying for it, not those living in Auckland but NOT using it.

Year-on-year rate hike will only help send kiwi over the ditch or to Asia, due to the unbearable costs of living in Auckland.

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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?**

Ōrākei

### Ōrākei 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**

If I need to pay more and more year after year, I'd rather stop at where we are now.

**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)**

Cut all non-critical spending ! Spend only when it's needed, and needed by life and death matters.

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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Earn before you spend, especially you are spending other people's money.

Residents are NOT council's bank accounts.

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

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

Focus on economic developments, and prevention against extreme weather which costs us a lot of money year after year.

## 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.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#1140**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

House prices are down significantly so to increase rates is very hard during a cost of living crisis. Also the justification of paying for the city rail link is ridiculous considering the shocking rollout.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Again introducing a waste fee??? It feels like council services continue to reduce but my costs continue to rise? What am I getting for this?

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Ōrākei

### 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**

**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.**

Do not 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?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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Support most

**Tell us why**

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Support

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Support

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Support

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Do not support

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

## Question 4: Other feedback

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N/A

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#1159

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

Support most

### Tell us why

We are heading to ethnic cannibalism in the 2050s

https://medium.com/collapsenews/scientists-say-humanity-could-descend-into-cannibalism-by-2060-8bc409f8ccd

Where is the budget for re-migration?

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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Ōrākei

## Ōrākei 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**

https://www.collapse2050.com/collapse-a-timeline/

With civilization collapse in the 2050s, we need to defend our children through re-migration.

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

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

The number 1 priority to protect our children in the future is re-migration.

It is not that people are bad, when civilizations collapse, ethnic cannibalism is just what happens.

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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https://www.independent.co.uk/climate-change/news/social-collapse-harvard-paper-prediction-b2104214.html

None of the plans are preparing our children in one generation.

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

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

I do not see re-migration on your list.

## Question 6: City centre

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

Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#1165

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Increases to rates seem worth it to have a reliable CRL

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

I wish the sports fields were more accessible by bicycle or public transit.

E.g. the proposed Merton road cyclepath

**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.**

I don’t know

**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)**

I wish the sports fields were more accessible by bicycle or public transit.

E.g. the proposed Merton road cyclepath

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
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| 6 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
| 2 | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |

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|---|---|
| 3 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
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| 1 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 4 | **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?**

Walkable neighbourhoods, Public transit, parks, playgrounds

## 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.,Other (please specify):Getting around, but specifically making it easier to walk and cycle. The plans to open queen st back open to cars is detrimental.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#1167

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

It seems silly.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

I don't like it.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## 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**

It seems like a waste of money.

**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)**

It is all wasteful

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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| 3 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 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?**

Definitely our parks!

## Question 6: City centre

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

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.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#1169

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

I do not agree with the rates increase the way the public system spends and does not relate to a 7.95% increase and would agree to 4%. I think some of it like permit parking probably does need an overhaul. I do not agree with bin/bag exchange and many other unnecessary costs

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei 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 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

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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.**

Do not support

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

I think you need to better use the community space not a playground

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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No 7.9% increase. I think the council needs to ensure carparks are required in all new developments, I think the sewage id important and doing more self investment

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N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Other (please specify):Better links to the shore and to airport get developments that focus on carparks

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#1243

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Support most

**Tell us why**

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

7.9% is much too high. Everyone knows we are in a cost constrained economic environment right now with inflation at 3%, with most wages not moving up, so 7.9% is out of step with peoples ability to pay. The increase has been justified mainly because of CRL. It would be prudent to spread this out over a longer period of time to ease the rate burden right now, i.e. capped at 5% would be more sensible, and in touch with reality.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei 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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**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

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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.**

Do not support

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

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#1271

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## Your feedback:

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Do not support any

**Tell us why**

too many high paid employees doing nothing. too much expenditure on transport.

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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?**

Ōrākei

## 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**

cut costs to save rates rather than waste money

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

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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)**

wasted money

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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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.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#1297

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

Support all

**Tell us why**

Well thought out plans and proposals have our full support 2

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

We support the proposed charges to rates,fees, and charges

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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Support all

**Tell us why**

Comprehensive options supported by us

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

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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.**

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**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)**

Support all priorities

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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Would like to see more focus/spending on pedestrian and cycleways

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

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

Cycling, walking and public transport. How people travel has a large impact on the efficiency of a city environment, and clean/green options should take precedence, including a discussion on partial subsidies to encourage electric vehicles including cycles

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#1354

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

First and foremost the 7.9% increase is unacceptable. There is a cost of living crisis and the Auckland Council and Auckland Transport has continued to waste money on frivolous projects which do not add any value. Any increase over 3% is a waste of taxpyaer money.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

- **Introduction of a refuse bin/bag exchange fee**
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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

No to all of the above. Auckland Transport has a habit of wasting ratepayer and tax payer money on projects that have not added any value to Auckland. Classic examples include the Orakei Basin walkway disaster which is now costing us additional $8mil to fix. $10mil spent on the Glenn Innes cycle track which is used by 10 people. I suggest as the Mayor keeps saying focus on the basics and cut other cost before increasing the rates or asking more money above the rates.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Ōrākei

## 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

Most of them are incompetent and really haven't made any effort to support the local board. They seem to have an opinion but can't really influence anything. All I have seen is they love publicity but also support expensive projects which are not adding value but make them look good.

### 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.**

I don’t know

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

I don’t know

**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?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

I am not aware of this.

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

Most of them are logical and nothing ground breaking

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Do not support

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

Support the first three. Supporting the first initiative provided Auckland Cricket do move. If not, then supporting it. Not sure how much space is available for playground in Remuera Library.

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

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1. Rates and Fiscal Responsibility

I strongly oppose the proposed 7.9% rates increase. In the current economic climate, any increase exceeding 3% is unsustainable for ratepayers. I urge Auckland Council and Auckland Transport to re-prioritize and find further internal efficiencies rather than passing cost pressures directly to residents.

2. Operational and Capital Expenditure Audit

I recommend a comprehensive review of all current operational and capital project plans. Specifically:

Operational Maintenance: Council should mandate a 10–15% cost reduction across all existing maintenance contracts through renegotiation and improved procurement efficiency.

Project Deferral: Any capital project that does not provide immediate, essential value or a proven high return on investment should be put on hold. We must prioritize "need-to-have" over "nice-to-have" infrastructure.

3. Specific Example of Non-Essential Spending

The inclusion of high-cost amenities, such as the public toilets at the Ōrākei Boardwalk, is a prime example of non-essential spending. While infrastructure like the cycleway serves a regional function, secondary luxury additions should be deferred until the city's core financial position improves.

Another example

Auckland Transport (AT) has been running two parallel workstreams here:

The Interim "On-Road" Cycleway: Over the last few years, AT spent money on green paint, plastic bollards, and lane reconfigurations on Ngapipi Road to create a temporary link to Tamaki Drive.

The Permanent "Section 4" Boardwalk: Simultaneously, they have been planning and are now building the $32 million+ off-road boardwalk that hugs the coastline.

The "Interim" Removal: AT has already confirmed that once the expensive boardwalk is finished later in 2026, the on-road interim cycle lane will be removed.

Speed Hump on Remeura Road and Waiatrua Road Crossing

The Initial Objections (2021)

When Auckland Transport (AT) first proposed upgrading the existing zebra crossing to a raised table, they received significant pushback.

Primary Concerns: Residents argued the hump was "not essential," would cause unnecessary noise and vibration for neighboring homes, and would create traffic "surges" where drivers speed up to make up for lost time between the hump and the Remuera Road lights.

AT's Stance: They proceeded anyway, citing their "Safe Schools" and "Vision Zero" policies, arguing that a physical barrier was necessary to reduce speeds to 30km/h for student safety.

2. Repetitive Rework and Design Failures

Since its installation in the 2021/2022 period, the crossing has been a "maintenance magnet." As you noted, it has undergone multiple interventions:

The "Three Times" Rule: Since construction, the site has seen at least three distinct phases of post-installation work. These were often branded as "minor design updates" or "reconstruction of the footpath," but to locals, it appeared as fixing mistakes that should have been solved in the design phase.

The Culprit (Incline and Drainage): The specific geography (near the top of a hill) made the original drainage and ramp gradients problematic for both heavy buses and low-slung cars. Modifications were required to smooth the "lips" of the hump and adjust the water runoff, which was pooling due to the new elevation.

3. Cost Context

AT has spent over $750K on this crossing alone in on ongoing maintenance and has resulted in more accidents.

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

6. Systemic Waste and Poor Fiscal Management at Auckland Transport

The primary driver of the proposed rates increase is the persistent lack of fiscal control within Auckland Transport (AT). Ratepayers are being treated as a "golden goose" to fund projects characterized by poor foresight, redundant spending, and a total lack of commercial discipline.

Evidence of Mismanagement:

Non-Essential Expenditure: The decision to fund high-cost "luxury" additions, such as public toilets on the Ōrākei Boardwalk, while critical infrastructure and maintenance are underfunded, demonstrates a failure to prioritize "need-to-have" over "nice-to-have" assets.

The "Rework" Culture: Significant capital is wasted due to "design-fail-fix" cycles. The Ōrākei Boardwalk required immediate maintenance due to a lack of foresight in the initial build, and the Waiatarua/Remuera Road crossing has seen three separate rounds of costly modifications. A commercial business would not survive this level of incompetence.

Infrastructure Over-Engineering: The transformation of Newmarket into a "red light district" of traffic signals—with an excessive number of lights within a 500-meter radius—has created artificial congestion and unnecessary operational costs.

Future Liabilities (CRL): I am deeply concerned that the operational expenses for the City Rail Link (CRL) will mirror this pattern of bloated, un-audited spending. Council must ensure that CRL operational costs are benchmarked against commercial standards, not AT's current inefficient baseline.

Recommendation: I demand a total overhaul of how AT manages projects. They must move to a "First-Time-Right" delivery model and prove a 10–15% reduction in contract costs before any further rates increases are considered.

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**#1358**

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

I don't know

**Tell us why**

The plan is very vague and short on detail. I have worked through a number of documents on the plan and have very little idea on what you are actually going to do in my area and other parts of Auckland.

And where's the plan for an airport rail link that most other proper cities have?

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Yet another outrageous proposed rates rise on top of years of outrageous rates rises!

A proposed 8% rise when inflation is at 3%. Where's the financial discipline we were promised by Len Brown!

My rates will go up from $6,300 to $6,800 a year. How am I supposed to find the money for that when I retire in a year?!

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei 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

Why should Auckland Council pay for Auckland cricket move and other sports activities???

Meadowbank community Centre of no use to me.

How about cleaning the beaches for a change??

And please stop port traffic container trucks from thundering past my house on Kohimarama Rd!

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

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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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#1360

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

The CRL should be paid for by the users who use it. The 7.9% increase is highly unpalatable and unnecessary.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Disagree with these changes.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei,Rodney

### Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

I don't think digital signage is needed to explain what the Board is up to.

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

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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)**

I think some of this - like the playground at Remuera Library - is a nice to have. When you are talking about 8% rates increase, I don't think we can have the nice-to-have things.

### 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**

The operational expense seems high!

## Question 4: Other feedback

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Focus on the things that no one the private sector can - i.e. roads and parks and flood resilience.

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

I don't know

### Tell us why

I oppose the proposed 7.9% rates increase in the 2026/2027 Annual Plan for paying the CRL running costs, particularly during a severe cost-of-living crisis.The CRL is just a 3.45km tunnel that has blown out to a massive $5.5 billions, resulting in substantial cost overruns and a significant increase in interest repayments. Over many years, the prolonged construction and associated traffic disruptions have caused serious impacts on CBD businesses and residents, which was an issue that has not been adequately acknowledged, despite the council's emphasis on potential future economic benefits. Furthermore, this project mostly serves the inner city areas. Ratepayers who

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I don’t know

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Support

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#1517

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

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**Tell us why**

I will not support any rate increases until there is a full DOGE style audit of how the city council is spending out money!

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Ōrākei

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

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**Tell us why**

You are just wasting rates payers money.

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#1560

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**Tell us why**

8% in a big rate rise.

Transport, needs to focus on cost efficiency and reduce unnecessary high cost infrastructure

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

These are very limited areas to increase revenue.

What else have you considered? usurer chargers for free services, sports field, lights or Botanical garden entrance fee.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Ōrākei

### 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**

Transport improvements in Glen Innes have been extensive and very costly with little benefit.

Such as:

1.Major infrastructure development for cycle ways to connect with transport hubs.

2.Sky bridge pedestrian access to GI station

How many people ride a bike to then get on a bus or train to commute to work?

I take the train, and the number of people using the cycle ways is well under 1%.

Most people walk or drive to a walking distance free park and take a bus or train.

Why have we invested in high cost cycle way build outs, like Taniwha St?

A cycle way could just be a painted strip along the road. however now there are big bus stops, cycle way barrier island, narrow streets and no car parks. All of this at a high cost with a very low service need.

Focus on high service need cycle ways like the Tamaki drive cycle path link instead, and reduce the build out cost of transport hub cycle ways links.

Unnecessary infrastructure, like the pedestrian sky bridge to the GI station. There are 2 other access point to the station where the bulk of the residential community live to the north of the station. The bridge is positioned to the south of the station near big commercial lots. I can near guarantee that when that bridge ops very little people will use it. The cost of this asset to meet train threshold grade must be extensive, multi millions spent again low service need.

Why should be pay 8% more rates for poor decision making like this

**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.**

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)**

Environmental should be a local enhancement initiative not food related

**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?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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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)**

Start charging sports users fees to reduce filed use inefficiencies

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#1577

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#1654

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**Tell us why**

Cost of living

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Support most

**Tell us why**

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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## Question 6: City centre

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# Question 3: Local board priorities

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Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

I don't know

**Tell us why**

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

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Support

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Support

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**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)**

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

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

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

The percentage is totally unrealistic in the current climate for the general public

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Raising parking permit fees is yet another cost that most residents will struggle to manage

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

The lower income people are just about surviving without hiked fees to things like parking permits.

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

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I don’t know

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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)**

Remuera has enough cash injection, spread the funds to areas crying out for improvements.

Leave some green in the world!

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

Improvement to transport and local environments overall

## Question 6: City centre

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#1726

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

It is a pity that so much $$ is being put into transport system that will still not drag Aucklanders out of their cars. I wouldve liked more investment in motorways and improvements for parking etc.

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Again, rates increases are always happening - I would like to see more user pays around the city - ie main raods/motorways being tolled so that user pays for their upkeep.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

## Waitematā Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Dont support raising rates agin - especially as most house RVs have gone down close to 20% in central Auckland. Do not support increased resident parking as there is no alternative for parking onstreet longer than 2hrs. Newmarket needs more parking facilities.

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

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

Do not support

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

I don’t know

**C. Reduce community grant funding and accommodation grant funding.**

I don’t know

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

Do not support

**E. Reduce funding for environmental management activities.**

I don’t know

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

Does reducing library hrs just signal the beginning of the end? Perhaps go back to a small library fee card for the year? Increasing swimming fees worries me that it will mean perhaps less people bringing their kids to get use to water/learn to swim. Do not support

## Question 4: Other feedback

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Do not support most

**Tell us why**

More rates increase on top of high inflation. Stop building ********** bike ways that are excessive and enough with the chip sealing of perfectly fine roads. That stuff is worse than before it was done. How about we address the cost of a Publix transport ticket and invest more in green infrastructure rather than over engineered responses.

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

No, garbage.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## 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**

As someone who has worked on city rail link most of the cost was lack of decision making and back tracking. I know really how this played out so no I do not support paying even more for it when some ridiculous decisions were made for the sake of engineers tick boxing.

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

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Do not support

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Support

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I don’t know

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Other

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

After the ridiculous cycle ways in glen innes and the ridiculous layout at mission bay I'm not sure the government agencies are up to producing anything sensible in the area.

## Question 4: Other feedback

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How about standardizing consents. Lifting reclad and renovation consenting requirements and have license buildings take more responsibility.  Infill housing projects are already there but the red tape is ridiculous.  Standardize project deliverables for government projects. Mandate bim deliverables on all council assets and projects and start collecting data to improve operations and maintenance of assets.

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Lower public transport costs. It's not much more for me to drive. Lifting renovation and reclad red tape. Do real flood modelling not just desk top studies.

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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## Question 4: Other feedback

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The changes need to be sensible. Not every family can afford it even though they aren't eligible for any benefits or rebates.

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

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

Control the dogs off leash. We don't dare to walk with our babies outdoor anymore.

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#1743

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

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Do not support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Feedback:

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

I don't know

**Tell us why**

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

**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.**

I don’t know

**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?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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Don’t put the rates up so much!

Concentrate on giving Aucklanders a decent and reliable public transport system!!!

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## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#1747

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

I think the CRL is a waste of money. I won't use it, I don't want to pay for it. A 7.9% rates increase is absolutely unacceptable. Do we all have a money tree growing in our back yard that we can just shake and voila there's money for the Auckland Council to go and squander! Many, many people are doing it really tough right now, yet there's obviously no cost of living crisis at Auckland Council headquarters!

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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?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

**Tell us why**

**2. What do you think about the proposed 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

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Support

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

I don’t know

**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)**

## 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?**

Aucklands population is growing at a rate of knots. Housing developments are popping up everywhere you look. But we need to be able to move on the roads and we need infrastructure. My quality of life living in Auckland is rapidly declining. There's very little I enjoy about living in Auckland. The cost of living here is eye watering. I dread going out in the weekend because the roads are chaotic. I refuse to sit in bottleneck traffic on the weekend. We need more hospitals and schools to accommodate this growing population. Why build houses without any car parks? Think before consent is granted of practicalities like this.

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#1750

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

The Plan appears to be focussing on very important issues as the population grows and the city expands.

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

It is really hard to be happy about an increase in rates as they are getting higher and higher, however, if improvements are to be made (bearing in mind money / funds not being wasted!!) then we have no choice. But please keep an eye on expenditure and rule out expenditure that is wasteful. Honesty and integrity in financial management is essential.

# Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

The section from Orakei Local Board seemed very short and do we really need to spend so much money on improving sports fields. Are there not bigger and more vital projects that could be covered, for example solving parking issues, road safety.

Design and feasibility studies take bucket loads of money - who is monitoring that to keep it under control? A fortune has been spent on cycle tracks that are hardly used. A fortune has been spent on narrowing roads - has it made them safer .... no!

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

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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)**

1. and 2. do we really need to increase expenditure in these areas? Some of the budget should be allocated to these projects but don't get carried away.

## Question 4: Other feedback

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I don't have much faith in city planners - people will not stop using their cars so find a way to support that and work around it instead of spending fortunes on cycle tracks that are not used, removing car parks etc.  Be creative, have vision, take the blinkers off.

## Question 6: City centre

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Do not support any

**Tell us why**

it is costing us too much in paying rates. Money doesn't grow on trees!!!!

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Absolutely not

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki 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**

Will not make any difference

**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.**

Other

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Support

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

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

## Question 4: Other feedback

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Think about the cost of living people like us are and I am classified as middle class!

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Transport and road

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#1777

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Rates should not be increased more than the rate of inflation

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

support most

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

Do not agree with Glenn Innes railway crossing. Complete unneccessary spending

**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.**

I don’t know

**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?**

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

N/A

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

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

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| 1 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

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

Not cycle ways! So much money has been wasted on the badly designed urban street cycleways.

## 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.,Other (please specify):The city centre is very unsafe, why would tourists want to come.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#1789

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Rate increases should not exceed inflation

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Support most

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

### Ōrākei 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 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.**

I don’t know

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

I don’t know

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

Colin maiden. Support community use and new offering

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#1801

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

Too much infrastructure expense has to be footed by ratepayers. Too many other groups and organisations are exempt but fully use ratepayer funded infrastructure i.e. Auckland Airport, Ports of Auckland and Government owned properties.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Support genuine infrastructure improvements.

Any measure to encourage residential vehicles to be parked on the adjacent property rather than curb side is a positive move.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

### Tell us why

Orakei local board do a great job on around local parks, reserves and sports fields.

If Auckland Cricket move to Colin Maiden Park, will Auckland Cricket help finance the move themselves or will all the cost fall to ratepayers?

### 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.**

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)**

Generally, support all except the funding of moving Auckland Cricket (a professional sport which is a part owner of Eden Park) to Colin Maiden Park.

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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Just to reiterate that the rate payer base has too many exemptions most of which are not justified or credible, but those organisations, businesses and groups still happily get full use of ratepayer funded infrastructure and facilities.

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

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| 5 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

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

Any initiative that supports, protects and improves our parks, environment and reserves directly supports, protects and enhances our native flora and fauna. We can't afford to slip up on this because so many mistakes and bad decisions have been made in the past.

## 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?**

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#1825

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## Your feedback:

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

Cities need to be run., but cost's and unnecessary expenditure need constant monitoring.

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

7.9% is above rate of inflation - so I do not agree. It means Council is constantly spending (and rating) more than its ratepayers can actually afford.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

### Ōrākei 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 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

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Support

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

I don’t know

**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)**

I don't think there needs to be another playground. There are plenty in the Bays. Just because there is green space beside the library does not mean it needs to be filled with something.

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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See my main comment above re disproportionate rates increases.

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

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N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#1851

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## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

I just cannot see why we have to pay 7.9% when it is apparent to me that you have not tried hard enough to eliminate the unnecessary projects.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei 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**

Most of them are vanity projects to attract votes and subsidize the activities and interests of the affluent classes. For example, " the breakwater seawall at Ōkahu Bay to provide

boats with safe harbour access, enhanced. marine recreation and continued growth of The

Landing." That's wonderful for rich boaties but what about the rest of us who are forced to pay. This project should be funded by the users.

**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.**

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.**

I don't know

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

We have enough sports fields and spending even more money on these is just a waste.

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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Get the rates increases down to the rate of inflation rather than this big PR self-justifying rigmarole you engage in every year.

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

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| 1 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

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

Please prioritize better budgetary planning and ditch everything that is not essential. I so much fat in the budget that if you genuinely try, you can reduce the rates.

## Question 6: City centre

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

Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Other (please specify):Ditch most of this stuff.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#1852

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

7.9% is too high when year after year we are getting 2% 3% salary increases , and is top of 5% to 6% rates rises in the last couple of years. AT/Council have made the city a miserable place with far too much enforcement, congestion caused by narrowing roads and speed humps.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

If the exchange of a bin is due to damage it should be free

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei 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**

Time to have a year of consolidation, the economy is not tracking well, Councils have been (with insurance) one of the leading causes of inflation. The best way to support the community is to tighten your belts

**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.**

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)**

Can always have more sports fields, self funding of the Community Centre reduces the rates burden, we spend enough on the environment and playgrounds , so a no to these 2 items

## Question 4: Other feedback

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The Council needs to keep rates increases to 4% per National Party guidelines and acknowledge rates increases have been very significant in recent years

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Transport because we are told public transport will ease congestion and grow the economy but it must be user pays

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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):The CBD is no longer attractive to get to by car - too may fines, too slow, lack of parking , dead retail, destroyed

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#1890

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Support most

**Tell us why**

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N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

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Another massive rates increase is unacceptable.

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#1983

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I am in total disagreement for an increase from $75 to $114 in my residential parking fee. I live in Belmont Tce in Remuera. I paid my parking fee last August and since then my parking ahs been restricted in my street due to a house being renovated across the road and Downer construction doing street and footpath remediation since October of last year.

A man has come to my door the last two mornings telling me to move my car and each day i have returned home and no work has been done on my street. It's hopeless. I am not getting what I paid for.

The workers renovating the house across the road have accummulated thousands in illegal parking fees but simply include this in the cost of the job they are doing.

They have told me this. Meanwhile, they are using at least four parks every day which residents, who have paid for the right to park near their abode, sometimes cannot even find a park. Again, hopeless.

If the council was serious about accepting money for residential parking, then enforce it so we can actually use what we have paid for.

To suggest a price increase is laughable.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Albert-Eden

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#2037

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**Tell us why**

Because I believe in change and absolutely agree in this new plan.

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

I think is good because you guys are finally doing something.

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Local parks homeless people use it to sleep and scare away others. Think this should be prioritized as everyone has the right to go to a park without being scared and afraid.

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**#2074**

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

I support investing in transport, water, and community services to meet Auckland's growth needs. However, the 7.9% rates increase may be high for many households, so careful spending and transparency are important.

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

I understand the need for fees like the refuse bin/bag exchange and parking permit increases, but they should remain fair, affordable, and clearly explained to residents.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

### Waitematā Local Board Feedback:

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

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.**

Do not support

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

Other

**C. Reduce community grant funding and accommodation grant funding.**

I don’t know

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

Do not support

**E. Reduce funding for environmental management activities.**

I don’t know

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

Do not support

## Question 4: Other feedback

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#2179

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Do not support any

**Tell us why**

You have made no effort to keep rates at the same level they are at currently.

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Do not support introduction of a refuse bin/bag charge.  Do not support introduction of a Waitakere Rural Sewage Scheme.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## 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**

I believe local boards should be disbanded - they serve no useful pupose relative to their cost and the two layer system is inneficient local governance.

**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.**

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)**

All of the additional areas (except self-funding of Meadowbank Community Centre) are discretionary costs that should not be prioritised at this time while costs are still balooning for ratepayers.

## Question 4: Other feedback

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Yes - it is about time that Auckland Council showed some restraint and cut costs and discretionary expenditure to afford its ratepayers some relief instead of disrespecting ratepayers with more obscene rate increases and wasteful enpenditure.

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Curtting overhead costs.  Getting more value for money from exorbitant contractor's costs. Learning to manage projects property and extract lowest cost performance for all contracts.

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Transport needs to happen. Water I get needs to happen but we have spread Auckland Council into parts of Rodney and we have taken over parts in Manukau which has strained us. Understand we have done this to get certain parts like transport over the line.

Local Boards need to be looked at before we give money. What does their financial plans look like? Are there systems lean and efficient so that the money is giving us bang for our buck

## 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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## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Albert-Eden,Aotea/Great Barrier,Devonport-Takapuna,Franklin,Henderson-Massey,Hibiscus and Bays,Howick,Kaipātiki,Māngere-Ōtāhuhu,Manurewa,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Ōrākei,Ōtara-Papatoetoe,Papakura,Puketāpapa,Rodney,Upper Harbour,Waiheke,Waitākere Ranges,Waitematā,Whau

## Albert-Eden Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

### Tell us why

For Orakei - sports areas being improved

We need to look at the whole sports arena in this area. Example Tennis we have a lot of clubs in this area. Are they being used fully? I don't think so.

Bowling clubs when I came to Kohimarama we had a massive elderly population. This has changed. Do we need to look at Eastern Suburbs Soccer club and add a smaller Bowling Club and evolve the Bowling Club in St Heliers. Example Boutique Hotel,

### 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.**

Other

**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**

We have other issues to deal with that are more important

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board Feedback:

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

I don't know

**Tell us why**

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

**A. Improvements to the library service including additional programmes.**

Support

**B. Partnering with mana whenua and community on the coordination and engagement of island fisheries management and local Ahu Moana marine projects.**

Other

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

Pt 2 when we have money for this proposal. Is it going to give us bang our buck. Where are the financials on this

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

I don't know

**Tell us why**

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

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

Support

**B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.**

Support

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

Support

**D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.**

Support

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

Support

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

Support

**G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.**

Support

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

Support

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

Great all other areas need to be reviewed on this

## Franklin 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**

## Henderson-Massey 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**

## Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Feedback:

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

I don't know

**Tell us why**

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

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

Other

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

Other

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

Other

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

Other

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

Support

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

Pt1 where are the financials for this. If it passes contamination low. Do we need to do? Can it wait?

P2 review all sporting recreational areas. Can we share or redevelop into something else

P3 Safer is a Police issue. We use to have community Police and mobile so we move them where needed.

P4 Okay if its not costing the ratepayer

P5 agree Ratepayers can do this anymore.

## 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?

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

Other

**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.**

Other

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

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)

Pt1  agree if the financials allow it without strain onto the taxpayer.

P2 Local grants application process should be online on how to action and apply

P3 Flat Bush there are other areas they can go for this we can't do everything. They can discover other parts of Auckland like I do

Pt4 Is the levels at standard if so No to spending on this. Erosion needs to be looked at is it natural or created by humans or cattle?

P4 Police community as stated before

P5 Yes understand but we need to see why and what pests we get and how to resolve this first

or we are going in full circles

## Kaipātiki 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

## Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board Feedback:

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

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering 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?**

Other

**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.**

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)**

This area has a lot of lower income. We need to make the Board Lean smarter and look at all the above comments I have made.

**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

## Manurewa Local Board Feedback:

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

I don't know

**Tell us why**

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

**A. Allocate up to $1.5 million of funding to support delivery of the Manurewa War Memorial Park multi-sports pavilion.**

Other

**B. Deliver a new multi-cultural initiative that responds to demands for increased ethnic engagement.**

Do not support

**C. Develop a civics education initiative that helps people understand the role of local boards and how they can get involved.**

Other

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

Pt 1 This is not the time to fund and should be at a later date when tax payers have higher employment Auckland is at 6.3% at the moment and NZ as a whole is 5.4%

P2 Educate on line and direct them to this

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Feedback:

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

I don't know

**Tell us why**

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

**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.**

Other

**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.**

Other

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

Other

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

P2 as stated previously we need to review this as a whole

P4 Police community needs to come back

P5 No Auckland City shouldn't be funding this. The community needs to get involved to create this. This is what we had way back so get moving

**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?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

## Ōrākei 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**

we need to review and can it wait?

Does it come under community getting involved to support so it doesn't  cost ratepayers so much

Is it already up to standard and we can leave it at the moment

**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.**

Other

**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.**

Other

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

Other

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

Other

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

Already advise on this at the beginningP2 Restoration and pests can we change on how we do this so we have a reduce cost in future

P3 we all want something nice but we use to do community centres and projects inside Plunket centres and hired school halls or other public ares. We need to Pivot as this is too high for us to keep up with.

P4 like this multi use and a beautiful building and the higher percentage of families in this area

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Feedback:

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

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing 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?**

I don't know

**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.**

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)**

Library hours need to be reduced for every area this will cushion the other underlining cost. Nothing is concrete we need to move and make them all standard

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

I don’t know

## Papakura Local Board Feedback:

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

I don't know

**Tell us why**

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

Support

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

Support

**E. Reduce or discontinue grant funding.**

Support

**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.**

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.**

Support

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

keep the bins as we have issues with morning dog walkers throwing their poo into our bins and think that is ok

## Puketāpapa 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**

## Rodney 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**

## Upper Harbour 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**

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

Support

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

Support

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

Support

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

**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)**

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

## Waiheke 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**

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board Feedback:

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

I don't know

**Tell us why**

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

**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**

Do not support

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

Do not support

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

Do not support

**D. Progress an omnibus Waitākere Ranges Local Parks Management Plan**

Do not support

**E. Walking and cycling connections, particularly through parks**

Do not support

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

evolve as previous comments

## Waitematā Local Board Feedback:

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

I don't know

**Tell us why**

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

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

Support

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

Support

**C. Reduce community grant funding and accommodation grant funding.**

Support

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

Support

**E. Reduce funding for environmental management activities.**

Support

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

## Whau Local Board Feedback:

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

I don't know

**Tell us why**

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

**A. Design and build a new destination playground at Avondale Central Reserve.**

Support

**B. Promote community identity and diversity by funding a coordinator for Welcoming Communities, supporting the PAN African Hub, and refreshing the Whau Ethnic Peoples Plan.**

Do not support

**C. Engage and respond to youth needs, and co-design initiatives to address opportunities and gaps.**

Do not support

**D. Improve water quality and flood resilience of Whau streams and rivers through collaboration with volunteers, local schools, community hubs, organisations, and neighbouring local boards.**

Do not support

**E. Prioritise projects identified through the Whau Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and leverage partnerships to provide a local facility network for the community.**

Do not support

**F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.**

Do not support

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

look at previous comments as this should be a blanket decision as we are not a 5 star Hotel.

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

N/A

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

We all need water. Transport needs to be addresses and we need to look at how England does it. They have built there tunnels and still creating but they always go for where the mass is and close down tube stations when passenger rates are low.

## 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?

Other (please specify):We have put the Aucklanders off going into the city due to Parking costs, Bus lanes, road works. They are catering for the Cruise ships and not for local.

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Support all

**Tell us why**

I support most of the plan because investing in transport, water, and community infrastructure is important for Auckland's growth

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I encourage the council to ensure these fares remain fair and affordable for the residents while continuing to improve public services.

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Ōrākei

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I hope the council continues focusing on improving infrastructure, public transport, and community services while keeping Auckland affordable for residents and families

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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?**

transport improvements, flood protection, and infrastructure planning should be prioritized because they directly affect daily life and safety for Auckland residents. improving public transport, roads, and stormwater systems will help the city grow sustainably and protect communities from future flooding.

## Question 6: City centre

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

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#2195

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

- **Transport**
- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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

Support all

**Tell us why**

the proposed plan focuses on important areas such as infrastructure, water services, and transport. continued investment in these services will help Auckland grow and improve quality of life for residents.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

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

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

some changes may be to maintain and improve services across the city; it is important that council continues to manage resources responsibly and ensure the value of services for the community

## 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)

I hope the council continues to invest in projects that support community wellbeing and sustainable development

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

| Rank | Area |
|---|---|
| 6 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
| 5 | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
| 4 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| 2 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| 3 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 1 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

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

protecting the environment and improving flood protection should be a priority to ensure Auckland remains safe and sustainable in the future. continued improvements to transport and infrastructure will also support a growing population

## 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.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#2238**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

- **Transport**
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- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

The majority of the plan will contribute to  wellbeing of Auckland and its infrastrucutre maintenance and development.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?**

I support these reasonable charges

# Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## 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**

Its important to maintain existing assets and prioritise maintenance schedules for upkeep and minor renovations e.g Meadowbank Community Centre

**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)**

Captitalising on existing investment and resources is more cost effective in the current economic environment - Meadowbank community Centre

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

I support these changes

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

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

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

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

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

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

| Rank | Area |
|---|---|
| 1 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
| 5 | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
| 3 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |

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|---|---|
| 6 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| 2 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 4 | **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?**

More Events that bring life and visitors to the city and encourage Aucklanders to go into the city.

## 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?**

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#2297

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

- **Transport**
- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

You haven't worked hard enough to stop runaway costs.

The Council is out of control.

I demand cuts to be made.

I feels like the Council is actively working against the wishes of me, the ratepayer.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?

I do not support the refuse/bin exchange. Work harder, come up with a better solutiopn.

I do not support the Kingsland and Onehunga BID. There is a smarter solution with far less footprint. Try harder. Work harder. Find a smarter solution.

The sewage scheme is too hard. Cost too much. Find a better colution.

I do not support an increase in residential parking fees. Becasue of the rubbish way that Auckland has been designed, people need car parks. ALso, because of the useless design rules Council imposed, people need the space to park. Find savings elsewhere, start with the head office..

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

### Tell us why

The half a million dollars extra to be forked out for 'overheads' is an outrage. Take the money out of exisitng nice to haves, like the Remuera Library playground. Not happy.

### 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.**

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.**

Do not support

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

Any new development will cost too much. Leave the green space as is. Less money spent the better.

## 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)

Howdy,

What's up with the MASSIVE rates increase? I never voted for that? Are you guys on drugs or out of control?

I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27. Make it lower...much much lower.

Do you guys think I'm made of money?????

Get your act together, I urge (actually, DEMAND) a substantial reduction in wasteful council spending before any increase is approved. Once again, this is what I voted for. This is what I expect. I'm getting very annoyed that I am not getting listened to.

HAve a read (not that you will, I figure these get scanned and key words like 'lower rates' get edited out, but here goes...

- Let's talk about my rates and why they're unaffordable: I reckon the proposed 7.9% average increase (that equates to about $320 more per household), on top of a current average bill of $4,069 (about $80 bucks a day) is insane and too high. Since 2022, rates have risen by 30% in real terms, far outpacing general inflation. I want a plan that keeps rates increases in line with inflation and

population growth, not the current pattern of escalating charges. And...what's got better? More COuncil staff? More free food at the staff tearooms and more heavily dicounted meals?

- Since I was talking about Council head office perks, let's heavily reduce Councils' backroom and personnel costs - by a LOT!!!

Here's a stat that I was sent by my sister - it's mind-blowing - "The council group spends heavily on corporate and backroom functions and six-figure salaries, with 6,123 employees on such salaries and 464 earning more than $200,000. Payroll costs and related expenses have risen at twice the rate of inflation".

This is ridiculous. It's like you giys live in an alternate reality. If I ran a business like you guys, then I'd be out of business. Here's an Idea that I fully support - freezing non-essential hires and reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles for three years. Most businesses can do this. In the real world you work lean. Such an idea would save roughly $17 million. Do it. Stop ripping me off.

- The other thing that really rattles me id Councils addiction to consultants - in other words, employees that you leave off the books to make you look better. It;s an olde trick, but it's always searchable. I reckon it's time you giuys reined in your addiction to outside consultants and professional services - last year you guys spent and astronomical $126 million,/$200K per consultant. Jesus, guys, what a racket. ********** it down. . I call for a cap on consulting spend and greater use of in-house expertise where appropriate. Better idea, get ai to do it all .

- Time for the olde chestnut the Food Scaps fiasco (better known as the rubbish bin that blows away in the wind). Cancel it. It didn't work. : I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme. A whopping $36 million is soent on this disaster. And it was supposed to be"reduce carbon". Look, it's no longer 2016, climate hysteria is part of the last decade. Let's be sensible and ditch it. I also support renegotiating contracts and vendor consolidation to save tens of millions in operating costs. Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants must be a default.

- I can't stand ********** programs, especially when it'll never end - what with the bribery and corruption that comes with it (MUMA anyone?): I oppose continuing high expenditure on Māori outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) of about $10 million per year, arguing this is not a local-government mandate. A review should ensure funding aligns with core council responsibilities.

Additional point

I was told costs would be cut. It never happened. Give me the books and I'll find the savings. Wayne has been two faced. If the city rail llink is so expensive, shut it down. It was a turkey of an idea in the first place.

Closing

I demand a HUGE reduction in costs - not just a few million here and there - I demand a brutal reduction in costs. Council has to stop protecting itself from reality. Reduce new spending by $150 million, cap the rates rise to 3%, and do so by prioritising essential services and cutting wasteful expenditure. Christ, guys, this is getting boring. Why aren't you listening? Make the cuts. Council staff are already well paid; they can live off the fat of their savings.

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

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

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

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

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| 3 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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| 5 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
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| 6 | **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?**

Less stupid cycleways, fire the retards at Auckland Transport who have ruined large parts of our roads with their insane anti-car philosophy. Less cultutal stuff, get the basics right. None of the fluff like events and so forth. Council is not in the business of entertaining and events. Fore that department. What a waste.

## Question 6: City centre

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

Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Other (please specify):Get rid or the druggies, the weirdos, the homeless and the gangs. But you won't, so why do I bother writing this.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#2364**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

I don't know

**Tell us why**

If you expect Aucklanders to tighten their belt to pay for the rates, it will affect spending and so the economy for Auckland.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

**Tell us why**

**2. What do you think about the proposed 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.**

**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.**

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

**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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Over the years there are so much talk about encouraging people to use public transport but up to this date they are still so unreliable. For e.g. the operators do not keep to the time as there are quite a number of times when I was walking to a train station or bus stop I saw the bus or train gone when I was not even late according to the scheduled time. There is even one occasion where quite a few people and I were waiting at the Auckland Art Gallery bus stop 7088 but the bus never arrived at the stops. There was nothing mentioned on the AT Mobile app or the bus stop saying anything about it. It was only when I walked further to the bus stop before it and caught the bus then I realized that the bus route was changed because of an event. But the AT Mobile app didn't mentioned anything about but instead indicated that bus was arriving but it didn't. It caused me to be late by about one hour. Also there are many occasions when train was delayed or cancelled due to all sorts of excuses. Taking public transport is also not cheap and so it is not surprising that driving is preferred for some.

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

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

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
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| 4 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| 5 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| 2 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 3 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

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

If there is not enough money to survive, people will leave Auckland and go to other places so why care about anything else.

## Question 6: City centre

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

Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.,Other (please specify):Affordable car park for shoppers

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#2395**

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## Submitter details:

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

Investment in public transport makes the city a better and more connected place to live. Environmental changes and risks are recognized and a cohesive plan on how to mitigate is provided.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

i would be adverse to increasing parking permit fees ..  Residents have a fair assumption that they can park outside their house, I would rather investment was made in public transport encouraging people to use that service rather than parking close to work.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

love the investment in Remuera station.

**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.**

I don’t know

**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)**

Increase investment in perse eradication - so important in a suburb relatively highly populated and surrounded by waters and green spaces.

I also support the playground proposal, Remuera village is already bustling and I embrace the idea of making it even more attractive to kids and families

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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**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?**

transport - makes for a more connected city.  Get people used to it - lower fares?

## 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.,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.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#2405

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Need to start putting fees on a user pays system across the city - if you drive on main roads/motorways then we should have a road toll etc

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Do not support the little food bins - waste of time/money and most in our street end upside down with dogs rummaging thro them. Most of the street dont even put them out any more. Do not agree that we pay even more for rubbish collections. I think we should have green collections as well as recycling.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

### Waitematā Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

As very expensive rate payers we seem to be getting less and less for the community

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

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

Do not support

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

I don’t know

**C. Reduce community grant funding and accommodation grant funding.**

I don’t know

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

Do not support

**E. Reduce funding for environmental management activities.**

Do not support

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

Do not support increase to put barriers for people learning to swim in this country.

Libraries need to be a useful space for locals to access books/online that they may not have access to at home due to expense. Need more environmental support like collections of green waste (instead of little food bins)

Do not support

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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

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

Major increase in keeping better dog control - picking up stray/roaming dogs and dealing with them in a short time frame if not collected/registered and desexed.

## Question 6: City centre

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

Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Other (please specify):Tighter Dog Control - roaming dogs need to be picked up and if not registered and ID with collection within a week, need to be euthanised.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#2428**

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## Your feedback:

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

Land value tax is too high

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Public housing should also be charged for water to reduce waste.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## 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?**

The bus fare is the same as in Brisbane, $0.50, and everyone takes it.

The bike path is completely unnecessary.

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

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#2438**

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## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

Support most

### Tell us why

Because we need to do more for joined up cycle and walking friendly paths. There are some excellent examples of where AT have funding to improve the cycle paths, but the local board are sticking in their heels.

Traffic congestion is only going to get worse, yet we should be encouraging people to cycle and walking friendly paths to the Netball, Tennis and Football matches in this area if we can. Providing safe and well lit paths will allow us to do this.

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Surely we pay already for our waste to be removed, so why are we looking to provide a refuse bin / bag exchange?

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Question 4: Other feedback

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Te Whau Pathway is a great new path, granted resource consent for the whole path from the Northern cycle way to New Lynn has been agreed. All we need now is the funding. It seems so short sighted that we do not continue this pathway whilst we have all the machinery for it the right place. We can now continue building, making a safe pathway for locals to cycle to schools, into town, for events or for work. The path restores the mana of the Whau river and celebrates the ancient portage routes that local Maori used. By completing the path you give locals and visitors access to parks and reserves, the path connects schools and communities. It will become another tourist attraction where visitors can see our expertise as producing stunning cycleways, providing access for swimming and kayaking.

Please don’t give up on something that is going to be here for decades and will reduce carbon and pollution

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

Flooding, looking around the world and what has happened over the past few years, we need to ensure that all of our communities are red for the floods when they happen.

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#2501

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

Rates are increasing well above inflation. Some things should be shipped out.

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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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?**

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#2528**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?**

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

## 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)**

All tangible ways to support and foster the sense of community that makes our area a great place to live

**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?**

Support

**Tell us why**

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

N/A

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

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- **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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| | **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?**

playground. cycling park.

## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#2531

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

People are struggling to maintain day to day cost - food, power, petrol all increasing, should not have to sacrifice for poor investment

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Parking permit fees - you want to intensify housing, remove parking to encourage public transport use creating single lane roads and people now how to pay more to utilise that too?

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki 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 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)**

Libraries/culture. Enhancing programming for seniors. Reduced financial means due to risking costs makes this an important aspect of socialisation.

**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?**

**Tell us why**

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
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| 1 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| 5 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| 3 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 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?**

Healthcare: its concerning how our healthcare is deteriorating and appears it is morphing into a profit driven model. This needs urgent attention!

## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#2560

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Too much waste of money on vanity projects

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Rates cannot keep going up year after year, and the quality delivered by the Council going down. Undertake Council cost-cutting to save money

# Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## 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**

One of their main priorities is stated as 'Working with Maori". Shouldn't this be working with the people of the area? Why prioritise one group over another? Isn't this racism?

**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.**

Support

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

A playground will benefit everyone, not just one particular group of people.

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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If the city rail link cannot be self-sustaining, then scrap the vanity project. I do not want any of my rates going to fund a project that I will never use.

Why is

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**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
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| 2 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
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| 1 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
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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?**

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#2568**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

Support all

**Tell us why**

I think Auckland public works(particularly transport) has been chronically under invested for some time. It makes sense then that we are now facing large expenditure requirements and that we have to pay more to get these critical works done. It sucks that rates have to increase so much but really this is the legacy of previous councils and governments

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Support them.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## 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**

**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)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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| 4 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| 1 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#2575**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Disagree with the increase, please audit the highest cost of the world CRL compare with any other country similar project.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

disagree the increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.

# Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei 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 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.**

Support

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

Other

**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)**

## 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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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#2686

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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

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

Support all

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

- **Introduction of a refuse bin/bag exchange fee**

- **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?**

It will cost a lot to household

# Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki 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 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?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

N/A

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

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

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

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

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

| Rank | Area |
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| 2 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
| 3 | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
| 4 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| 5 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| 1 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 6 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#2777

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

- **Transport**
- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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

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

Do not support any

### Tell us why

do not support the proposed rates increase.

While I understand the financial pressures facing Council and the importance of long-term investment in transport, water and essential services, the proposed increase does not sufficiently reflect the current cost-of-living pressures households are already experiencing.

Many residents are facing sustained increases in housing costs, insurance, food, utilities and other essentials. In this context, even a “moderate” rates increase compounds financial stress, particularly for low- and middle-income households and those on fixed incomes.

I would encourage Council to place a stronger emphasis on affordability in the short term - including tighter cost control, further efficiency and savings measures, clearer prioritisation of projects, and exploring alternative funding or phasing options - before passing additional costs onto ratepayers.

Maintaining public trust requires balancing long-term infrastructure ambition with the immediate financial reality facing households today.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I am also concerned about the cumulative impact of increases to other rates, fees and charges.

While individual changes may appear modest in isolation, taken together they place additional pressure on household budgets at a time when many residents have limited capacity to absorb further costs.

I would encourage Council to carefully consider the combined effect of these changes, apply a stronger affordability lens, and where possible defer or phase increases until cost-of-living pressures ease. Clearer justification, transparency and evidence of cost efficiency would also help build confidence that these increases are truly a last resort.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

I don't know

### Tell us why

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

Support

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

The economic environment has changed significantly since many of these initiatives were first planned. With rising fuel prices, ongoing inflation and heightened geopolitical uncertainty driving up everyday living costs, households have limited capacity to absorb additional financial pressure.

In this context, I believe several of the proposed investments should be paused or deferred, with greater emphasis placed on affordability, prioritisation and value for money. Council should focus on essential services and making better use of existing assets, while reassessing the timing of non-critical projects until cost-of-living pressures ease.

## 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)

Overall, I encourage Council to take a cautious and adaptive approach to the 2026/2027 Annual Plan in light of materially changed economic conditions.

Since many of these plans were developed, the external environment has shifted — with rising fuel prices, persistent inflation and heightened geopolitical uncertainty continuing to drive up everyday living costs. These pressures are being felt directly by households and should be more strongly reflected in near-term decision-making.

In this context, I believe there is a case for pausing, re-sequencing or deferring some discretionary initiatives, and placing greater emphasis on affordability, value for money and delivery discipline. Prioritising essential services, optimising existing assets and preserving financial flexibility will help maintain public confidence while allowing Council to respond more effectively as conditions evolve.

A clear signal that affordability and timing are being actively reconsidered would help ensure the Annual Plan remains aligned with the realities residents are facing today.

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

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

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- **Regional transport plans**
- **Water service strategies**
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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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| 4 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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| 5 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| 6 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |

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| 1 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 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?**

Transport is a long-term priority, particularly where it improves affordability for residents. Rising fuel prices, persistent inflation and global uncertainty are placing sustained pressure on household budgets, making the cost of getting around the city a growing concern.

Council should prioritise transport initiatives that reduce everyday travel costs, improve reliability and make better use of existing assets, ensuring transport investment delivers tangible cost-of-living relief as well as long-term benefits.

## Question 6: City centre

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

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

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#2789**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

- **Transport**
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- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

The council devalued our properties and is now asking to pay more rates on 'lower value houses' for a city rail link that I'll never use.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?**

I do not support higher rates to fund services that don't help my neighborhood and specifically raise parking permit fees. It's nonsensical.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

### 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**

I do not use the services listed locally except the library

**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.**

Do not 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.**

Do not 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?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
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| 3 | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
| 2 | **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 |
| 1 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

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

Flooding. You can't build such dense housing everywhere and expect to charge more rates but not provide the water infrastructure for those houses to be safe and not be huge money pits due to these environmental issues that dense housing is worsening

## Question 6: City centre

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

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#2792**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

Wasting money and lack of proper planning, everything is worse in Auckland! How dare you want to ask for rate rise?

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Totally against! ********** council performance, how dare you asking for rise?

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Albert-Eden

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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Spend your effort on other urgent things

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

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#2796**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

N/A

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Why do you use capital value of property to calculate rates ?

Surely you can know the total cost to provide the ratepayers your services

Then just divide it by the number if ratepayers so all just pay their share.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#2810

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

Support all

**Tell us why**

It's necessary

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?**

All sensible and necessary

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## 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**

All necessary

**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)**

2. Pest management is vital - and must extend to free-roaming cats that are responsible for most of our native bird deaths

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

N/A

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

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

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

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

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

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

| Rank | Area |
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| 6 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
| 5 | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
| 1 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| 3 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |

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| 2 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 4 | **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?**

Planning for growth

## 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?**

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.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#2813**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

- **Transport**
- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

- **Introduction of a refuse bin/bag exchange fee**

- **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?**

Increasing rates will be very difficult for consumers during this inflation and fuel crisis issues, need to review again before this comes into effect

# Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

## 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**

**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?**

Support

**Tell us why**

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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Please review rate increase plan- that need to be reviewed and delayed- lot of families going through a crisis right now (cost of living/ fuel crisis/ job losses)

## 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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| | **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

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#2843**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?**

I support the change to increase residential parking permit fees. The price people pay should reflect the actual cost of providing the parking permit.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

### Ōrākei 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 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)**

Options for the Meadowbank Community Centre should be kept open - a "proper" development may become feasible in the coming years.

There needs to be more focus on connecting existing cycling infrastructure to provide a safe way of getting around for kids and adults (especially with current petrol prices). The Merton Road bike lane (reduced option) should be progressed. The Gowing Drive link to the shared path should be prioritised, and the Orakei Basin path needs to be fixed as quickly as possible while keeping access open during construction.

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
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| 5 | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
| 2 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| 6 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| 1 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 4 | **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?**

Transport is critical to keep Auckland moving and drive economic growth and social needs. Auckland has grown to a size where private cars are no longer an efficient mode of transport. Improving the breadth and frequency of public transport and providing safe cycling and walking routes is critical to allow people to get around quickly and efficiently without inducing traffic jams.

## Question 6: City centre

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

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

Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#2848**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

Do not support any

### Tell us why

NO way!!!! They are hughley over priced as it it. This will push many people back to renting and they will go without basics such as food, and power.

NO WAY!

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Parking permits is a scam, people spend their lifetime saving for a home they should be able to park on the street and not just their own street. Another stupid waste of time and money

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## 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**

Waste of money

**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.**

Other

**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.**

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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N/A

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

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

Humans are killing the world. Do everything to protect the animals and wild life

## Question 6: City centre

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

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#2878**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

Support most

### Tell us why

Why am I paying rates for the CRL I live in St Heliers and the CRL does not service this area,

My Son commutes to Devonport naval base for work and starts at 5.30 am, there are no bus services available at that time and the ferry service doesn't start until 6am, he has to drive from St Heliers to Devonport and then there is only short term street parking available, he has had several tickets totalling $100s of dollars

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?**

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N/A

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

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

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**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?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#2886

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed 7.9% rates increase outlined in the Annual Plan 2026/2027.

At a time when many households are already under significant financial pressure due to rising living costs, interest rates, and economic uncertainty, such a substantial increase places an unfair burden on ratepayers. For many families and property owners, this level of increase is simply not sustainable.

While I understand the importance of investing in infrastructure and essential services, I believe the Council must place greater emphasis on financial discipline, cost control, and prioritisation of spending. Large-scale investments should be carefully reviewed, staged, or delayed where possible to reduce immediate pressure on residents.

In particular, I ask the Council to:

Reconsider the scale of the proposed rates increase

Identify and implement cost-saving measures within existing operations

Prioritise essential services over non-critical projects

Explore alternative funding options to reduce reliance on ratepayers

A more moderate and balanced approach would better reflect the current economic reality faced by Aucklanders.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

I don't know

### Tell us why

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

I don’t know

**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.**

I don’t know

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

# Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

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

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

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

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| | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
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### 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?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#2903**

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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- **Water**
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**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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

Support all

**Tell us why**

I think the City would benefit with more infrastructure better build sooner rather than later cause it will get more expensive as years goes by. I think there should be a study done to consider a link between Beach Haven and Greenhithe.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?**

I think its a bad idea because more fee meaning higher cost of living and already stress with 7.9 rates increase and increases of fees from pervious years. More fees more tightening on household and less spending in the economy

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

### 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**

The only key project I support is local sporting clubs and local business, others are a waste of money.

**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.**

Do not 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)**

Enhancing the local economy and activities is more important than other projects because the goals to me is too broad and better education for young people is more important than seniors since they are more keen to learn.

**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**

Everyone should share the burden

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

N/A

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

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

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- **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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| 2 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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| 4 | **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?

Transport, especially investigate link like Beach Haven to Greenhithe to improve communities and offer better access

## 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.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Supporting

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#2906

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki 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?**

**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.**

I don’t know

**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)**

**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?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

| Rank | Area |
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| 6 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 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?**

Growing infrastructure to keep up.with other global cities

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#2977**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

Support most

### Tell us why

I would like to express my concern regarding the proposed 7.9% rates increase in the 2026/2027 Annual Plan.

In the current economic environment, many households and property owners are already facing living costs and financial pressure. An increase of this level places an additional burden on ratepayers.

I understand the importance of investing in infrastructure and services for Auckland's future. However, I encourage the council to carefully review spending priorities and consider ways to reduce costs or stage projects in order to minimize the impact on residents.

I do not support such a high rates increase and would strongly encourage the council to look for more balanced and financially responsible alternatives.

Thank you for considering this feedback.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

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

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### 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?

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.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#2981

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

I don't know

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

I don't know

**Tell us why**

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

I don’t know

**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.**

I don’t know

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

I don’t know

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

I don’t know

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

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

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.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3001

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## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Too many intensification housing . Our streets are blocked or down to one way traffic . Money needs to be spent in must haves like roading and less on jucevyo have like parks

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

I can barely meet costs now . Rates are too great an outgoing for pensioners and families alike

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

### Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

**Tell us why**

**2. What do you think about the proposed 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.**

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.**

Do not support

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

Again nice to haves should be self funded or late funded after road management , parking housing etc

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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Stop putting up rates to fund non essential services thst that are not being supported . ENOUGH HOUSING ALREAFY

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

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

Flood resilience. Improve infrastructure

## 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.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3003

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

No mention of reducing cost waste and fraud only spend spend spend

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?**

Ōrākei

## 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**

The cost to run these boards is beyond comprehension for what they achieve, tried twice over last 7 years to get help and they were powerless

**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.**

I don’t know

**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.**

I don’t know

**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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Council are so inefficient with the cost we pay. It's like free money to spend as you like. If you were a business no one would use u and you'd be out of business

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

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

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

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
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| 5 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 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?**

Basic services roads rubbish reducing rates

## Question 6: City centre

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

Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3139

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

Auckland needs to grow and at present the infrastructure cant handle the prop[osed groth

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?**

I disagree with the 7.9% increase as it is governed by the need to fund the new rail link which i think will be a white elephant

I dont agree with a refuge charge unless what is currently charged by way of rates is reduced

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

**Tell us why**

**2. What do you think about the proposed 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.**

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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N/A

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

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**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
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| 2 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 1 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3140**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

My biggest complaint is the continuing increases in rates for homeowners. As much as I do understand the need to fund city running costs, I am also concerned about the impact of rates during a major cost of living crisis. Our rates are projected to go over $10,000 for 2026-27. This is approx 16.6% of my after tax income! As a ratepayer this is completely unsustainable, especially when my income as a self employed person has stagnated over the past 5 years, while our property has decreased in value by about $550,000 (yet our rates have increased by around 20%)! I also take issue at the huge running costs for the CRL. Not only has it run well over budget, it has not been

made clear enough to ratepayers the impact of annual running costs will have on rates and I believe this will negatively impact a large proportion of homeowners who will never have need to use it.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

### Tell us why

Not enough being done with rubbish in public spaces, particularly Mission Bay and Kohi. Bins are often overflowing on wknds or people just discarding their rubbish on the ground. Would love to see more enforcement of fines for littering.

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

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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.**

Support

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

I don't know

**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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N/A

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

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

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
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| 3 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

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

Climate change mitigation and alternatives to private vehicle use. Climate change is THE big issue of our time and Auckland is at huge risk due to the number of low lying coastal areas. The motorway at the northern end of the harbour bridge is a high risk area for sea level rise, along with downtown Auckland and Tamaki Dr.

## 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.,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.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3211

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

Support all

**Tell us why**

As a ratepayer I am so excited for the opening of the CRL and how it will change the city.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I think there should be charges for on-street parking across the city and the city should start using its powers to fine berm parking. Everywhere.

Having grown up in NZ but travelled extensively I think we have an absurd cultural entitlement to storing our private property in public spaces. It should not be a free right to own unlimited vehicles and store them on public property for unlimited periods of time. Especially as vehicles become larger (read: urban utes).

Berm parking causes damage and creates safety issues (blocks sight lines out of driveways and parking over fire hydrants).

Pricing on-street parking, an creating more yellow lines, would result in so many benefits:

1. Home prices would accurately refelct the amount of private transport amenity. There would be no need for Council to mandate parking minimums, the market would price property according to how much parking a property includes and the owners / tenants would have to adapt accordingly.

2. Our wide streets would feel wide again. Many people complain that our streets are narrow. Our streets are not narrow, they are just cluttered with so much private property stored on them.

3. More people would actively choose public transport if storing cars on our public streets was priced accordingly. Higher patronage would lead to better, more efficient and extensive services across the city.

The city should also move to a land value tax to encourage more efficient use of land in the city. Especially in the central city where land-banking and inefficient use is rife.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## 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**

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

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Support

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Support

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Support

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Support

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

I am very much in favour of increase community-use sports fields, especially for more children's activities like pump tracks and playgrounds. The Orakei Local Board needs to stand-up to the entitlement of some residents that border parks who believe the park is an extension of their own property and veto community activities on public-owned spaces. They do not own the park and the community (including children) has the right to enjoy developed spaces.

I am not in favour of "community-use sports fields" if this term is a euphemism to increase off-leash dog use of sports fields. I find that off-leash dogs introduce hygeine issues with inattentive owners not picking up faeces and dogs urinating where sports are played. Off-leash dogs are also a safety concern for my children. Other cities provide fenced off-leash dog areas, not open beaches and parks where the public must endure and risk their safety with unknown animals.

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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Please provide funding to complete the entirety of Te Whau Pathway - this latest stage opened has highlighted that it's an incredible community asset and deserves to be prioritised for completion.

I would also like Council to fund the Gowing Drive connection to the Orakei-Glen Innes pathway to complete that path and allow children from St Johns & Meadowbank to access their schools in Kohimarama (St Thomas School & Selwyn College) and reduce traffic flows.

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

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

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| 5 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

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

Allow the greatest number of houses to be built in central suburbs closest to existing amenities and transport.

I have been so disappointed by the bad-faith arguments presented by NIMBY Councillors that are not in the best long-term interests of the entire city.

In short, enable capacity for the maximum number of homes and get out of the way to let the market deliver homes where people want to live.

This will enable town centres to become more vibrant places for living, entertainment and amenity. It also encourages use of public transport and economic development.

Everything flows from enabling housing.

## Question 6: City centre

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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.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3236**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Rates too high. Council should target spending reduction of 10% - 15% to tighten belts. Stop all spending that is not Council business. Stop political spending that supports a particular ideology. Just spend money on (1) fixing wastewater (need to rein in Watercare), (2) collecting rubbish, (3) maintaining parks, reserves etc, (4) maintaining roads and sidewalks. Stop building road humps, (50 maintaining public libraries. Stop building cycle ways unless it can be proven that 10% of ratepayers would use it a day - compare roads where majority of ratepayers use it every day.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Oppose 3% increase to hourly rate for building consent fees - Council is not being serious about controlling spending. It's not like this is complicated work. Just simplify process and cut out all the 'make work' steps Council has introduced. Also stop the proposals which favour specific ethnicities - if it's not for ALL ratepayers (regardless of ethnicity or race), it should not be spent.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei 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

Should cut board to 3 people maximum. Also cut total number of local boards to 5 with 3 members each to focus minds and expenses. Cut spending so as to reduce rates.

### 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.**

Support

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

Other

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

The programmes could be delivered much cheaper. Too much gold plating and pandering to political sensibilities. How many of them do we actually need? Too many people looking for a hand out. Should move to user pays system.

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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Plan is completely misguided. Council spending and budget is bloated. Approach should be to target 10% - 15% minimum reduction in spending vs last year then deliver just essential services within that framework. It would force the Council to focus on just delivering services which are truly needed instead of political programs which favour "preferred" ethnicities. Then repeat the process next year (target a further 10% - 15% spending reduction again) Repeat until you have right sized the Council. Look at cutting number of councilors to 7 to help reduce costs. Cutting our rates bills would be the best way for Council to help ratepayers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

| Rank | Area |
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| 6 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
| 3 | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
| 1 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
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| 2 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 5 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

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

Cutting spending across the board. Only deliver essential services. Stop gold plating existing projects. Consider making redundant 10% - 15% of Council staff immediately.

## Question 6: City centre

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

Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.,Other (please specify):Stop anti-business andanti-car policies.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3256**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

- **Transport**
- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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

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

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

I think the transport plan is not anywhere good enough and cars will continue to be required to effectively and quickly get around Auckland.

I am comparing the plan with European standards of transportation in major cities.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?

I am completely opposed to the increase in my rates as a home owner. Also selling the increased rates based on a 1.2 million property as an example seems a joke. I will be paying higher rates and cannot envision any benefit to me. I don't use public transport and I have no interest in libraries. Libraries are entities from the past and seem a huge waste of resources when people can use the internet or purchase books online or from charity shops.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

## 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

Opposed to use of the pony club grounds for high density housing. Little to no public consultation on this occurred which makes me feel powerless and hopeless as a rate payer to have any real input into my community.

### 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.**

Do not 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.**

Do not support

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

Ideas seem idealistic, and unrealistic to be assessed by the majority of people in the community.

**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?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

I totally oppose my rates increase.

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

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

Flood planning and resilience measures. So there is not a repeat of the flooding crisis with no warnings delivered in a timely manner.

I would like to see the priority on health care. With instituting adequate ambulances and primary health care so that people's wellbeing and health is prioritised. In Auckland it is hard to get a consistent GP and there is minimal mental health services which is disgraceful and this is costing the lives and wellbeing of Aucklanders. I don't know why the crisis in healthcare has not been prioritised over parks and sports etc - which maybe nice but are not a necessity. And such places are only used by small amounts of people.

## Question 6: City centre

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

Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Other (please specify):Auckland city is a dangerous dump. I can’t imagine the cost required to make it enticing.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3271

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

I do not agree with the Climate Action Transport Targeted Rate.

Just get the basics right; stop spending money on things that people genuinely do not want like more cycle ways.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

### Tell us why

I fully support design and feasibility studies are in development for a breakwater seawall at Ōkahu Bay to provide boats with safe harbour access, enhanced marine recreation and continued growth of The Landing

### 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.**

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

I support transport initiatives but this does NOT include cycling paths.

I am AGAINST blanket urban intensification in existing neighbourhoods.

## 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.**

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**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
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| Rank | Area |
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| 2 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
| 5 | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |

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| 4 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| 6 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| 3 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 1 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

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

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?**

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.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3299**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

- **Transport**
- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

I support investing in Auckland's future, particularly in critical areas like transport and water.

However, I do not support doing so through continued increases to residential rates.

A proposed 7.9% rates increase for 2026/2027 is unacceptable. Homeowners are already under significant financial pressure and council rates have increased by approximately 30–35% over the past five years. This includes successive rises of around 7.5% in 2024/25, 5.8% in 2025/26, and now a proposed 7.9% increase again!

Having lived in London for 10 years before returning to Auckland in 2021, I find it hard to reconcile how unaffordable Auckland has become - despite not offering the same level of income or opportunity as a global city like London. The cost burden being placed on homeowners by Auckland Council feels disproportionate and unsustainable.

Before increasing rates further, the council should demonstrate stronger cost control. This includes reviewing staffing levels, improving operational efficiency, and reducing unnecessary expenditure. Ratepayers should not be expected to continually absorb rising costs without clear evidence that all internal savings opportunities have been exhausted.

If additional revenue is required, the council should explore alternative funding mechanisms - such as targeted user charges, road toll fees like in Sydney or parking fees rather than placing further pressure on residential ratepayers.

In its current form, I do not support the proposed rates increase.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

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

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

I do not support the proposed changes to additional council rates particularly given the already significant pressure being placed on households through the proposed 7.9% rates increase.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

### Tell us why

I think what they've proposed is reasonable - but only if it doesn't lead to yet another rates increase next year. If you can't balance your budget then it's time to stop spending money you don't have.

### 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.**

I don't know

**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.**

I don't know

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

I don't know

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

I don't know

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

I think what they've proposed is reasonable - but only if it doesn't lead to yet another rates increase next year. If you can't balance your budget then it's time to stop spending money you don't have.

# Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

I think the proposed budget is reasonable only if it does not result in yet another increase in council rates next year. At this point, homeowners need stability, and the council should focus on living within its means rather than continuing to spend beyond its budget.

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

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

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- **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?

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| 2 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| 6 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| 4 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 5 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3323**

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## Submitter details:

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?**

Not support for rates increase, it put a lot of pressure for property owners

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki 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 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.**

Do not 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)**

Highly support for increasing community safety

No need to increase rates for other spendings

**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**

I don't get benefit from paying more rates for this

## 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)

The rates increase is toooo high

## 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.**

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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?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3352**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Make the CRL pay for itself, this was a great idea from council, but just continued paying to subsidise it is not a good business decision. Paying more to increase the administrative costs for these projects means that it has not been well thort through . It has been a disaster from word go. And I know Auckland need a better public transport system

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Auckland transport fees to pay for more administrative services. Stop housing from being built without cat parking spaces on the property or have developers required to provide central parking spaces in that specific area they are building .

Get rid of Auckland Transport as a separate identity and reduce their administrative staff by 50%

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei 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. 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.**

Other

**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)**

Nice to haves, get an independent organisation to assess the needs and listen to the lobby groups with real suspicion

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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Reduce the number of council administrative staff including councillors and have an outside auditor assess the allowances etc they get to ensure that we are getting value for our rates money and they are not just clipping their ticket

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

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

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
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| 4 | **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?**

Provide the facilities that bring income into the city. Perhaps pay staff who are trying to do this for the council a percentage of the money earned. Look seriously at golden oldies tournaments and tourism rather than expensive elite tournaments that drain money rather than increase money

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3364**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

Auckland new mayor ruined the beaty of Auckland. Roads getting narrow two lane comes to one lane. Those days go to city within 30 minutes noe more than one hour. Don't know who vote this mayor. Water very slow and sometimes no water for spme areas fifteen to twenty minutes.

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

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Not good at all.

Tell Mayor to go home rather than doing dum thing.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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This Annual Plan not good at all.

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

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

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| 3 | **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?**

Long term rather than increase rates for nothing save money. Spend money for green bin and people come and spend their time on the road. No idea what council is doing

## 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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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3370**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

N/A

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## 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**

I would absolutely love to see the Colin Maiden hockey turf fully operational. It's so close but it is missing some key elements for it to actually be properly usable. Lights & water is all that's needed urgently - without these, the turfs can't be used for games or training after 6pm and without water, they can only be used for low level games. It will be shameful if so much blood, sweat & tears (and money) have gone into this turf but it can't be used fully.

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

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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)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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| 4 | **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?**

Very tricky - they're all so important!

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3374**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

Logical priorities

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Rates excessive. Above inflation, and above property average growth %pa in value.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

Build a bride to train connection from Eastridge to Meadowbank or Orakei train station.

Look at building a swimming platform for low tides at the beaches.

**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)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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Plans for a train to the Airports from city!! Train extends to North shore and Mangawhai.

Introduce zone fees for cars, if you're using Zone 1 city Auckland higher fees, camera recognizes number plate.

Revoke Gold card, keep free travel to kids, students and beneficiaries.

More Arts and creative installations, Introduce sometime other than alcohol/kid centered festivals.

Focus on the 30y-50y old group choosing cleaner living (non alcohol), and childless couples. Who want to do things, activities, see shows, experience art, etc sites to after work and on the weekends.

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

Arts, Entertainment and transport infrastructure.

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3453**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

Support all

**Tell us why**

Responding to obvious priorities. We have to invest in the future of the city, not just reluctantly pay for the little bit we think we want to use now. We take the Harbour Bridge for granted but it was a very big investment at the time.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Seem reasonable

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

### 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)**

Support all

**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?**

Support

**Tell us why**

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3468

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Its a complicated proposal and I am not really sure where its going

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei 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**

Its a greedy proposal

**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.**

I don’t know

**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.**

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)**

Changing Meadowbank Community centre and the construction of a playground 1,ar Remuera Library is a total waste of money

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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Leave it as it is - please

## 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?**
(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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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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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 |

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| | **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?**

Transport - local roads, public transport, walking and cycling and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around.

## 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?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3501

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?**

High but understand the increase

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

### 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?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Unsure of the affects of this

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
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| 6 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
| 3 | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
| 4 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| 5 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| 2 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 1 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

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

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?**

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.,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.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3511**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

Rates increase is too great - particularly after last year. You cannot expect ratepayers to keep paying increase way beyond the CPI

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

They do not go nearly far enough. You need to raise the minimum amount per home to reduce the overall increase

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

Orakei board does well but these are tough times and belts need to be tightened everywhere

**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.**

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.**

Do not support

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

There is a great deal of wastage on "gold plated" projects when just the basics at the lowest cost would meet the need

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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The 7.9% increase is too much. Live within your means. 3% would be OK - not 7.9%

Something has to give

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

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| 3 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| 2 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 1 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

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

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.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3558**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

I support investment into transport and local communitites but surely we are alresdy paying for water with our separate Watercare charges. Watercare should be earning enough to pay for the infrastructure required. I strongly object to our council rates contributing to this.

### 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?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

The current Meadowbank community centre appears to be under utilised.  do we really need another?

**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.**

I don’t know

**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)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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More parking spaces are needed by railway stations in Glenn Innes, Ellerslie, Panmure etc. I'd like to see this become a community board priority.

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

Greater parking by railways. Less arts and more active outdoor facilities investment.

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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.,Other (please specify):Pleased to see less homeless in the city centre at nights.  Felt a lot safer on my last visit.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3585**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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

Support most

### Tell us why

Water infrastructure is critical to protecting people and our environment.

Transport is key to meeting climate emission reductions and making the city more liveable. Community services are key.

A health environment underpins health & economy- please prioritise funding for environment.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

Support these initiatives - however sports field developments should have native plantings trees increased around the edges for UV protection  for visitors, biodiversity, shelter, etc - all initiatives should be developed alongside their greenspaces - maximising large native trees and complex plantings.

**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.**

I don’t know

**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)**

Pest control & restoration is critical - I support. However greenspaces within built areas (& at edges of sportfields) should also be prioritised - away from grass to complex vegetation to reduce risk of flooding, maximise benefits of received from vegetation. Critical to maximise native plant species, and complex vegetation - to help connect people with place, and maximise people's connection with biodiversity.

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

Environmental & community services

## Question 6: City centre

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

Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3608

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## Submitter details:

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

Seems reasonable

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?**

Good. Bins should be paid per use to make people

Mindful of their consumption. Increase parking permit fees, that's the cost to store private property in the public domain.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Would love to have more investment into Madills Farm, better lighting for runners in the late evening / early morning.

**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)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

- **Regional transport plans**
- **Water service strategies**
- **Auckland's spatial plan**
- **Our 2027–2037 long-term plan, which will set funding priorities for regional and local priorities listed below.**

**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

| Rank | Area |
|---|---|
| 4 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
| 5 | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
| 3 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |

| | |
|---|---|
| 6 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| 1 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 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?**

Transport. Encourage and support active modes. Enable intensification where sensible and charge all residents for on-street parking. Either prove you can store a car off-street or pay for the privilege of storing on-street.

## 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?**

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.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3628**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

**Our Annual Plan 2026/2027 builds on the first two years of our Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP). It focuses on continuing to strengthen our finances and Auckland's physical resilience, while investing where it is needed most to meet the needs of our growing communities.**

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

- **Transport**
- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

**Individual rates increase will vary by property type and value. Use our online rates guide to find out the proposed rates for your property.**

### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

I broadly support the direction of the 2026/27 Annual Plan, and I appreciate the Council's transparency about the financial pressures driving this year's rates increase. The City Rail Link represents a generational investment in Auckland's transport infrastructure, and I accept that opening and operating it carries a real cost. Value for ratepayers, however, is not measured in transport alone, but also by what happens when people arrive into the city. I write as a proud Aucklander, to ask that the Council maintain stable operating funding for major cultural institutions as part of this plan. The Auckland Philharmonia in particular has served this city for over 45 years,

and one of the largest performing arts institutions in the country. It is funded in part through the Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Act, and that funding relationship is central to its ability to operate. This month alone, the orchestra performed to 40,000 people at Synthony in the Domain, appeared as part of the Auckland Arts Festival, and delivered four sold-out In Your Neighbourhood concerts across the region. These are moments of genuine civic pride that bring Aucklanders of every background together. The NZ Herald described the orchestra at Synthony as the gem that made the best outdoor party Auckland's Domain has ever witnessed. I believe that assessment is accurate. The Auckland Philharmonia generates a documented social return on investment of $12.30 for every dollar spent on community programmes, and $2.20 for every dollar spent on performance programmes, according to an Impact Lab assessment. It directly employs over 300 local workers each year, returns nearly $1 million to Council through venue hire, rates, production costs, and office rent at the Town Hall, and brings tens of thousands of people into the CBD annually who support local hospitality, retail, and service businesses. The CRL will only realise its potential if Aucklanders have compelling reasons to use it. The Philharmonia provides some of those reasons, 50 or more times a year. I ask that the Governing Body ensure the quantum of operating support provided to the Auckland Philharmonia through ARAFA is not eroded in real terms in 2026/27, and that the value of this institution to the city's economic and social fabric is given appropriate weight in final deliberations.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

- **Introduction of a refuse bin/bag exchange fee**
- **Changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas**
- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

### Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

**Tell us why**

**2. What do you think about the proposed 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.**

I don’t know

**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.**

I don’t know

**C. Changing the Meadowbank Community Centre project to a self-funded community centre to capitalise on existing investment and resources.**

I don’t know

**D. Construct a playground Remuera Library to optimise the under-used green space at the side of the building.**

I don’t know

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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I encourage the Council to view cultural infrastructure with the same seriousness it applies to physical infrastructure. Orchestras, like roads and rail, take generations to build and moments of disinvestment to damage irreparably. I urge the Council to recognise that Auckland's creative industries, and in particular its resident professional performing arts organisations, are not discretionary amenities. They are core to the region's identity, its attractiveness to visitors and skilled workers, and its ability to compete as a city on the world stage. Sustaining these institutions across successive annual plans is a strategic investment, not an optional line item.

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland’s longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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| 5 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| 6 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 4 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

I place economic development and events at the top of this ranking because I believe it is the area most at risk of being underweighted in an environment of fiscal constraint, and yet the one most capable of generating returns that serve all of the Council's other priorities. A city that draws people in, sustains civic pride, and attracts visitors and skilled workers creates the economic conditions that fund everything else.

Events activate the arts precinct downtown on a regular basis, and give Aucklanders compelling reasons to use the very transport investments the Council is making. The CRL will only deliver its promised economic and social returns if the city centre is a destination worth travelling to. Live

performance (such as the Auckland Philharmonia) at the Town Hall is one of the most powerful and proven ways of making it so.

## 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?

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.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3718

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

I do not support rates going up every year

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei 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 rates increase not for

money on events

**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.**

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)**

Spending money we don't have

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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Reduce  council staff save money

We do not want rates u creates every.  Year.

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Safety and infrastructure just do the basic work and stop rates going up

## Question 6: City centre

**Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3743**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The CRL and rail subsidies need to be revisited as the burden on rate payers have been disproportionally added. The CRL is looking like a $20b ideology mission instead of being a prudent investment into public transport. The CRL fairs need to be transition at 33% increase to represent the value proportion that this vast asset brings to the customers. $11-12 subsidy is just bad economics for a city and given fuel prices a rail fares need to be $5-10 per trip to reduce the burden on rate payers.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?

1) Yes the fee for refuse bin/bag exchange should remain and possible be $50-60.

2) Support the BID programme.

3) Why is the Waitekere Ranges getting a substantial discount of between $250-500 per septic tank pump out at Auckland Council Rate Payers expense. The targeted rate should have been $550-650/ pump out and this should be up to the locals to address. Council subsidy is wasting rate payer funding. Strongly oppose one more cent of subsidy to Waitakere Residents Sewer Scheme. It needs to be self funded from the residents.

4) Auckland Transport needs to be come more efficient with the residential parking scheme to reduce the burden on rate payers. AT needs more AI tools and systems to reduce the staff burden cost impact on residents using the parking schemes. Strongly oppose AT cost increase

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Kaipātiki,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Ōrākei

## Kaipātiki Local Board Feedback:

### 1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

### Tell us why

In a fiscally difficult time the Local Board needs to trim its priorities to just three of the activities listed so that there is better focus. better delivery and if they are completed with three within 6 months that they can bid for the fourth activity. Focused attention to the delivery is what is required in a time of financial crisis in NZ.

• invest in the maintenance and renewal of our parks, playgrounds, community buildings, recreation facilities, and other public spaces so they continue to meet our communities needs

• support a community-led approach for the delivery of relevant and diverse services that develop and connect the community • support environmental groups, community volunteers, and our diverse communities to carry out environmental restoration projects, including stream clean-ups, habitat improvement, native riparian planting, and pest control

• deliver infrastructure that enables sport participation, including sports field lighting at Shepherds Park and McFetridge Park, and improved toilet and changing room facilities at Stafford Park

• make substantial progress on the planning and delivery of major local projects, including the Beach Haven Coastal Connection (Stage 3), Birkenhead War Memorial masterplan implementation, and improvements to Little Shoal Bay / Wai Manawa Reserve.

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Feedback:

### 1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

### Tell us why

This Local Board is too lose with rate payers money and needs to focus on 2 of the activities. The Board needs to demonstrate that they can complete two of the projects by December 2026 before being allowed to bid for more funds. The library expansion is potentially wasted funding if it does not include AI training for the community and helping people build businesses rather that just food gardens. The AI training will help the community gain skills needed to increase their income, improve their skills and most important be a contributor of wealth to NZ. The People of Maungakiekie-Tāmaki are smart, resilient and need to be guided to see the best future.

1. Continue to deliver the local services, projects and programmes that are important to our community.

2. Deliver additional investment in key areas, specifically: • environmental initiatives – working alongside mana whenua on restoration projects, expanding food resilience and edible planting programmes, and reinstating deferred environmental education activities • sport and recreation – providing one-off operational support to local sports clubs and facilities to strengthen participation and collaboration • libraries and culture – enhancing programming for seniors and increasing investment in creative and cultural activities • community safety and emergency readiness – exploring additional compliance officer resourcing in areas with limited coverage. • local economy: supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, development and liven-up our town centres.

3. The Onehunga Business Association Inc are proposing to reduce the geographic boundary of the Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme boundary area, and amount of targeted rate to be collected.

Key projects planned for 2026/2027

• expanding library programming, with particular emphasis on reaching and supporting communities most in need

• partnering with mana whenua and community groups on restoration, food resilience planting, and environmental education

• supporting local sports clubs and facilities to strengthen participation and collaboration

• exploring increased compliance resourcing and enhancing community emergency preparedness.

**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.**

Do not support

**C. Libraries and culture – enhancing programming for seniors and increasing investment in creative and cultural activities.**

Other

**D. Community safety and emergency readiness – exploring additional compliance officer resourcing in areas with limited coverage.**

Do not 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)**

There has been huge improvement in restoration projects in this area and there is a pressing need for Local Boards and Councils to support their communities become AI literate in this fast changing worked. AI is not taking over tomorrow but AI trained people can take your job and future. We need to focus on delivery of improvement to our communities and it starts with teaching them to fish rather than providing one off handouts. We need the residents to become entrepreneurial and to grow business across Auckland and especially in Maungakiekie-Tāmaki where they need that support to see their best years are ahead. Teaching the AI, supporting the AI learning and growth of business is the best decision we can make as responsible ratepayers.

**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?**

Support

**Tell us why**

These are brutal economic times out there and over 3000 businesses have gone under. Its very tough and any help to reduce the costs on businesses and ratepayers are welcome. Local Boards needs to targe the two best growth initiatives for the communities and back those rather that every year another handout. This economic crisis could get very bad in 2026-27 and we need to get the best change for all our people to get through by reducing costs.

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Orakei is a lavish and expansive Local Board with many of their parks having very expensive signs and grafiti targets at 3-4 park entrances. The operational costs reflect leakage of funding by gold plating the signage. Communication is about keep it simple and the signs do not reflect that message.

The sports parks and assets of this local board are some of the best in Auckland and these assets are all in danger of damage from storms. We need a more prudent improvement of drainage for these well used parks assets used for sports so that their futures are assured. The current annual or bi annual major storms are undermining much of the Parks assets and the Local Bord should consider methods of improving resilience in the face of high storms.

A break water is an expensive investment and would be over $10m in todays consenting environment. Could I ask the board to develop AI Bot news letters to reduce the costs and improve the efficiency of keeping your rate payers informed 365 with better connections methods ie via APPS on Iphones/samsung, emails with interactive or for the 3% snail mail. Wasting money on electronic signs seems miss placed at this costs constrained moment. Please use the AI technology and be the best Local Board in Auckland.

What we plan to deliver in 2026/2027

1. Continue to deliver the local services, projects and programmes that are important to our community.

2. Deliver additional investment in key areas, specifically:

• 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

• increasing investment in restoration and pestmanagement programmes to grow and protect your natural environment. Our reserves and open spaces are one of the most vital resources in Ōrākei

• due to the current economic climate, it has been difficult to find private investment for a mixed-use housing and Meadowbank Community Centre. We are considering pivoting the project to a self-funded community centre to capitalise on existing investment and resources • construct a playground at Remuera Library to optimise the under-used green space at the side of the building.

Key projects planned for 2026/2027

• the local board was successful in securing $2.5 million of the Fix & Finish Fund toward sports fields improvements to Thomas Bloodworth Park and Shore Road East bringing the total project fund to $5.75 million

• design and feasibility studies are in development for a breakwater seawall at Ōkahu Bay to provide boats with safe harbour access, enhanced marine recreation and continued growth of The Landing

• the Ōrākei community have asked for better, more effective communication from the board. As a result, digital signage will be installed to help keep everyone more informed about priority issues and what's on

• continued investment in growing and protecting our parks and playgrounds. For more information see section 1.12 of the Supporting Information.

**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.**

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)

We need to improve the sports field with natural activity growth in Auckland and the high demand from local clubs and sports people across the board seeking good facilities. There seems to be very high maintenance costs in the parks and recreational areas and a great project would have been a pilot study on how to reduce maintenance costs while improving the level of service. Some of this could be in local improvements with reduced signage to reduce the grafiti target but also because most people know which park they are entering. Do you need 4-5 branded signs one at each entrance costing over $10,000 per sign? There are so many weed species flourishing in local properties, businesses and motorways around this Local Board that the weed message is lost by doing this for the locals. Rather include a section in the AI interactive news letter that better engages your community. Who needs 20 more signs on the road. That is wasteful expenditure. Connect, engage and by more visible in their phones, computer screens and email.

## 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)

Please reduce the huge amount of waste that is currently flooding Auckland Council to just want to spend, spend, spend rate payers money. Please can you use AI, improve your tools, reduce this explosion of Council signage around parks and libraries and actually improve drainage, resilience to storms, improved parks designs to reduce the massive maintenance bills per local board. Stop being a slush fund for Waitakere sewer scheme and stop wasting money. There are a lot of residents doing it tough and we need to encourage AI skills enrichment to help our communities learning to fish (ie use AI to create a business and earn good income). We need councils to help communities become rich by enabling their growth not wasting rates on weed control. That weed control is bread and butter and too many business carparks, motorway off ramps (Ellerslie Highway and Greenlane ) etc

have weed stores just feeding the surrounding areas with weed seeds. Get better with tools so that your vehicles have cameras that log with AI the weeds for targeted interventions rather than wasteful money blow across the local boards. We need to become AI enabled to deliver better results for all rate payers. We need to charge rail and bus fares at $4-5/ ticket to stop the bleeding of rates.

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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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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| 3 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
| 5 | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
| 2 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| 6 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| 1 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 4 | **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?**

The council needs to charge fairly for PT services and recover costs, The council needs to prioritise roads by getting rid of the 150mm speed tables Auckland Transport has built over the last 10 years. The design maximum was supposed to be 50mm as its a delineation. The council needs to massively increase the drainage pipes across the region with base sizing increasing from 225mm to 300-350mm to better utilise space, reduce flooding and reduce future maintenance. A 225mm pipe is 1/5 the strength of a 300-350mm pipe and costs about the same for excavation and installation but we have built for the past. We need to design rain gardens to overflow in floods rather than back up and cause property damage. Flood resilience is for all ratepayers and we need to improve that outcome dramatically vs the last 10 years. We need to allow Local Boards 2-3 projects per year for focused completion so that the projects are delivered fast, cost less and the efficiency of delivery improves.

Most importantly the CRL fares need to be $5-6 upto $10 to reflect the level of service and cost of fuel which is missing from all documents. We need a Council to better understand the Cities growth and plan for improved drainage so that we are operating as a First World Nation not a Banana Republic that Auckland has become over the last 16 years. Drainage standards for resident needs to be 1:20 year to 1:50 year resilience so that people can have faith in Auckland. This current 1:10 year design standard is just plan dumb. Please can you address these important message.

## Question 6: City centre

**Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Other (please specify):Auckland desperately needs better piped drainage standard, a reduction in speed tables from these damaging 150mm traps which are just madness from Auckland Transport to what was supposed to be 50mm facilities for improved safety. The city needs cleaned streets, improved connection with the suburbs and improved sewer systems so that every time there is a big storm the beaches do not go to ********** in a basket.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3757

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

- **Transport**
- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

7.9 rate increase is too much.

### 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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- **Changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas**
- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
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| 1 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
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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?**

Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3885**

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## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Not enough focus on the basics! Water should be number 1. Forget about rail, not enough people are using it and it is a money pit taking such a huge proportion of the money away from where it is really needed.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Do not support residential parking permits especially if there is no matching planning requirement for houses to have 2 car parks per residence. Get the planning right!

Local business owners/landlords should band together to notice their areas. The rest of Auckland should not have to pay for it! Such niche areas that do not support everyone. Focus should be on revitalising the city centre and making it safe!

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## 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**

Clear and very well thought out!

Mixed housing cannot be a council problem. There is far too much development already and building costs are just increasing. The only housing conversations should be around how to reduce intensification in our area and how to include parking requirements off street.

**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.**

Do not support

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Library - Make the area parking for bikes and scooters. There are enough playgrounds and parks nearby and most in the area have means to provide children's activities themselves.

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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Water networks and flood protection must be the focus. Cultural and nice to haves are not a primary need right now. People are struggling and the climate is changing. Weather events are more frequent and Auckland needs to be protected against slips, floods etc.

This increase is going to hit hard and there is not enough money to go round. Spend very wisely on just what supports daily life and keeping the city functioning. No glory projects!

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

**Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

### Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3888

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

When most people struggle with the cost of living, it is especially cruel to raise the rates above any sustainable level.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei 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 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.**

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

**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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The price we have to pay for 3.45km CLR is absolutely ridiculous! It's a joke of a project, heavily overpriced and providing very little value. In fact, for my family, it provides no value at all. Yet we are made to payroll this extravagance! Make Auckland Transport accountable for all the cancelled or late services it's supposed to provide, maybe then I would be able to believe the promises made.

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
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| 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?**

Upgrade core infrastructure before allowing any more development!

## 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.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3936

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** Royal Akarana Yacht Club

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Supportive of design and feasibility studies are in development for a breakwater seawall at Ōkahu Bay

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Supportive of design and feasibility studies are in development for a breakwater seawall at Ōkahu Bay

**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.**

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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N/A

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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.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.,Other (please specify):water quality

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3939**

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## Submitter details:

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

The increase is far too high in the rates. Last year alone was a 30%+ increase.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei 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 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.**

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)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**

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The increases in costs are unsustainable.

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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| 1 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3948**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

8% is unachievable for most families given the current economic climate.

Make cuts and gain efficiency to keep rates constant

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Completely unreasonable. Do better and stop charging more.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

### Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

**Tell us why**

**2. What do you think about the proposed 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.**

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)**

We don't need a playground in Remuera, it's not a child dense area.

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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Give people some financial relief please

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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| 5 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Build a waterfront stadium, sell Eden Park and turn it into houses. Should have done this 15 years ago...

## 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.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3965**

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Needs more of a focus on planning to deal with climate change, with more steps to reduce car usage, increasing tree coverage and encouraging sensible things like solar panels. We are one third of New Zealand's population and need to counter the refusal of the national government to do anything.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Fine with it, so far as it goes - there needs to be much more enforcement against selfish and anti-social parking to improve the City and, as a by-product, raise funds.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Not enough focus on addressing climate change by reducing car usage and planting more trees - including filling up berms with trees or bushes to stop anti-social parking on them, and in the longer term helping to cool the city and provide assistance for birds and insects.

**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.**

I don’t know

**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)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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Please resist the organised calls from the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance to constrict sensible spending that will make the City a better place (which will have the impact of making it more valuable). So please carry on engaging with and supporting Maori-based initiatives; and please maintain good things like the food scraps collections, and move ahead with the move to rubbish bins being collected fortnightly - people will get used to it and some of them will do more to recycle as a result.

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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?**

Tree planting to get back some of the lost cover since the government allowed the chainsaw gangs in: this will help reduce temperatures, provide more insects and birds, assist with flood resilience, and make the City nicer. Combine this will action to prevent anti-social parking on pavements and berms by planting trees and bushes where people are currently parking where they should not.

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Other (please specify):Ban cars from Queen Street below Mayoral Drive - just pedestrianise it and let restaurants and other venues take over: that will help it become a destination in itself.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3988**

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## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

I understand that running a city well, the kind of city we all benefit from, takes money! I am particularly supportive of all measures that make the city sustainable - public transport, apartments, etc. That is because in the long run this will make our city more affordable for everyone.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?

Introduction of the refuse bin/bag exchange fee - yes.

Kingsland extension - yes

Onehunga reduction - no

Waitakere Rural Sewerage Scheme - better to keep it all with the Council ie as is with increased fee - otherwise what if people don't/can't afford to get theirs done privately? Not good.

Yes to increasing residential parking permit fees in specific areas - with consultation with locals.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitematā

## Waitematā Local Board Feedback:

### 1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

### Tell us why

I understand the need to reduce costs. However, even though we don't want our city to look ragged, I support most of the suggestions for Waitemata. With the following exceptions:

if possible, don't reduce community grants funding, and do not reduce the accommodation grant funding to community groups. The more active the community the less cost to the Council so everything possible must be done to encourage community activity. And in order to ensure the city is tidy and sustainable, definitely do not reduce funding for environmental management activities.

### 2. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels, fees and charges?

**A. Reduce library hours at Central City, Little Leys, Grey Lynn and Parnell Libraries.**

Support

**B. Reduce maintenance for bollard and post-and-rail.**

Support

**C. Reduce community grant funding and accommodation grant funding.**

Do not support

**D. Increase fees for adult swim fees at council pools by up to $3.**

Support

**E. Reduce funding for environmental management activities.**

Do not support

### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

See above - particularly important not to reduce environmental management activities as these make our city sustainable. Support

## 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)

First of all, reading the consultation document makes me aware of the huge amount of work the Council does for which I thank all employees and the elected Council and Local Board members. Without this work, we would be lost.

Maintenance is key to an ongoing safe and functioning city so thank you to the Council for attention to maintenance of all infrastructure. Unfortunately this has been neglected for years but things are changing.  A city needs maintenance just as a home does. No getting away from it.

Totally support all the proposed work on the following :

Water - All work improving wastewater and sewage disposal should be prioritised.  The Waitemata is the jewel in Auckland's crown and her pollution is a disgrace to our city.

Building on flood plains should be totally stopped. Transport routes should be protected from flooding.

Public transport - Yes to proposed busways and all public transport including everything to do with CRL including expenditure on level crossings to expedite best use of CRL. Yes also to the replacement of the ferry fleet with electric ferries also to be expedited.

Parks and trees - Trees should be protected so they thrive in parks, and also run everywhere possible in our city and suburbs enabling birds to find homes and flight ways. Just as important, they provide shade in inevitably increasing temperatures. It is scientifically proven heat bouncing off pavements, roads and buildings in cities, is significantly reduced by trees. Trees are taonga and should be treasured, scheduled and managed properly - costs become benefits due to heat reduction and mental health benefits, the calm their beauty provides to citizens. Where possible, numbers of trees providing high canopy cover should be increased in parks. And also, where possible, roadsides should have grasses that filter toxins running from the road. In this regard, every support should be given to the Tupuna Maunga Authority. The maunga of Auckland, like the Waitemata, is a treasure.

Pest management - No reductions in pest management - for rats, possums, feral cats.

If the Council does nothing other than cherish the Waitemata, the maunga and the people of Auckland it will have done enough - though this may cost a bit, needing expertise as it does.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the feedback.

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

It's hard to prioritise - all the things listed are important. But Water infrastructure impacts so many people. A clean Waitemata. Of course, economic development is important but I worry about any emphasis on tourism as we know there will be more crises - another pandemic, the war we have now. We cannot rely on tourism and grand events to sustain us. We need a thriving economy (for example more industry, horticulture on our beautiful soil on the outskirts) that is not reliant on things that can disappear over night.

## 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.,Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3991

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Rates increases need to be kept to inflation or below.

Spending needs to be reduced - esp on the City Rail Link which should be shut down before it starts. It will never pay its way

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Agree with these changes which are more focused on 'user pays'

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei 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**

Need to spend less money - most of what they do is of little benefit

**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.**

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.**

Do not support

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

The council run economic development and events team as very little value to the rate payers or the city. Private enterprise will fund activities that people want to attend and business will come to Auckland without assistance from the council

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4004

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## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Please make funding available to local Boards for community and business associations to be able to install CCTV and other IoT devices of community need on Auckland street poles - including paying for power. We need to improve the way communities can leverage public infrastructure for community benefits - ie security, public safety etc.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## 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**

**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.**

I don’t know

**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.**

I don’t know

**D. Construct a playground Remuera Library to optimise the under-used green space at the side of the building.**

I don't know

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
(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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| | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |

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| | **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 |
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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?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4034

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

- **Transport**
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- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**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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- **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?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei 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 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.**

I don’t know

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Not sure this will have broad benefit across our board. Money could be better spent elsewhere.

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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I want to see more investment in engaging our community to reduce emissions and do our share for future generations.

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
(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 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 5 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Emissions reduction across the region - not just Council's emissions  ALL Aucklanders doing their share.

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Other (please specify):Encourage more people to live in the city centre. It's time of being the centre for corporate is gone - it needs lots more residents, not just visitors.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4108

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

City rail link as an investment should be broader than just local council and supported by central government. It's too expensive for rate payers to cover.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?**

Increase to residential parking permits is unfair. On top of a rates increase residents have to pay more to pay. Many properties are being built without approaching and these should not be approved vs making more money off residents in current times

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei 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 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)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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N/A

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| 6 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| 1 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 2 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

**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?**

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.,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.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4165

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

Reasonable Approach

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Seem Reasonable

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## 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**

well-thought out

**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.**

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**C. Changing the Meadowbank Community Centre project to a self-funded community centre to capitalise on existing investment and resources.**

**D. Construct a playground Remuera Library to optimise the under-used green space at the side of the building.**

**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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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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| 1 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.,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.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4196

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

Economic downturn, increased local taxes adding to the burden, and long construction periods and low efficiency of subway projects.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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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.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#4249**

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## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Other

### Tell us why

I strongly oppose any further rates increases.

Auckland Council is making this city increasingly unaffordable for ordinary people. While households and businesses are cutting costs and tightening budgets in a weak economy, the council continues to increase spending, increase staff costs, increase overheads, increase debt, and then expects ratepayers to cover the shortfall through higher rates.

Since this mayor and council were elected on a promise to reduce rates increases, average rates have still increased by around 25%. Over the same period, council overheads have reportedly increased by around 30%, staff costs have increased by approximately $200 million, and net debt has increased by around $4 billion.

This shows a clear spending and cost control problem.

Ratepayers do not have the ability to simply charge someone else more when costs go up - we make cuts and focus on essentials. Council needs to do the same. The focus must be on core services like roads, transport, water, and essential infrastructure. Non-essential projects and excessive overhead growth should be cut before asking ratepayers for more money.

Higher rates to pay for non essential items is simply no longer acceptable in this economic climate.

Council needs to live within its means, control spending, reduce debt growth, and get back to basics.

If rates continue to rise at this pace, it will push more families out of Auckland.

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## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

# Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#4250**

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Other

### Tell us why

I understand why Auckland needs to invest in transport and water infrastructure. These are important for the city's future.

But from my side, as a small business owner running a food shop, I can feel the pressure very directly.

Costs are already going up everywhere : rent, ingredients, wages, insurance, and utilities. Now with another rates increase, it's not just one thing, it's everything adding up together.

What worries me is not one year, but the direction. If costs keep rising like this, many small businesses will struggle to survive, not because we don't work hard, but because the environment is getting heavier and harder to carry.

I am not against development, but I hope the pace is something people can actually carry.

I hope the Council can really think about people like us – small operators who are part of the local community, trying to stay open and keep going.

Maybe there can be more control on spending, or a slower and more balanced way to increase costs.

A strong city also needs small businesses to stay alive. Without them, the community loses something real.

Thank you for listening

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# Question 3: Local board priorities

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Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

**Tell us why**

I live in the Orakei Local Board area. I understand there are changes to Auckland Transport and therefore it is not clear where funding for a cycle project in our area will come from. For that reason I'm submitting a proposal for a cycleway down St Heliers Bay Road for consideration within the Auckland Council Annual Plan budget.

While there is positive support, people are asking if it is feasible and what the route will look like. These questions cannot be answered by me (a lay person). Help with feasibility and design are required so that further discussion can be had for this idea. Consideration of some funding to support this would be greatly appreciated within the Annual Plan.

See attachment for full submission with proposal.

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# St Heliers Bay Road – Cycleway Proposal

## What am I proposing?

**I am proposing a cycleway down St Heliers Bay Road.**

Specifically, a cycleway is proposed down St Heliers Bay Road from the shared path (Kohimarama Road/St Johns Intersection), continuing down St Heliers Bay Road to the intersection of Maskell Street, continuing down Maskell Street and extending to the top of Glover Park. See small map immediately below, and larger map – Appendix 1.




## Why am I proposing this cycle route particularly?

- St Heliers and Glendowie have a population of 20,000 people, 3,000 children. However, cycleways only go to our suburb borders.

- The Shared Path (Te Ara Ki Uta Ki Tai) at the end of St Heliers Bay Road provides off-road access to the train, the city, and the wider cycle network.

- St Heliers Bay Road is busy and currently dangerous to cycle. It needs separated cycling infrastructure to support the cyclists currently using it, and to make it safe for cyclists including children.

- Auckland Transport (AT):
    - AT research, in conjunction with consultation for changes to St Heliers Bay Road intersections, identified that cyclists are regularly using St Heliers Bay Road.

  - AT have identified St Heliers Bay Road as a road of regional importance for future planning and connectivity for micromobility. It is therefore important to ensure it is safe and attractive to cycle going forwards.

- Cycling routes must improve transport and provide commuter routes. St Heliers Bay Road has been identified as already being a commuter route. Making it safer for cyclists will encourage more people to use it.

- St Heliers Bay Road intersects school zones. Providing a separated cycle route on St Heliers Bay Road will mean that children can access from quieter roads to cycle to school, friends, and activities.

- Providing a safe cycleway on St Heliers Bay Road will allow residents to see this as a viable option to use alternative modes of transport to get to the city, the train, and the wider Auckland region by bike or scooter.

**What are the benefits of this route?**

- There is already a significant cycling network in Auckland and making St Heliers Bay Road safe to cycle means a whole community of people, currently not connected, will become connected to the existing Auckland network (*the network effect*).

- Local schools are already participating in a number of cycling initiatives including 'The Wednesday Challenge' and Auckland Transports cycling skills programme. Having a separated cycleway on St Heliers Bay Road will allow many children to safely cycle to school.

- By extending the cycleway down Maskell Street to the existing shared pedestrian/cycle path in Glover Park it will create a loop (see map) which has attractive benefits to cyclists and the tourism industry. Cyclists acknowledge when seeing the proposed route that it completes a loop which is fun to ride for leisure purposes.

- A "loop" can be promoted as a tourism opportunity, connecting the shared path (Te Ara Ki Uta Ki Tai) and Tamaki Drive (one of the top 10 travel destinations in Auckland). Providing a safe cycling route will bring more cyclists to St Heliers Bay Village and surrounding businesses; customers that spend money in hospitality, and don't need a car park.

- Cycleways are not a novelty for hobbyists they have been seen as significant money earners for regions. The Hauraki Rail Trail CEO has said the rail-trail returns $20 for every $1 that Councils spend on it. A recent study showed that Great Rides of New Zealand delivered $1.28 Billion for regional economies.

**My personal experience and why I'm proposing this:**

Like most kiwi kids I grew up riding a bike. This gave me the confidence and skill to hop on a bike later in life. I've spent most of my life working and driving to get everywhere I need to go. I took up cycling for leisure and in doing so I have cycled all around Auckland and discovered that there are a multitude of paths, pedestrian ways, and cycleways that connect to provide a significant off-road and safe cycling experience east, west, and south of St Heliers and Glendowie suburbs. You can go many, many kilometres without going on the road once you get to the shared path at the top of St Heliers Bay Road. We just can't get to this connection safely at this present time.

**How did I come up with this route?**

I have for many years felt that a cycleway down St Heliers Bay Road was needed because my natural inclination as a cyclist is to get to shared paths, cycleways, or the train station. All of which can be accessed from this Road.

Suburbs don't need cycleways on all streets. Many roads are small or quiet roads and these are fine as connector roads.

St Heliers Bay Road is a main accessway from St Heliers and Glendowie. Between the intersections of Kohimarama Road/St Johns Road (the shared path) and Maskell Road/Riddell Road/St Heliers Bay Road there are no alternative routes that can take you to the shared path (Te Ara Ki Uta Ki Tai).

I have spoken with a number of stakeholders and residents and the feedback they provide is that the western section of St Heliers Bay Road (connecting the junction with Maskell Street to the Village in St Heliers) is a busy steep road with lots of parking that is essential to business. For this reason, the alternative route continuing on down Maskell Street is proposed (see map). This route has no impact on parking for St Heliers Village. This route also provides a loop that is attractive to every day and tourism cyclists leading them around to the Village and waterfront.

The proposed route penetrates deep into St Heliers and would provide safe cycling for anyone living on either side by using quiet roads to bring cyclists to the proposed cycleway to access the existing cycle network at the end of St Heliers Bay Road.

The proposed route intersects local school zones (St Heliers Primary, Churchill Park Primary, and Glendowie College) and is an access road for alternative choice schools (private school St Kentigern, and public school Selwyn College), so school children will be able to use quiet streets to safely connect with the proposed cycling route to get to school, on what is currently a very busy and unsafe accessway.

To encourage and support increased cycling in the community, and therefore decrease car use, cycle networks must connect to one another, providing a genuine network, that penetrate into our suburbs and provide the connectivity that makes it an attractive, safe, and functional proposition to cyclists. I believe the proposed route achieves this.

**Who will use it?**

- Commuters and every-day-cyclists will use this cycleway to connect to the Shared Path (Te Ara Ki Uta Ki Tai) at the end of St Heliers Bay Road to get safely to the Glen Innes train station, the city, and the wider cycle network.

- School children connecting via quiet streets to schools, friends, and play.

- Leisure cyclists including tourists that can use the 'loop' created by this cycleway to existing paths, bringing business to St Heliers Bay Village, Orakei Village, and the wider bays area.

**Why is it important to act now?**

- The cycling network overall in Auckland is extensive. However, Glendowie and St Heliers are not connected like other suburbs and we need to be, to continue to be desirable suburbs that promote community wellbeing for future generations.

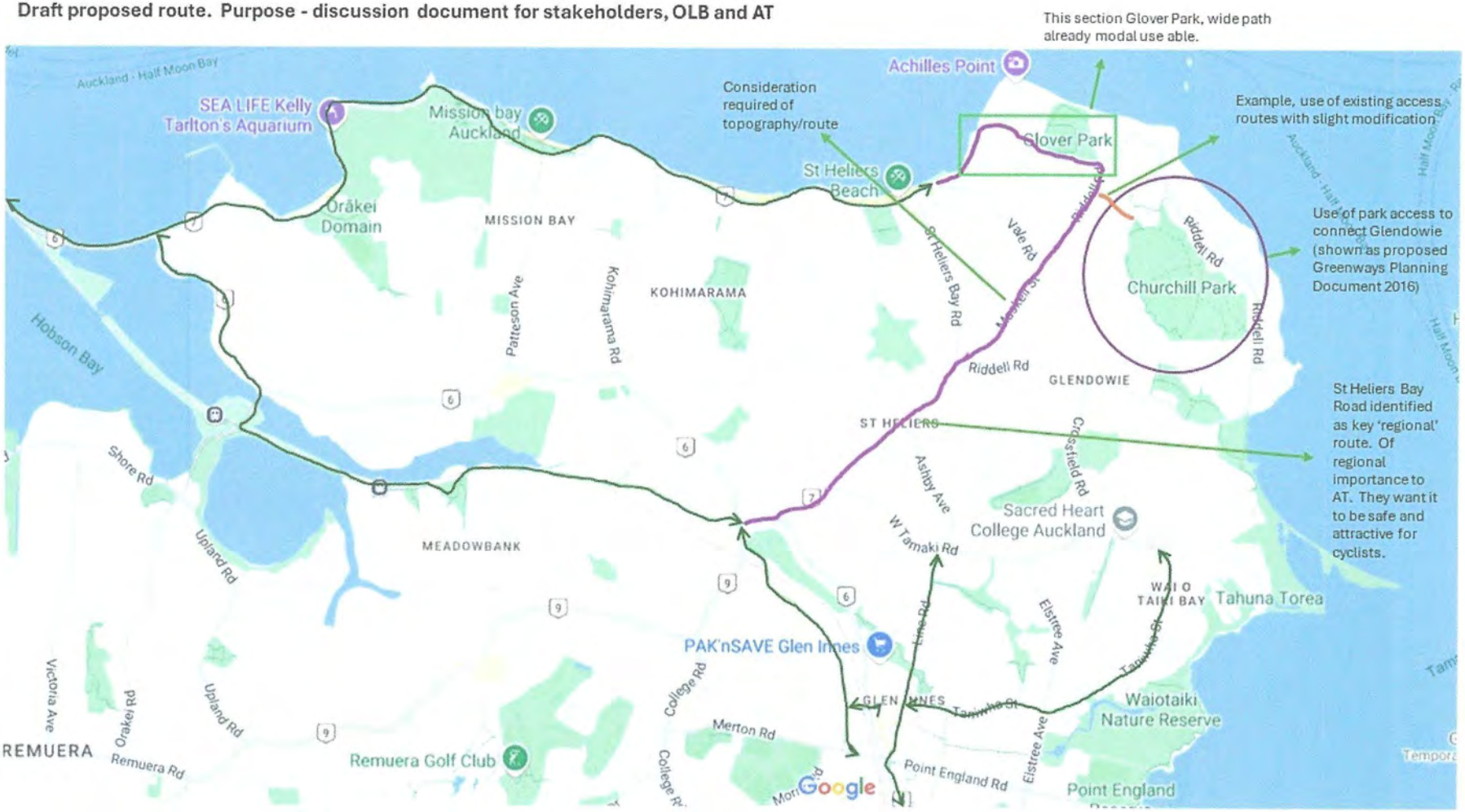
- We want cyclists to be safe in our community and children to gain independence through safe mixed-modal use travel.

- We want our businesses to thrive and have quality regular business to ensure their success.

- Intensification is not new in St Heliers and Glendowie and we need to provide our increasing population with alternative ways to get around to help with congestion that will continue to increase in the absence of alternatives.

## Appendix 1

**Draft proposed route. Purpose - discussion document for stakeholders, OLB and AT**






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Support all

### Tell us why

The overall scope of the plan is good - especially the focus on finding efficiencies in our service delivery & asset holdings. I think there needs to be a hard look at where we do & do not have community facilities such as pools, libraries and community centres - as well as disused land.

We need to consider both from a value for money & community need / equity perspective whether some facilities should be closed or have service levels reduced to support investment elsewhere.

For example in the Waitemata / Kaipatiki / Devonport-Takapuna catchment there is 7 (2 summer only) council affiliated Aquatic centres. However, in areas like West there is only West Wave

in Hibiscus Coast (nothing),

East Coast Bays (nothing),

Upper Harbour & Westgate only Albany Stadium Pool.

Is this really equitable to Aucklanders in West Auckland, East Coast Bays, Upper Harbour & Hibiscus Coast?

There are probably similar disparities in other areas.

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I agree with all changes, but especially increase to residential parking permit fees. personally I think these should be increased to at least $300 per year to acknowledge the amenity they provide residents.

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Ōrākei

### Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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Support most

### Tell us why

I don't support local board money going into breakwater seawalls for private boat owner amenity - this should be funded by service charges or private fundings.

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Support

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Support

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

I think increased investment in environmental protection is crucial especially the health of streams and the Orakei basin. I am particularly worried about the state of our awa and how this impacts our eel populations.

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I would like to see increased investment in our maintenance of our streetscape by our FF&M contractors. It seems like service levels in this spaces have dropped over successive years - and I think it frustrates Aucklanders.

For example - removal of loose litter in the streetscape, removal of things like grass clippings after mowing - these cause a mess & block drains etc. In a park environment it's less of an issue - but it's not appropriate in the streetscape.

More pro-active management of overgrown berms & weeds / pest plants in the streetscape - these reduce amenity for Aucklanders and make our communities feel run-down. They also can cause issues with pests/litter/encroachment/etc.

I don't think we should return to pre-2010 isthmus where the council mowed everyone's berm - but we should do & expect more of our contractors in this space where it makes sense, so that we can all have "beautiful city" that we want to live in.

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Cleaning up our streams, increasing maintenance levels in the streetscape and open spaces, upgrading our SW systems, ensuring flood resilience, and making sure we make good uses of our assets & money.

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,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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**#4375**

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Support most

**Tell us why**

We must improve transport and water services

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

OK with these suggestions

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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Support most

**Tell us why**

Appear to be well supported by residents

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Support

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

no further comment

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

- **Regional transport plans**
- **Water service strategies**
- **Auckland's spatial plan**
- **Our 2027–2037 long-term plan, which will set funding priorities for regional and local priorities listed below.**

**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

| Rank | Area |
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| 4 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
| 5 | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
| 3 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| 6 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |

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| 2 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 1 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

FLood resilience as we cope with climate change

## 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?**

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.,Other (please specify):ensure infrastructure is well maintained

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#4379**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

**Our Annual Plan 2026/2027 builds on the first two years of our Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP). It focuses on continuing to strengthen our finances and Auckland's physical resilience, while investing where it is needed most to meet the needs of our growing communities.**

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

- **Transport**
- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Investment in transport is only a priority if it is more assessable, convenient and a value add to individuals. The CRL sounds like a complete white elephant - all that money for only two stations and 10 years in the making. From my understanding, both stations are not destinations, only access points to other transport connections. Where is the convenience for senior and physically challenged citizens. Changing to other transport modes is an inconvenience. It is difficult, time consuming and does not add value to using that transport mode. I cannot understand the value the CRL will bring to rate payers.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

- **Introduction of a refuse bin/bag exchange fee**
- **Changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas**
- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

• I don't understand what a refund bin/bag exchange fee means. This needs further clarification about what it is and what is the purpose. For those rate payers who don't engage in a bag exchange, will there be a reduction in their rate fees?

• Why would AT increase residential parking permits except for revenue gathering. I feel that it is a resident's right to park outside their property without any fees involved at all.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Ōrākei

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki 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 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)**

I agree with all the priorities above. I do not agree with council involvement in areas of entertainment and events. That is up to individual businesses to provide not the council.

**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?**

Support

**Tell us why**

## Ōrākei 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 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.**

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)

Too much cost to the rate payers to construct a playground at Remuera Library. It's a library not a park. Invest that money into the Meadowback Community Centre. It is nice to have but not necessary. Direct the money into elsewhere and save the rate payers.

## 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)

Why is every project costing so much money and going over budget. Is the council being run inefficiently. Who are the contractors the council is appointing. Are there enough tenders in the pool to make a financially viable decision for the rate payers with the maximum benefit. Is the council just a gravy train for contractors. More accountability on spending required.

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

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- **Regional transport plans**
- **Water service strategies**
- **Auckland's spatial plan**
- **Our 2027–2037 long-term plan, which will set funding priorities for regional and local priorities listed below.**

**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**

(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

| Rank | Area |
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| 6 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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| 3 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| 4 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| 5 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 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?**

I do not value the transport decisions that AT have made. I do not trust the Council to listen to the people and deliver what they want. I do not believe council should be involved in supporting events and creative industries.

## 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?**

Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.,Other (please specify):Affordable car parking. Public transport is not always an option if you choose to go into the city.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#4385**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## 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:**

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- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

AC has a large and diverse city to manage- geographically, culturally, environmentally, for the well-being and safety of its people. It is also responsible and accountable for improving and developing the good bits, the aging bits and the future bits. I think Councillors and staff do a good job on most (but not all) counts so I generally trust Council to develop and deliver a sound plan.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?**

I do not know enough about these specific changes to comment on them.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei 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 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.**

I don’t know

**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.**

I don’t know

**D. Construct a playground Remuera Library to optimise the under-used green space at the side of the building.**

I don’t know

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

I fully support Priority 2 as a higher level investment in our natural environment. I personally contribute to as many conservation and environmental initiatives as I can. I value the protection and restoration of natural environment spaces, particularly weed control and pest control programmes of work. I am passionate about the protection of our waterways and the marine environment through stormwater/drain education and physical intervention initiatives e.g. the adopt a drain initiative, rubbish/plastics street 'pick up' collections by locals and NO MAC DONALDS in Orakei- their products are a major contributor to rubbish pollution even without a Mac Donalds on Kepa Road!

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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With respect to Orakei, and the following will no doubt apply to other suburbs:-

I strongly urge the Council to take a precautionary approach when it assesses applications for Resource Consents and Building permits for residential new builds, particularly those involving multi-resident dwellings on previously single dwelling sites in the suburb. The issuing of said consents and permits should only be made after a strict and rigorous process is undertaken that fully assesses environmental impact, specifically the negative short and long term effects currently being experienced with many new building projects. I outline a number of these negative effects below:-

Supply and quality of infrastructure- negative impacts of multi-dwelling new builds

-electrical power supply and the necessary lines company assets (transformers etc) required to provide power services to existing residents and as well as additional incoming residents- there is a limit on what can be supplied at this time

-storm water impacts from modified landscapes e.g when far greater percentages of a site become covered by buildings and hard-scaping where previously there has been grass/vegetation etc, the effects of water run off, flooding, and an over-whelming of the stormwater system can and will ensue

-storm water impacts from significant volume increases in rain (climate change) on already ageing infrastructure is already taking all, if any, additional capacity in the current system and new builds will only add to the deficits.

-fresh water leakages and unscheduled flows from ageing infrastructure-observed regularly- from meters and pipes that are old/sub-optimal and can leak for months without being repaired

-sewerage infrastructure- ageing/already under pressure, and failing, even with the exisiting number of dwellings and the "down-stream" risks this poses to the marine environment

-roading infrastructure- many streets are narrow. Additional higher-density residential developments increase the requirements for on-street parking which disrupts further, the already tricky traffic flow around many streets

-roading infrastructure / footpaths are significantly damaged by heavy vehicles associated with construction on narrow streets. Road seal is severely damaged.

- Construction impacts- dust, noise, negative impacts on the visual character of the suburb and its views and outlooks. Here's an anecdote- I have picked up over 1000 cigarette butts from gutters surrounding a new build on Grace Street over the last year. I've talked to the site boss many times about the stormwater impacts but sadly to no avail. What care do they have, and what would happen to the cigarette butts if I didn't pick them up and dispose of them properly (it's a yucky job!) and I probably miss heaps too- and that's just one site!

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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| 3 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Policies that place environmental care at the forefront of all consenting, permitting and building of private and council-controlled development

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4386

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## Submitter details:

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

The city needs most of what is proposed but the balance is slightly askew

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?**

Agree to 7.9% - the minimum, given the need for investment in infrastructure.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

No specific comments

**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.**

I don’t know

**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)**

Its the wrong place for a playground

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

I am very concerned at how little progress is being made to plan a comprehensive road pricing scheme. Congestion now costs over $2 billion and the city is clogging up even outside rush hours. Time frames for implementatiion of a comprehensive system are 5+ years and the city needs to get started. When a new metro line is introduced is not charged separately. Similarly the costs of something like a new bridge need to be spread across the whole Auckland wide system on the basis of measurements of congestion, availability of public transport on the route and time of use.

Other important reforms that are needed are (1) a higher rate for carparking facilities available for all day use and (2) a reform of the tax system so that employers may make a tax free payment to employees to cover public transport costs..

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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| 1 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 5 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Introduction of a comprehensive road pricing system or all motorways and arterial roads (except for the parts without public transport)

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#4394**

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## Submitter details:

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

I support most of the changes except for the rates increase.

The cost of life is hard as it is and the rates increase is adding to the pressure on first home owners.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?**

All look OK except for the AT parking fees increase.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

### 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**

They are good initiative specially the investment in community safety.

**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.**

I don’t know

**B. Sport and recreation – providing one-off operational support to local sports clubs and facilities to strengthen participation and collaboration.**

I don’t know

**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?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

| Rank | Area |
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| | |
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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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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4484

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

why an increase to the rates or any other costs, it seems auckland council compared to other cities of the similar size and population is charging way too high rate anyway

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

### Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment and changes to services?**

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**D. Construct a playground Remuera Library to optimise the under-used green space at the side of the building.**

**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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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

CRL will be the highest priority while cycleways are the lowest and should be removed if you're asking me as no one is using them and it's making streets narrower with less parking.

Auckland is too broad and cycling is not part of the culture, this is not a chicken and egg thing, even if you change all of the streets and give out free bicycle to everyone, still driving and public transport is preferred. average age in auckland is high and most are unfit and even the fit ones don't have the stamina to cycle to a certain point and even if they did, it takes so long that they don't have the luxury. even professional cyclers don't cycle to work

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#4511**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

The CRL should never have been built and will Aucklanders will never recover the cost. Other services should be cut to save money rather than increase rates. This will remind Aucklanders that there is a tradeoff with ambitious mega projects. Also this is one of the most (or possibly most) expensive undergrounds per km ever built and we cant afford it. Great what the mayor is doing for efficiency. Great AT reforms.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Amending the spatial plan to prevent destruction of suburban environments by inappropriate density increases with low quality cramped housing of low amenity to residents and for which roads and water systems are designed for.

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#4544**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

You've done well with holding rubbish disposal costs!

Watercare costs, although huge, are vital.  Well done on the Central Interceptor job - we must face up to all upgrades, so we don't have another "Parnell" burst main.

Refrain from glorified spending around wharves & harbour.

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Specific costs, such as those listed above, should definitely be charged to local users or areas.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei 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 needs to be more daytime parking buildings situated closest to train stations & outlying bus stations, so that commuters can leave their cars out of town & transfer to public transport to reach the CBD.

Suburban parking should be allowed on suitable grass verges.

### 2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment and changes to services?

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Support

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Support

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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)**

Waste of money at Remuera Library. Better as paid parking using permeable grass pavers around the trees as cheapest green option. (Income for the library.)

Most nearby homes do not have young children. My family lived close. There is an underutilised playground nearer the school at Greenlane/Ascot Ave.

More parking is needed in Remuera to replace New World's old carpark. Encourage the owner to hurry up & create 2 levels, as before.

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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Over the last 18 months the inner city/Queen St etc has become far more unpleasant & accosting from homeless people in evenings. Prison makes little sense, except for a few.

Sadly even more funding is needed by Auck City Mission & others so that police can take them there initially, to be rehoused etc, and helped under joint ACM & DSW control.

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

Improve safety on public transport so users will not revert to cars.  Random police & AT Trpt.

With the CRL system starting, there must be visible surveillance & deterence.

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#4613**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Just toooooo expensive. Have a big rethink and trim the fat and get back to a 0% rise. Perhaps 1.5% increase at most.

Many of us are on fixed income or dwindling assets.

Get into the real world and

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Just to expensive. Go back and rethink again. Cut salaries, trim the fat!!! Delay any and all capital expenditure.

We now have an almost complete gold plated CRL. Just an incredible waste of money gold plating this white elephant that will bring people who no longer wish to go to the central CBD.

Queen Street is just a low demographic wasteland that is nort safe to go to anymore. AT have killed the heart of the city.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Ōrākei

## 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

As above, trim the fat and rethink all budgets for a 0.00% rates rise for the next 3 years.

This should be the base case.

### 2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment and changes to services?

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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.**

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)

No new spending until you have a 0.00% rise.

Once this is done then go back and trim another 5% of the budget to account for previous unnecessary rates rises.

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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This is not consultation. There was no opportunity to speak to the fundamental question. Should there have been 1. a rates decrease, 2. no rates increase, 2.5% rise or a 5% rise as the basis of going forward with a plan.

We cannot afford the CRL and other gold plated stuff. Get into the real world where many struggle and only a few are doing ok.

Australia has a land tax on foreign land ownership. May be this is where the income should come from.

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Many of the above involve new money to fund these schemes. It is not here so go back and rethink the questions.

Get Auckland productivity moving again by re-prioritizing vehicle movements over pedestrian movements. 10 seconds to walk instead of 20 seconds etc.

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Other (please specify):CBD has been killed by woke AT policy.  Get real

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#4643**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

### Tell us why

Resealing roads that don't need it.

Building expensive cycle paths we can't afford.

Gold plating intersection upgrades like Kupe Street.

Not doing the basics like road sweeping, curb weed control. Sections of footpaths that need replacing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Do not support. Council is way off track and unproductive.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

### 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**

Not focused on the basics like road sweeping, tree trimming, weed control.

Instead focused on expensive civil works like cycle lanes over the water.

**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.**

I don't know

**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)**

Do the basics. There are plenty of playgrounds. There are too many libraries with alot of staff. We can't afford it.

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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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.)

| Rank | Area |
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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |

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| | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
| | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Basics. Need a complete rethink of priorities and productivity.

## 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?**

Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4647

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## 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**
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**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

To Auckland Council

I write as a ratepayer concerned about the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing shows this rise is excessive in the current inflationary environment and fails to reflect prudent spending. I oppose the average 7.9% increase, and urge a reconsideration aimed at reducing wasteful expenditure.

Key context from the Alliance briefing:

- Proposed increase of 7.9% equates to about $320 for the average household, on top of an average bill now at about $4,069.

- Since 2010, council rates have risen 85%, far outstripping cumulative inflation (about 34%) and population growth (22%).

- A significant driver is 4.4% for CRL operating costs, alongside ongoing asset maintenance and new asset costs.

- Spending on consultants totals roughly $126 million per year across the Council group, with the average consultant around $200k; payroll and other expenses have risen faster than inflation.

I support the following positions (Agrees):

- Oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase; seek restraint and alignment with inflation.

- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.

- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.

- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costs $36 million/year) due to limited net carbon savings.

- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles (estimated immediate saving of at least $17 million).

- Cut Māori-specific spending, such as the $10 million/year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae), noting this role is not a core function of local government.

Additional point:

In challenging conditions, a 7.9% uplift is hard for ratepayers to justify. A targeted reduction in non-essential spend, including staff freezes, vendor consolidation, and reconsideration of discretionary programmes, would better protect essential services while keeping rates more affordable.

Proposed alternative budget outcome:

Reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) to cap the rate rise at about 3%, prioritising statutory and essential services.

I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Albert-Eden,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,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 most

**Tell us why**

Unless it is critical, i do not support.

**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.**

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**

## 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**

Unless it is critical, i do not support

**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.**

Do not 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?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

## Ōrākei 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**

Unless it is critical, i do not support

**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)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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To Auckland Council

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Additional point:

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I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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| 3 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 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?**

Infrastructure first.

## 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.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.,Other (please specify):Easier access. Too much money grabbing parking issues. No one wants to visit the city if it so penalising. It's not welcoming at all.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4658

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

Because the priorities are right.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?**

Think the refuse bin rate will lead to people dropping rubbish in any bin outside a residential property. People already do this and the charge will only exacerbate the problem.

Rubbish fees should be included in the increase in rates. That is, free to ratepayers.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

I don't agree about chemical application to edges. But support the other priorities in the Orakei Board area.

**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.**

Do not 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)**

I don't think self-funding for the Meadowbank Community Centre will work.

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

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| 1 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Essential to decrease flood risk and work on infrastructure such as drains and water.

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#4758**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

N/A

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei 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. 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

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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.**

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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N/A

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| 4 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#4776**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

I'm enjoying the focus on expanding the train network!

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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I ask that Auckland city sign the Plant Based Treaty and adopt policies for city-sponsored events to be plant-based. Research has shown that eating plant-based food is the single most impactful change the average person can make for the environment (including greenhouse gas emissions, deforestation, water pollution, etc.).* This is a crucial change we all have to promote to combat the effects of climate change. Fortunately, Oxford studies have also shown that plant-based food is cheaper by up to one third** – this is a policy that benefits the environment, benefits public health (increasing fibre with whole foods), benefits the animals, and benefits the city by saving money.

I also ask that animal welfare be prioritised in other policies and decision-making, e.g. protecting wildlife and biodiversity (protecting habitats and banning practices like recreational hunting) and banning public fireworks (which cause huge distress to wild birds, companion animals, farmed animals, and people like me with sensitive hearing).

Thank you for your consideration.

*https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2018/may/31/avoiding-meat-and-dairy-is-single-biggest-way-to-reduce-your-impact-on-earth

**https://www.ox.ac.uk/news/2021-11-11-sustainable-eating-cheaper-and-healthier-oxford-study

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

### Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

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.,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.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#4779**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## 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.**

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- **Transport**
- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Public transport is important but the plan is flawed and private choice - cars- has been sidelined/ subjugated in favour of predetermined planner's ideals of what a perfect city/world should look like

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

they seem reasonable under the circumstances of central government putting obligations on local government without funding them

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

I didn't read them but feel the Orakei Board is Remuera centric

**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)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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I am not sure if this falls under your survey category but feel within AC the planners believe the private vehicle needs to be banned or severely limited- possibly based on vehicle emission reasons -ignoring the advent of electric vehicles . This is arrogant, dictatorial and anti-democratic. it is high handed. It ignores citizens wishes and treats their vies as either irrelevant of misguided. It ignores how they live their lives- taking their children to school, music, sports, the grocers or whatever. The net result is packed apartments and no carparks- for owners and guests- (and lots of cycle ways- build them and they will come-get real ) so the net result is people parking on the footpath/grass verges ( Line Road is the latest casualty- big apartments and no parking ) so we can build the planners green utopia- that no one wants to live in . Planners can work from home. most people can't.

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Shut down AT and get the planners to plan for a real world where mums and dads can look after their children . Train stations- great, buses- why not mini- buses ?( uber style - but they have no imagination- homes that have garages and guest parking. Road widening for a larger city.

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Other (please specify):Get rid of the druggies and beggars - i know I ran a business from the CBD for 30 years and got out.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#4780**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

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Support most

### Tell us why

1) Our suburbs of Kohimarama and Mission Bay, that we represent, require ongoing investment in storm water and flooding management, ensuring protection of business, residential and road infrastructure together with cleaner water for swimming/water activities at our beaches.

2) The improved safety and frequency of public transport options are also very important, and there is not in existence even a comprehensive transport plan for our vital area.

3)Both of these initiatives are vital investments to ensure our suburbs have the resilience for the future.

4) What is missing from the OLB plan is the work required to continue to protect our vital arterial route of Tamaki Drive. There are only two arterial routes in and out of our suburbs. Tamaki Drive is a vital arterial route together with being amongst the most visited areas in Auckland, with our harbour beaches, enjoyed by millions.

5) Despite this vital infrasture, the Auckland Council or OLB do not have anything in their plans to remedy the known and clearly documented water regress from the sea and flooding in key hot spots of this road and beach area, leading to putting at risk the vital economic and transport role that Tamaki Drive plays for Auckland and our suburbs.

6) Sand management and groyene construction has worked very well in protecting Tamaki Drive and in addition creating a beautiful liveable city with our eastern inner harbour beaches , However part of the western end of Kohimarama Beach, the design of this has not been as successful, resulting in sea water coming over the wall during stormy weather and resulting in the closing of Tamaki Drive and the loss of protection that the sand on the beach at the western end use to provide.. The sand and groyenes are working very well at the eastern end of Kohimarama Beach and at Mission Bay and St Heliers, however an engineering and sand rebuild solution to keep the sea water ingress at bay, like at the other beaches and the eastern end of Kohi Beach, needs to be prioritised by Auckland Council and the OLB.

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

NOt enough detail has been provided for these initiatives for us to comment.

1) How and what is the bin nd bag swap??

2) Where and what are the increase in the parking permits??

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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Ōrākei

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### 1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

1) We support the pest control work.

2) We support the notion behind the statement "thriving business centres", yet there is no further information on where this is and if Kohimarama or Mission Bay will receive any of this.

2) There is no mention of our new community green reserve in Mission Bay - The Green Mission Bay. Where is the expenditure and maintenance and development funding for this that has been talked about by the OLB? This is not clear or visible in the supplementary information provided? Is it somewhere in maintenance funding? This is not clear.

3) Our community of Kohimarama and Mission Bay pay a significant portion of the rates for the OLB area, yet we are gaining nothing visible in this OLB plan.

4) We require clarity and visibility of what is actually happening in our suburbs that we represent.

5) There is NO expenditure for the protection of the vital Tamaki Drive arterial route, in the event of sea ingress during stormy weather. The Eastern end of Kohi beach, St Heliers Beach and Mission Bay have very resilient groynes , storm water out flow and sand hills, that protect the Tamaki Drive route, businesses and residents, together with providing wonderful recreational and tourism for Auckland. The design and sand infrastructure of the western end of Kohimarama beach is not working and as a result closes Tamaki Drive during stormy weather and causes millions of $$ of damage to residents and the ability to reach your destination and complete business and family life activities.

A plan and expenditure to fix this western end of Kohimarama is a vital expenditure by Auckland Council/OLB and needs to be added.

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3) In fact NOTHING is showing as a priority or expenditure in our area, just some very broad objectives for Auckland, and some direct investments in areas in the OLB plan outside of our areas. this is just so incredibly disappointing.

4) We believe our area is in desperate need of improved flood management, improved stormwater management and the protection from sea ingress along our vital arterial route of Tamaki Drive.

4) Our inner harbour beaches of Mission Bay and Kohimarama provide vital tourism, business rates and a significant over value per resident of residential rates, yet it is not clear at all from this plan what if any expenditure is happening in our area on the really important areas.

5) We do not support the majority of this plan and it is not clear actually what the plan is for our areas.

6) The Green Mission Bay is an incredible new facility for our local area, yet it is not clear from the OLB plan what, if any, expenditure is planned for this vital community reserve.

7) We attach a proposed plan for The Green Mission Bay to show how supportive we are in making this reserve the vital and exciting community facility that it could be.

8) We support the pest control work that OLB have called out as we are gathering that includes our wonderful Eastern Birdsong organisation that do fantastic work on pest control across our suburb green areas.

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# DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

## The Green,
## Tagalad Reserve South

# AIM

- To create a vibrant, accessible, and welcoming community hub that serves Mission Bay/Kohimarama residents of all ages

- To balance local community use, with event/activity income to support the site's sustainability
- To create a variety of initiatives on site to maximise the potential of all areas
- To create a complex of different facilities the community can use – not just a community centre
- To incorporate community services to address apparent community needs
- To improve the grounds and buildings for modern use, as an attractive destination, and to better cater for user requirements
- Maintain a sizeable/usable green space for community use, with consideration for contamination concerns and better flooding/drainage provisions
- To create a place where locals know "there's always something happening at The Green" – reliable, recurring events and open community access.

# CHALLENGES

- Clarity of purpose – ensuring we do not try to be "everything for everyone" too early. A strong identity will help community buy-in
- Noise/surrounded by neighbours – need to bring them along on the journey

- Green space not freely open to community under current contract arrangement
- Planning – retain passive surveillance from neighbours, cannot plant out
- Create facilities that community will support – what is user market/ what community services are needed?
- Funding & sustainability – initial funding vs. long-term operating costs
- Visibility/signage – inform community of location and facilities provided

# SITE PLAN EVALUATION

The site is incredibly unique – two open bowling greens and multiple buildings create flexibility and potential for both community connection and revenue generation.

By considering what the potential of this property is, how it would best serve the needs and wishes of the community and how financial viability could be improved, we have looked at all areas and assessed what the best use would be, what improvements could be made, and how it could best be upgraded in stages. The corresponding diagram illustrates the 15

areas we have identified as having potential for improved use and development.

The main hall, locker room and the garage all have the potential to be upgraded for either specific or multi-purpose uses, and the green space has the potential to be further enhanced to provide better drainage, multi-use and to be more attractive.

# GREEN SPACE EVALUATION

**Desired Usage**

The main thrust of the community's desire to have this property returned as a usable community asset was they needed an 'all abilities' green space to use when Selwyn Reserve was over-crowded, families wanted a green space they could use for picnics/BBQs/daily activities, aged community members wanted a green space/gardens/park they could visit and enjoy, and our tiny tots who are intimidated by older children on the Mission Bay playground needed a green space they could play on. Full consideration has been given to these issues, and the layout in this proposed plan incorporates facilities that would be suitable to cater for all community age groups and abilities.

**N.B.** Currently the green space remains locked off to the community unless they book and pay for it – it should be freely available for community use. We ask the OLB to give serious consideration to this issue going forward.

**Contamination**

It is accepted that AKL Council have concerns about the grassed areas/bowling greens that have chemical residue. However, it should be noted that NOT all of the green space has been treated with chemicals and the areas around the perimeter of the property, along the two entrances, the area adjacent to the garage, and an area adjacent to the two sheds is uncontaminated and should

be suitable for considered planting. Planting in these areas would dramatically change and improve the look of this whole complex.

This suggested development plan leaves the grassed areas of the bowling greens relatively untouched and works around them as we are aware AKL Council are not in favour of moving contaminated soil elsewhere. The only exceptions are the paved BBQ area and the small gardens adjacent to the community centre hall, both of which can be constructed on top of the existing grassed bowling greens.

**Drainage**

This property is located on a flood plain, and the advent of more intensification around the surrounding hills highlights the need to improve and increase existing drainage/soakage/pervious surfaces on this site. Consideration has been given to using and integrating the drainage troughs around the greens to retain the existing drainage component. Added to this, we are recommending the removal of the central tar seal road and replacing this with grass, and removing/replacing the concrete strip around the perimeter of the property with pervious paths – we estimate this would increase the inground soakage/pervious surface by approx. 400sq.mts which will greatly help with flooding issues going forward.

**Passive Surveillance**

Without any road frontage, this property relies on the contribution of passive surveillance from surrounding neighbours. It is noted that the planting of tall trees/foliage should not be employed to obstruct their vision of the complex, and it is recommended that a considered planting plan is done.

**Planting Theme**

While AKL Council largely promote the planting of native species in their reserves, we feel consideration should be given in this complex to a mix of both exotics and natives for the enjoyment by the many different cultures residing in our local community.

# AMBIENCE

Currently The Green complex of buildings and the surrounding grounds present as an unappealing property with nothing to draw community users in, except a large hall for community rentals.

(a) The grass on the bowling greens is mown, but the other green areas are unplanted and unattractive, especially around the perimeter of the property and along the two entrances - improved planting and carefully designed garden areas would greatly increase the property's appeal. The tar seal road through the grassed areas is now unnecessary, it interrupts what could be a generous green area to play on or use for community outdoor events, and it does not contribute in any way to the aesthetics of a park/reserve – it needs to be replaced with grass and suitable drainage. Likewise, the drainage troughs surrounding the grassed areas impede access and look unsightly – these need to be retained for drainage purposes but camouflaged with a grass surface.
(b) Some of the buildings/structures have not been updated, refurbished, or adapted for specific use. This creates the effect that the complex is dated/a bit run down/unappealing, and without updated facilities users will not be interested in using facilities, other than the hall.
(c) The complex is dead and does not exude a buzz of activity with regular users. People go where there are people, not to a dead venue. To create the vibrancy this complex needs to attract increased patronage, and take advantage of the potential it offers, it is suggested that a mix of daily users, monthly users and annual users should be attracted.

It would be beneficial if we could create a more upmarket vibe than neighbouring community centres and reserves, so this becomes the place to host indoor/outdoor events, such as art shows, craft fairs, jazz on the green, etc.

# DEVELOPMENT
# STAGE 1

# NIHILL ENTRANCE

# DEVELOPMENT STAGE 1: NIHILL ENTRANCE

We suggest that the focus is placed on the Nihill entrance of the property for stage one. As already discussed, clear signage depicting "The Green, Mission Bay" needs to be erected at this entrance, improved lighting needs to be installed at the entrance and along the driveway for security, and replanting needs to be considered along the driveway garden. A simple row of matching pencil cyprus would be appropriate for this driveway garden to suit the dry conditions, tidy up the look of the entrance, and not impinge on the width of the driveway/scratch vehicles. Security cameras along the driveway could also be reassessed at this time.

There is the option to instal new security gates in this development stage, but this is something that could be left for later development in conjunction with the Tagalad entrance upgrade and gates. It is envisaged that a remote-control system to open/close the entrance gates would be included.

# DEVELOPMENT STAGE 2

# THE LOCKER ROOM TAR SEAL ROAD OUTDOOR STAGE

## DEVELOPMENT STAGE 2: LOCKER ROOM, TAR SEAL ROAD, OUTDOOR STAGE

**The Locker Room**

This is a valuable structure that can be used for a much better purpose for our community, and we feel it is a complete waste to have it used as a storage facility, as at present. Both the storage for

the AFC and the community security group can be located elsewhere. We see the locker room building having multiple uses that far better serve the community, and that are central to the operation of the complex as a whole - particularly for organised outdoor events.

(a) **Modify Toilets in Locker Room** – simple changes to the ladies and men's toilets in this building are required (2 x doors and 2 x small walls). It is proposed that external entrance doors are installed on the ladies and men's toilets, and two small walls are positioned in these toilets to reduce their size (there is no need to have the unused changing area in the ladies toilets, for example). By reducing the size of the toilets with new walls, you enable the central area of the locker room to be increased for tenancy. By providing these toilets with external entrances, this caters for planned outdoor community events, and you should have the ability to increase the community centre hall's capacity if it is an indoor/outdoor event. You also provide toilet facilities for users of the garage room if it is upgraded.

(b)**Upgrade Central Area Locker Room/Secure Age Concern** – Age Concern are desperate to establish an Eastern Office, and the OLB have considerable unaddressed needs within their aged community members – this is a no brainer! The central area of this locker room with the added toilet space would adequately serve Age Concerns needs of two open offices, an interview room and a lounge if upgraded – the area also has room to accommodate its own toilet and kitchenette if required. The establishment of a much needed Age Concern office would cater for the aged community within the OLB area, it would establish a known base that aged community members could come to, it would tie in with activities at the

community centre, and the regular daily use would start to create some vibrancy in this complex.

**NB:** Funding for this project – Age Concern would prefer a free building so their limited funds can be stretched to serve the genuine community needs. This project and Age Concern would fit nicely into the **Foundation North** funding. Foundation North is a charitable trust that ASB set up when they (ASB) sold to Comm Bank in Australia. Part of the bank was owned by the community of Auckland and Northland, and retained about $200m into an endowment fund. This endowment fund is now approx. $2billion, and grants out about $50m per year. A community grant would be suitable and Age Concern would need to apply for this funding – funding applications are processed quite quickly. It is envisioned that such funding would be applied to their rental of this building. If this was achieved, it would provide the OLB with the assurance that money spent on any refurbishment of the locker room building for Age Concern's use, would result in an ongoing rental income from them.

(c)**Multi-use Patio/Outdoor Stage Construction** – it is proposed that a multi-use patio area with an open frame pergola is constructed on the Northern side of the locker room building along with pervious paving and a lockable outdoor power point underneath. This patio could have table and chairs on it for family picnic visitors and Age Concern visitors to use. However, this pergola/patio could also double as an outdoor stage (for jazz musicians, string quartets, etc to use) for park events. Hence the lockable outdoor power point.

It is also envisaged that the tar seal road separating the two greens is removed at this time and returned to grass with suitable drainage. This would transform the grassed area into the look of a park, it would allow the multi-use patio/outdoor stage to be constructed and it would greatly increase appropriate drainage.

# DEVELOPMENT STAGE 3

# PARK PAVING

# B.B.Q. AREA

## DEVELOPMENT STAGE 3: PARK PAVING, B.B.Q. AREA

### Park Paving

Currently there is a very narrow concrete track around the perimeter of this green space which cannot accommodate push chairs, w/chairs, or elderly walkers. It is proposed that this development stage sees the removal of that concrete strip and the installation of wider pervious paving (2mts width) in a circular path around the two greens to connect all the areas together. It is suggested that this path is constructed of a product like Aquapave pervious concrete for added drainage capacity. By removing the concrete strip around the perimeter of the green space and the central tar seal road, and replacing these areas with pervious concrete or grass, you are effectively increasing the permeable surface/inground drainage on approx. 400mts of ground, which would greatly help with flooding issues going forward.

Consideration has been given to the placement of this paving adjacent to the existing drainage troughs to integrate and increase the site's drainage more efficiently.

**B.B.Q Area**

It is suggested a larger permeable area should also be included near the community centre hall to house two B.B.Q.s and outdoor seating. It is suggested this paved area is constructed again of pervious concrete for added drainage capacity. It would be constructed on top of a small area of bowling green grass at a height that matches the circular path and there should be no need for contaminated soil removal.

**Perimeter Gardens**

Once the circular paving around the greens has been installed, this will allow low-maintenance, attractive garden areas around the perimeter of the property to be installed in stages, along with more appropriate strategically placed seating. The installation of this circular path and perimeter gardens will dramatically upgrade the look of this property, and it will then present as a desirable venue to host such events as art shows, craft fairs, music on the green, etc. The odd spot lighting in the perimeter gardens could also be considered in this development stage as it would provide security, ambience for nighttime users of the main hall, and practical lighting on the path. It is suggested that a 'Friends of The Green' garden club is formed to help with the planting and maintenance of the garden areas – this is something the MBKRA may be able to help with.

# DEVELOPMENT STAGE 4

# GARAGE UPGRADE

**DEVELOPMENT STAGE 4: GARAGE UPGRADE**

**<u>Upgrade of Garage</u>**

As the newest built structure on this property, the garage has the potential to be upgraded to suit a user's requirements. The user could be a community service organisation (like Plunket), or a community activity

group. However, there is also the potential here to use this upgraded building as a hot pastry and coffee outlet for weekly, fortnightly, or monthly farmers market days (as was popular at La Cigal in Parnell). This building is also adjacent to the carpark which would be ideal for farmer's market stall holders to use. The small garden area adjacent to this building could be upgraded with bench seating and greenery to compliment the farmers market area. If a regular farmers market was to be established here, it would generate a regular income which would warrant upgrading costs. We also note that the Mission Bay Business Association are very supportive of a farmer's market here as it would attract potential customers to their patch.

Alternatively, this building could be adapted/upgraded as a storage facility for the community security group's emergency centre equipment currently stored in the locker room, but this option would not generate income and precludes a community activity here.

Upgrading this building and small garden area would greatly improve the main Nihill entrance to this complex.

# DEVELOPMENT STAGE 5

# UPGRADE COMMUNITY HALL FACILITIES

**DEVELOPMENT STAGE 5: UPGRADE COMMUNITY HALL**

**Upgrade Community Hall Facilities**

Currently the community centre hall is up and running, and is available for community rental, albeit at a reduced capacity. Therefore, we have not put this in the first or second development stages. However, if the OLB feel there is a demand for an increased capacity, and there would be an immediate benefit from these upgrades, they could be addressed at an earlier stage.

**Toilets/Bar**

The addition of two toilets within the hall could be considered to allow for an increased capacity back to 180

people. Our suggested area for these toilets is adjacent to the bar storage area and adjacent to plumbing (as depicted). An upgrading of the bar storage area, the bar and the kitchen area could also be addressed at this time if there was the ability to cater for bar facilities.

**Hall Office**

It is suggested that the office within the hall is upgraded as a multi-purpose room. It could be refreshed and furnished to cater for small group hire or specialist teaching hire (e.g. speech therapist). The vertical shelves in this room could be adapted to provide secure storage for AFC equipment, and the room could also act as the nerve centre for an emergency or local disaster.

# DEVELOPMENT STAGE 6

# TINY TOTS

# PLAY AREA

## DEVELOPMENT STAGE 6: TINY TOTS

### Two sheds/Water Tank

The area that houses the two sheds comes down to the decision of: is it better to retain them for 'basic' storage or is this an area that is needed by a sector in the community? Likewise, the old unsightly water tank is taking up a lot of room that could serve a better purpose. The mechanics for operating the irrigation system from this water tank have been removed and it no longer serves that function. We suggest that the two sheds and the water tank are removed, and that this area is converted into a tiny tots play area with bench seating for parents. There is room behind the locker room/adjacent to the community security car (or on the Western side of the garage) to locate

another appropriately-sized water tank if it is required for irrigation in future.

**Tiny Tots Play Area**

We suggest this is a colourful play area with regulation matting and a small assortment of low climbing, sliding, and play items. This is possibly a project the Men's Shed could help with if it meets with AKL Council's play area regulations.

# DEVELOPMENT STAGE 7

# UPGRADE TAGALAD ENTRANCE

# DEVELOPMENT STAGE 7: TAGALAD ENTRANCE

Consideration should be given to upgrading the Tagalad Road entrance to this complex – lighting, new signage, tidy up planting, and gates, etc. New gates for the Nihill Crescent entrance could be installed in conjunction with these Tagalad entrance gates.

# DEVELOPMENT STAGE 8

# COLONNADE

## DEVELOPMENT STAGE 8: COLONNADE

It is proposed that a colonnade is installed over the circular path at the Eastern end of the property, to provide some shaded seating for summer and to enhance the look of the reserve green space. This colonnade would complete the reserve's structures and would invite people to stroll around the circular path visiting all areas of the complex. The shaded seating under this colonnade would provide a spot for quiet contemplation, to read a book, or to watch the activities on the green. This is a project that could be executed by the Men's Shed and possibly be funded by a grant or community donation.

# DEVELOPMENT

# STAGE 9

# RAISED GARDEN AREA

## DEVELOPMENT STAGE 9: RAISED GARDENS

### Additional Garden Area

If it is found that the 'Friends of The Green' garden club is viable, a small low-maintenance raised garden area with permeable paving and seating can be added adjacent to the B.B.Q.

area.  Apart from being a feature that was requested by aged community members, it would also provide a popular venue for retirement villages to visit, another area for children to explore, shadier seating for summer months and an attractive outlook for users of the community centre hall.  It is envisaged that these small gardens would be raised so there would be no disturbance of the small area of chemically treated grass area they would cover.

# DEVELOPMENT STAGE 10

# AREA BEHIND

# LOCKER ROOM

## DEVELOPMENT STAGE 10: AREA BEHIND LOCKER ROOM

As already established, this is an ideal place for the community security vehicle to be parked. There is also room for a water tank and composting bins to be positioned here (adjacent to this vehicle), if required later for the garden areas. Water could be collected for the water tank off the locker room roof, and a simple watering system could be installed for selective garden areas.

Alternatively, this area could be used for storage of complex equipment if a covered area was provided.

We see this area gated off at both ends so it is not visible and is secure.

# DEVELOPMENT STAGE 11

# SIGNAGE

# DEVELOPMENT STAGE 11: SIGNAGE

As discussed, visibility of The Green's entrances on both Nihill and Tagalad Roads is paramount so the location of the property is recognisable to users. However, the addition of signage within the complex is also desirable. It is suggested that signage is installed on the Eastern end of the community centre hall exterior wall denoting 'Mission Bay & Kohimarama Community Centre' and possibly a second sign denoting 'home of Auckland Flyfishing Club'. Appropriate signs could also be installed on the locker building and garage to denote their users.

A street sign could be installed within the property, adjacent to Tagalad entrance, indicating the direction to the community centre, B.B.Q. area, tiny tots play area, park gardens, Age Concern, etc.

# COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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By completing our recommended development stages, you would cater for all age groups and all abilities – all areas

would be accessible and usable by babies through to aged community members. You would be able to provide for apparent community service needs, and provide a wide variety of indoor and outdoor community activities, both large and small. Multi-purpose areas provide versatility and take advantage of the untapped potential that exists on this site.

One of the most beneficial and significant improvements would be the upgrading of the reserve's green space. Having the central grassed area uncluttered and maintained as a versatile 'village green' will offer the opportunity for larger events and informal community use. The addition of improved garden areas will add wide appeal, and the construction of a new 2mt wide circular path will enable all abilities to use and enjoy the facilities provided on site.

Creating the facilities to cater for daily, monthly, and annual usage will create that buzz of activity and vibrancy that is needed to make this a successful, popular, and desired community venue.

Add to this our suggested increased revenue streams and you have the recipe for a sustainable community complex long term.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4824

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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Support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

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- **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?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

The Orakei Local Board are supportive of community initiatives that lead to more social resilience.

**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)**

AECN feels that the upgrades to the Meadowbank Community Centre hold the most potential for positive outcomes for the community.

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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Yes, see attached.

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
(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?**

Support for Local Boards to engage in more ways with residents, offering more ways for them to contribute to local decision-making, and gain a "sense of Ownership" of their part of Auckland.

## Question 6: City centre

**Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

Submission to Auckland Annual Plan 2026/2027
From: Auckland East Community Network Incorporated (AECN)
Date: 26-Mar-2026 (to be finalised following discussion at the 25-Mar Network meeting)

Background

AECN is a community-led nonprofit charity that works closely with the Ōrākei Local Board to delivery positive outcomes to residents arising from strong inter-community connection.

AECN strongly aligns with part of the 2023 Local Board Plan:

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| People | Opportunity: Our area has a diverse, committed, and resourceful group of volunteers which strengthens our community. | |
| People | Outcome goal: All groups in the community feel informed and included | Action: Support intergenerational and interethnic connection, collaboration and community action |

Our submission relates to the Annual Plan 2026/2027 / Plan for your Area (Orakei) material.

Items We Strongly Support

- Upgrade the Meadowbank Community Centre

  We feel that this has the biggest potential to improve community connection of all the items listed. We hope to offer suggestions on ways the decision-making on the upgrade can be designed to enage with many local residents, helping them to gain a sense of ownership of those decisions.

- Install digital signage... to help keep the community up-to-date with important <...>

  We suggest the wording of this item be changed from “up-to-date with important issues” to “up-to-date with important non-commercial community events”.
  - The term “issues” suggest the signs might be used to convey complex discussion material, which could be less than objective and of little interest to many.
  - It is important to understand that local board funding will not be used for any commercial or political purpose, even to promote local retail businesses or political groups.

  New digital signage has potential benefits beyond its delivery of inforamation, if
  - The local board co-designs with residents a method of including community-led decision-making of the selection of material to be displayed

A Proposed Added Item

The current list of 4 “projects planned for 2026/2027” does not explain how the available funding will be distributed, but we hope that these 4 items can be delivered plus one more:

Outcome Goal:

- Residents feel more empowered and engaged with local governance matters that most affect them.

Action:

- Start work to establish local-board-and-community partnerships that allow and encourage collective input into decision-making, with a controlled expansion of the scope. The scope can be very limited to start – perhaps only “footpaths” – and then expanded, with experience, to include more local transport topics, and other topics that may be mutually agreed.

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#4827

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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Support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei 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**

Need investment in improving our water quality at St Heliers Beach. Water Quality only going to get worse with infill housing occurring, if it can't even be managed now, during the summer months. Management of Dingle Dell, St Heliers flooding occurring at the bottom. Gabion wall at Glendowie Bay (Roberta Park) needs fixing urgently, rather than putting more money into the Landing. Continuation of removal of asbestos from Glendowie Bay. Day lighting Glendowie Stream, to reduce flooding of Glendowie Stream on Roberta Shops, residential area. Also look at Crossfield Road Area, to fix flooding. And Roberta Avenue area within Glendowie to reduce wastewater overflow events.

**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.**

Do not support

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Please see above reasons.

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

St Heliers and Glendowie Infrastructure, please upgrade to accommodate the level of intensification proposed under Plan Change 120.

Looking after our parks; commercial areas - everything looks like there is no care anymore. Unless its a health and safety issue, there is no care. Parks and road corridors look unkept, over grown with weeds. Very little ongoing maintenance or care shown.

Would also like better care for our footpaths. No to cheap chip seal on our residential streets. No to night works from Auckland Transport, in residential areas.

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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Support most

**Tell us why**

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Given the need to keep the rate increase as low as possible, I accept the need to trim spending

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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Ōrākei

### Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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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)**

Each of the proposed changes will enhance 1. sports facilities for all 2. The environment will benefit including cleaner air, more birds and lovely peaceful areas for all, 3. Sensible decision given the circumstances 4. Excellent idea and it will be well used by the community.

## Question 4: Other feedback

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I think Auckland Council provides many benefits for me as a ratepayer and I am grateful.

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As above

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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.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#4835**

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**Organisation:** St. Heliers / Glendowie Residents Association

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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- **Water**
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**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?**

I object to the proposed rates increase of 7.9%. It is inflationary and unaffordable for most residential households, particularly as it coincides with a fuel crisis which will further impact the cost of living and job retention for many households. Council should instead find additional savings and/or reduce expenditure on nice to have items, prioritising instead essential issues such as upgrading old, failing and ineffective water, drainage, and sewage infrastructure.

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

The Orakei Local Board Plan is very high-level which makes it difficult to assess the feasibikity and merits of the proposed options. There is also no commentary on the progress of earlier plans/projects which would signal how successful the OLB has been in executing its previous plans. For example, in the 2025/26 plan, the OLB had 'Develop an ACTION PLAN to improve the environment at Dingle Dell Reserve and access to the Reserve.' There is no sign of a formal action plan and the item has been omitted from the 2026/27 plan. This is not an acceptable management approcah to the management of key assets within the OLB's remit and also fails to meet acceptable repoting standards.

**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.**

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)

Priority 1. I support the proposal to increase community-use sports fields for both sports and non-sporting reacreational and/or community activities.

Priority 2 (a) I support this priority but note that the OLB has not delivered on similarly worded projects previously most notably the development of an action plan for Dingle Dell. I would like to see a detailed plan for Dingle Dell which recognises its community, environmental, climate and (storm)water catchment features.

Local residents have already developed / drafted use plans and provided supporting information to improve the quality of the Dingle Dell environment and its knock-on effects on the water quality at St Heliers Beach and these should be taken into account in the development of the action plan.

Priority 2 (b)As part of the action plan for Dingle Dell and recognising its essential function in protecting the St. Heliers beach by managing and limiting the release of dirty water into the beach, I would like to see a feasibility study of the immediately surrounding water, drainage and sewage infrastructure with a view for factoring these into any action plan.

Priority 2 (c) On the basis that 'Our reserves and open spaces are one of the most vital resources in Orakei, I would like to see the OLB taking a more considered and restrictive approach to providing land-owner consent to commercial and semi-commercial and other use activities on Vellenoweth Green so as to preserve its legislated function as an open space, passive recreational space. Further, OLB should limit its land-owner approval for events of all types on Vellenoweth Green which entail full or partial closures of Tamaki Drive which negatively impact legitimate hospitality and retail businesses in Mission Bay, Kohimarama and St. Heliers.

Priority 2 (d). Although not referenced in the OLB's plan, there has previously been discussion by OLB about developing the sand strip between Tamaki Yacht Club and Okahu Bay. I am against this proposal on the basis that there is no demand for an additional beach and scarce resources should first be directed at managing and developing existing resources.

## 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)

The OLB Plan for 2026/27 is rather light on details which makes providing feedback challenging. I would expect to see more granular information provided to the community for debate prior to any commitment of available resources.

Best practice is for annual plans to have consistent long-term themes and only the projects or priorities changing each year. I would recommend this approcah is adopted in future,

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

- **Regional transport plans**
- **Water service strategies**
- **Auckland's spatial plan**
- **Our 2027–2037 long-term plan, which will set funding priorities for regional and local priorities listed below.**

**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

| Rank | Area |
|---|---|
| 4 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
| 5 | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
| 1 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| 6 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| 3 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |

| | |
|---|---|
| 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?**

I would like Council to prioritise underground infrastructure to support both existing and new neighbourhoods. It is unacceptable that local, popualr beaches along Tamaki Drive should be so frequently red or black-flagged as being hazardous to health to either swim or even enter the waters.

## 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?**

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.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4861

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## 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:**

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- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

- **Introduction of a refuse bin/bag exchange fee**

- **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?**

Ōtara-Papatoetoe

### Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing 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?**

I don't know

**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.**

I don’t know

**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.**

I don't know

**C. Reduce discretionary spending on community grants, community and/or environment projects.**

I don't know

**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).**

I don't know

**E. Charge adult visitors from outside the local board area at Ōtara Pool and Leisure Centre and Papatoetoe Centennial Pool (PCP).**

I don't know

**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?**

I don't know

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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| 3 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 5 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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### Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#4883**

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?**

I do not agree with any increase to parking charges.

I think the food scrap bins should be scrapped

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

I do not support any more high density building in this area.

There are flood plain issues to be dealt with

**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.**

**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.**

Do not support

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Pest management is a priority for council. we need more sophisticated bait and trap management especially around the swamp areas and the basin. this is high priority.

the green space around the Remuera library is fine. we do not need a playground with hard surfaces. trees and grass are pleasant. there are other green areas closeby.

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

| Rank | Area |
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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |

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| 4 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| 2 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 1 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Transport and flood resilience are very important.

we must keep the drains cleared and manage any growth with infrastructure to handle the water and sewerage and maintain aging water pipes.

this is key.

hospitals are struggling with the enormous growth.

we must limit growth and stop council approving large multi storied apartments which will destroy the unique city we have. I know of a large multi story apartment block planned near the domain which will add thousands of cars in an area already struggling. stop being greedy for growth and support what exists. look at the mess that Westfield large shopping centre has done to small businesses. many existing businesses have gone broke and the bottle neck that this has caused for traffic. Learn from your mistakes. PLEASE DO NOT APPROVE LARGE DEVELOPMENTS THAT WILL NEGATIVELY IMPACT OUR CITY,

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in

the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,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.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4926

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment and changes to 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.**

I don’t know

**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.**

I don’t know

**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)**

remuera playground - it seems like this will be only be used for a limited number of people and the money could be spent elsewhere which could benefit the wider community

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**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?**

More services and activities for young families (ideally free), especially with the cost of living and petrol atm which causes a lot of strain. Also development of safe outdoor spaces for the youth - dare i say I'm for the proposted pump track, however I don't feel that glendowie park is the best spot for it. Developing this in crossfield road seems to be a better bet.

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#4952**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** Ellerslie Business Association Inc

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Ellerslie Business Association Incorporated (EBA) supports businesses and economic growth in the Ellerslie Business Improvement District area (Ellerslie Village).

EBA fully support the focus on 'strengthening Council finances & Auckland's physical resilience'.

We also strongly support 'investing where it is needed most to meet the needs of our growing communities'. This is very relevant for the Ellerslie town centre which is near rail & bus transport, and just off the motorway,. Proposed P120 changes will likely see significant growth in the Ellerslie area, in addition to a number of large housing projects already underway (e.g. The Fletcher Living Hill Developement). Planning & infrastructure investment, to support this growth, (particularly in transport, water & council services), is crucial. We recognise the importance of Auckland Council's prioritising the investment in Transport & Water for all of Auckland.

Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities is essential - EBA strongly supports this priority. There are varied communities within each local board area. We work closely with our local board to support & improve local businesses and the area, in addition to helping foster a strong local community through events & initiatives. Collaboration enables more effective & appropriate delivery of local activities & services.

Business Rates. Businesses in Auckland have struggled for the last few years (some even as far back as Covid lockdowns) with increases in costs to do business (freight, wages, supplies etc) while customers have less in their pockets to spend. It is not a coincidence that the rate base in the business sector didn't grow as fast as the non-business sector for 2025/2026. EBA are concerned about the overall rates increase for the average-value business property being forecast to be 9.84 per cent for 2026/2027 instead of the LTP forecast of 8.22 per cent. Small businesses are particularly impacted by the compounding effect of increases in rates and charges, (including an increase of 7.2% in Watercare's wastewater tariffs), and continually rising business operating costs. The current fuel crisis adds to their financial pressure. We ask that Auckland Council is mindful of the difficult economic conditions facing Auckland businesses, when finalising the business rate increase.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## 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

The Ellerslie Business Association stongly support the Orakei Local Board to 'Continue to deliver the local services, projects and programmes that are important to our community' in 2026/27.

EBA asks that the Orakei Local Board continues to seek business/business association feedback on relevant planned Ellerslie infrastructure changes, to ensure any negative impacts are minimised, and that the Orakei Local Board continues to collaborate with EBA to help improve and grow Ellerslie Village & foster stronger community connections in the Ellerslie area through targetted initiatives & events.

Although a small part of the Orakei Local Board area, Ellerslie has a vocal & strong local residential & business community. We look forward to working with the Orakei Local Board in 2026/27 to support the needs of our area.

EBA wish to confirm our support of the passing of the BID targeted rate for the Ellerslie BID area – as disclosed in the supporting information section of the Annual Budget consultation. The successful delivery of the BID programme ensures continuous improvement of Ellerslie Village & targeted support for local businesses and landowners to promote economic growth.

### 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)

These additional services & changes to services will enhance the communities within the Orakei Local Board 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)

N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

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- **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 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
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| 4 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 5 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Town Centre services (reliable delivery of key services such as rubbish removal, street cleaning etc) & economic development.

Planning for future develpement in town centres including minimising impacts on exisiting businesses,

## 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?**

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.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4966

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

- **Transport**
- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

**Individual rates increase will vary by property type and value. Use our online rates guide to find out the proposed rates for your property.**

**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

The biggest issues likes, rates, infrastructure, traffic, housing etc, are MILES above (in importance)pithy little things in the local community that are neither here nor there, and as such should have given almost all attention.

## 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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- **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?

I strongly resent having an increase in my rates (for example) for things (like rail) which I will never use - esp when people don't do their jobs properly and stuff up the budgeting.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

### 1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

### Tell us why

I don't like the scale offered above.  You (deliberately of course) leave no room for 50:50 in order to skew survey answers. Many ratepayers will be 50:50....

### 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)**

All of these are a waste of ratepayers money (or should be funded by private organisations( when their are more pressing things to spend out money on...

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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I will be taking my family out of Auckland at the first possible opportunity...

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
(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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| 1 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
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| 2 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 5 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

No traffic jams, less housing development,.

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#4978**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Rates are far too expensive now and struggling to pay, Council are incompetent in keeping prices down for utility expenses

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?**

Shouldnt be the rate payer all the time that incurs these expenses

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Aotea/Great Barrier,Ōrākei,Waiheke

## Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

rates are far too expensive now and struggling to pay, Council are incompetent in keeping prices down for utility expenses

**2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment and changes to services?**

**A. Improvements to the library service including additional programmes.**

Support

**B. Partnering with mana whenua and community on the coordination and engagement of island fisheries management and local Ahu Moana marine projects.**

Do not support

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Maori mostly are incompetent and only want money for free

## Ōrākei 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**

ates are far too expensive now and struggling to pay, Council are incompetent in keeping prices down for utility expenses

**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.**

Other

**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.**

Do not support

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Need to keep costs down at present so Rates dont go up

## Waiheke 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**

ates are far too expensive now and struggling to pay, Council are incompetent in keeping prices down for utility expenses

# Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**

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## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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| | **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?**

Economic development and keep rates down

## 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.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#5019**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

I don't think this any real link needs of such a big amount of funding as not a big percentage of people take the train or use the real system 7.9% of the range of 7 to 8.5% rate increase is far too large of a jump and it is not ethical especially for people who are already struggling to keep afloat,

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Albert-Eden

## Albert-Eden Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

I think there is more important problems to attend to compared to fixing libraries than providing help and opportunities to members of communities that need them

**2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment and changes to services, fees and charges?**

**A. Restoration planning for Waititiko / Meola Creek, to leverage the improvements in water quality that will be achieved through the Central Interceptor.**

**B. Investigating how to respond to future growth expected in our area.**

**C. Trialling free off-peak access for Gold Card holders to swim at Mt Albert Aquatic Centre.**

**3. Kingsland Business Society Inc is proposing to expand the geographic boundary of its Business Improvement District programme to include areas around the north end of Morningside Drive, and to increase the amount of targeted rate funds to be collected**

**from $245,000 to $370,000 per year. If it is successful, ratepayers of business properties located within the BID expansion area will be required to pay the associated BID targeted rate. Do you support this proposal?**

**Tell us why**

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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| 4 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
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| 5 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

More specificity. Please be less vague with your goals so judgments can be made by the community without potentially misunderstanding what they are supporting.

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5024

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

I think that public transport is really important along with their communities I would also like to see more support for those in need so if local community/board connections was focused on those who really needed it e.g., putting food on table is more accessible education more general support

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I think that that is important at 7.9% property rate isn't impacting they're struggling also it's important to consider that so many people in Auckland don't engage with the city center as it is so geographically large it's unfair for those in the wait a ranges to be paying a 7.9 percent increase when they have very little to do with the city 7% increase is still really significant and the difference in quality of food or being able to afford those sources. Also the business tax makes me worried for small businesses new Zealand is made up of many small businesses and these could be extremely harmful possibly causing them to shut down and also worry that rental rates will induce homelessness as living becomes more unaffordable. It doesn't matter if a few people have a nice new rail link that give many more people are living with a greater financial burden and possibly win the streets. We have been fine without the rail link so we will continue to be fine.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

### 1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I don't think building a playground is the most important things to consider, I like the restoration and pest control ideas. Sports centres is not my main priority right now because of the general

### 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.**

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**C. Changing the Meadowbank Community Centre project to a self-funded community centre to capitalise on existing investment and resources.**

**D. Construct a playground Remuera Library to optimise the under-used green space at the side of the building.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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I would just like to focus more on poverty and homelessness new Zealand has a considerable wealth divide and I feel like a lot of

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
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| 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?**

Cultural heritage, reducing flood risk, reducing waste, protecting local environments, more community support for those in need, e.g., food bank clothing drive school supplies and underprivileged kids, period products.

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.,Other (please specify):Homelessness

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5027

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

I think its really important to build sustainable infrastructure for the future.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?**

I think that a 7% rates rise is too high.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Albert-Eden

### Albert-Eden Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

**2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment and changes to services, fees and charges?**

**A. Restoration planning for Waititiko / Meola Creek, to leverage the improvements in water quality that will be achieved through the Central Interceptor.**

**B. Investigating how to respond to future growth expected in our area.**

**C. Trialling free off-peak access for Gold Card holders to swim at Mt Albert Aquatic Centre.**

**3. Kingsland Business Society Inc is proposing to expand the geographic boundary of its Business Improvement District programme to include areas around the north end of Morningside Drive, and to increase the amount of targeted rate funds to be collected from $245,000 to $370,000 per year. If it is successful, ratepayers of business properties located within the BID expansion area will be required to pay the associated BID targeted rate. Do you support this proposal?**

**Tell us why**

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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- **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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| 4 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
| 5 | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
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| 1 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 6 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

I think affordable accessible and reliable is extremely important especially as Auckland continues to grow.

## 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.,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.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5029

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

I think a more focused plan on transport in the communities would be really good as many Aucklanders do use public transport and many local communities to have their own specific issues that need specific needs

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I think this is a good change but maybe taxing a higher income household might be better as taxing busses at one point two million the residents living there might not be in a good financial situation and can sustain these households, Also Lower their days are getting very expensive maybe decrease it? 7.9 percent might be difficult for some households.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

### 1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I think there might be other issues to be addressing other than making new playgrounds but I do think the digital signage idea is very intriguing and could help a lot

### 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.**

**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.**

**C. Changing the Meadowbank Community Centre project to a self-funded community centre to capitalise on existing investment and resources.**

**D. Construct a playground Remuera Library to optimise the under-used green space at the side of the building.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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I think the city rail link might need to be spent up a bit on or need a little less funding as this has been a project that has been in the works for a long time and perhaps more funding for transport like busses could help a bit more

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### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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| 6 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 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?**

I think prioritizing the economic development of Auckland That would be a good idea as the economy in Auckland isn't looking too good just give me an idea supporting more industries in New Zealand are working on improving the economy would be good. Working on places in Auckland That already exists and need updates is very important. I feel like the roads and transport have been prioritized heavily in the past few years and it seems to have gotten better and maybe we should move on. Just making sure our communities are safe and tidy would be good.

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.,Other (please specify):When it comes to events maybe keep events affordable and More funding to things that everyone in Auckland can feel free to use

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5030

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Because the city rail link will help making using the train easier. However, the rates increase is a bit big and I think it should be lower. Also the rail link wont connects as many buses as we need.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

I do not really have an opinion. On the other rates, as they are not as high as 7.9% or significantly higher than the past

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

I think it covers a good range of things.

**2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment and changes to services?**

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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| 3 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 1 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

We should considering putting focus on flood resilience because of the amounts of floods that have happened in the last few years.

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#5033**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Transport is very important in the local boards especially. I just want more focus on events and concerts The increase is a lot 7.9%. I don't know about that. Public not much opinion on CRL and having to pay rates.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Dont make the Meadowbank CC self-funded please

**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.**

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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| 5 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| 3 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 6 | **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?**

Concerts, bike paths, funding community led initiatives, parks and green spaces

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#5040**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

I think this plan will be beneficial to our community, however I'm hesitant that about $235 million cost of the CRL.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Increase in housing rates (7%-8.5%) feels like a very large increase that might make living harder for a lot of kiwis. Is there an alternate source this money could come from.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Unsure about what 'continued investment in growing parks and playgrounds' entails.

**2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment and changes to services?**

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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| 2 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 3 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Lower Auckland transport rates

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,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

#5049

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

There should be more focus on the transport that already exists such as buses and trains that are already in use instead of just starting again with the city rail link. Buses + trains reliability needs to be improved. I want that improved more than the city rail link. I use buses every day and something needs to change.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I think it is so unreasonable to ask for such a significant increase. People are just getting by as cost of livings continue to increase. This funding will be yearly and it is unhealthy to enforce of the people of Auckland

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

### 1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

### Tell us why

Spending 2.5 million on sport fields is crazy. Maybe don't do that? Maybe spend it on hours and updating its services

### 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.**

**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.**

**C. Changing the Meadowbank Community Centre project to a self-funded community centre to capitalise on existing investment and resources.**

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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Maybe try and invest on keeping our area safer? I feel scared/unsafe to be in Orakei at night.

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
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| 2 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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| 6 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| 3 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 4 | **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?**

The specific council activities I want is free buses please. It's so expensive no one wants to ride the bus for $3, sometimes its cheaper to use a limescooter, like cmon.

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5050

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei 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 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.**

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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## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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| 4 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

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.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5051

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

I support the water investments as this is something that is ever going and constant. However, the transport is something I am unsure about. This is because the population is increasing, which means there will be more cones on the road, which also means people will take public transport. Increasing this cost for public transport, will cause more issues

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

### 1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

### Tell us why

I like how the local board is focusing on new initiatives as well as focusing on reinforcing old ones. This brings a nice balance.

### 2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment and changes to services?

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

I think economy development and events should be prioritised as the population/immigration is increasing, and Auckland's economy and tourism should grow proportionately.

## 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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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5054

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

I would love for a better train system. It makes AKL a better competitive system to international

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

7.9% is a lot for people that don't use city link that much. Increase rate for kind owner in.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

I think we can promote these improvement now

**2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment and changes to services?**

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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N/A

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### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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| 5 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

1. I like culture heritage

2. I like the bus (83) can we run it a bit more?

3. I enjoy using the park a whole lot

4. I also boost economic but if it makes us more competitive to Aus, sure

5. I wasnt personally impacted

6. I think we should

## 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.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#5055**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Transport on water is very important that you should put into account that this will leave a negative financial impact in Auckland economy as consumer spending from households will decrease as they will be saving money to put in increased rates this can lead to negative impacts on businesses and possibly reduce employment

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Our economy is already hurting. Maybe you should focus on helping businesses to improve or to increase unemployment and then people can actually afford to pay extra fees

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Mostly focused on things that families and children would benefit from

**2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment and changes to services?**

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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A better balance on capital and expenditure spending

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Auckland economy should come first as tourism supports businesses which creates employments and allows households to have an increase in income. This results in the council being able to collect more fees to spend on other important factors like planning infrastructure to manage growth transport and resilience etc.

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5056

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

The transport system is gradual to the correct allocated funds to develop a coordinated system. Infrastructure development is crucial and the risky size of residential development. I disagree with individual rights increase for rail link This should not depend on property size should be spread across other budgets.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

An increase of 8-9% rates on average value in residential property is bad. This is rate created by reckless spondy and will create significant further financial stress for families and should be paid by government collaboration and cut all council budget.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei 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 key areas of additional investment and changes to services?**

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**D. Construct a playground Remuera Library to optimise the under-used green space at the side of the building.**

**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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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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| 4 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
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| 5 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Planning and infrastructure is essential as there is a clear sudden increase in population density in Auckland and all our current infrastructure is not equipped to handle. Developing economic development at events is incredibly important as it will strengthen the economy and deliver further tourism.

## 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.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5057

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

I think a rates increase where the effect will trickle down into low income, already strained renters/owners is horrible. Should target higher portfolio earners more.

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Dont have enough info

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Think that a even larger investment in green spaces is needed

**2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment and changes to services?**

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**D. Construct a playground Remuera Library to optimise the under-used green space at the side of the building.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
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| 4 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 5 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Encouraging people to use parks, community spaces and being in our environment I think greater connection for these spaces e.g., public transport is vital

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#5058**

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Not a huge fan of increased property rates but I understand why it might be necessary

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Making Meadowbank community centre see if funded is not the best decision in my opnion

**2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment and changes to services?**

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## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Ensuring that new infrastructure and land deals are made with sustainability in mind. Also maybe finding a new way to make housing and apartments more affordable.

## 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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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5061

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Until the rates discussion, I could see reason. But once it was highlighted how home/business owners will be facing the brunt, it does not seem worth it.

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

As a child of a single mother, whom is a homeowner and never trains, this sounds highly unfair on her.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

### 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**

Focus on community is so awesome. No obvious flaws in this proposal.

**2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment and changes to services?**

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Please keep our beautiful natural world in your focus

## 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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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#5062**

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## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

I support the initiatives and priorities. However, the rates changes are not targeted towards the right groups. Businesses in the CBD should have larger rate increases especially over small business who do not interact with the CBD.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

I am opposed to increases in residential parking fees, but support all other fees

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## 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**

**2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment and changes to services?**

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## Question 4: Other feedback

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5064

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## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

I don't think increasing rates to run the city rail link is a justified response. It's just going to be an inconvenience on day to day life.

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

I think they are reasonable and would contribute to helping our community.

**2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment and changes to services?**

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**D. Construct a playground Remuera Library to optimise the under-used green space at the side of the building.**

**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?

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

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- **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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| 5 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |

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| 2 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 4 | **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?**

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#5070**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

- **Transport**
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- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

I think investment in LBs are important so budget is allocated to a wide variety of areas, hopefully in an equitable fashion. Focus on transport and water is nice.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **Changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas**
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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Why do we need to increase homeowner rates? I think there is a better way to tax rich? For transport to be better quality and CBD to flourish, but rent increase. Homelessness.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

### Ōrākei 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 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.**

**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.**

**C. Changing the Meadowbank Community Centre project to a self-funded community centre to capitalise on existing investment and resources.**

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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N/A

## 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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| 4 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |

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|---|---|
| 2 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 5 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

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?**

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5071

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** Youth of Orakei

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?**

I felt like a rate increase of 7.9 percent is quite high and in this economy put a strain on households including to decrease spending increase cost of rent. Also like improving public transport is vital for the economy also realized to get to school work lowers productivity. Being more consistent with their closures

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Parks/playgrounds important

**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.**

**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.**

**C. Changing the Meadowbank Community Centre project to a self-funded community centre to capitalise on existing investment and resources.**

**D. Construct a playground Remuera Library to optimise the under-used green space at the side of the building.**

**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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rates should not be significantly increased, could be lower

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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- **Water service strategies**
- **Auckland's spatial plan**
- **Our 2027–2037 long-term plan, which will set funding priorities for regional and local priorities listed below.**

**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

| Rank | Area |
|---|---|
| 4 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
| 3 | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
| 2 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |

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| 5 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| 1 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 6 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

I feel like infrastructure and also transport being on time because thousands are affected by delays. Also many businesses in the city are like closing down which makes more people I know visit more places like Newmarket. Also like safety and city there are lots of homeless people and crime.

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#5079**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

I appreciate the support to local boards and the recognition of their response to the  local boards and the recognition of their response to the community. Water infrastructure is another vital. Though I am unsatisfied with the time and cost development of transport infrastructure takes. City rail link also causes rate increases significantly straining already struggling Aucklanders.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?

If money from the introduction of a refuse bin/bag exchange fee can go towards supporting sewage infrastructure then that's positive. On the other hand an increase to parking permit fees has a massive impact on cost of living and the accessibility of these places to Aucklanders

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

### 1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I appreciate a continuation of local services, projects and programmes. Other investments fall flat seeming so costly and unimpactful.

### 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.**

**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.**

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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Continue to invest in our natural environment by investing in water infrastructure and local reserves. Extending on natural reserves please invest in wheel chair accessibility within our reserves and greater Auckland. As a renter please help make rent affordable by limiting rates.

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

There are a myriad of activities and services Auckland Council can prioritise to alleviate financial strain and boosting hauora for Aucklanders. Support free recreation and community services for the use of Aucklanders in expensive times. Another free event which is the highlight for many Aucklanders are the movies in the park. Aucklanders also really enjoy our low cost gyms like GI pools. This supports wellbeing physically but they also serve as spaces for Aucklanders to socialise over sport.

## 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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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#5138**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

With the main reason for the average 7.9% increase being due to: "$235 million yearly cost to run and own the council's share of the City Rail Link", I will be interested in measurements over the coming years of the efficiencies and other benefits of the development. While initially sceptical, I sincerely hope for our city's sake that the benefits can be shown to more than justify this huge yearly running and ownership expense.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Ōrākei

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Feedback:

### 1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

### Tell us why

"I especially support the following Board statements

- “partnering with mana whenua and community groups on restoration**food resilience plantingand environmental education**

## 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)

p. 12: Under “economic and cultural development” I note with concern omission of the Auckland War Memorial Museum. I hope the Council plans to make adequate additional provision for the Museum, especially with their large additional costs for asbestos removal – a cost beyond their control.

p. 12: I support the statement about the Auckland Future Fund Trustee Limited board achieving a satisfactory long-term average annual return – but think that a single figure of “7.24 per cent” is not appropriate. Why not instead propose a more aspirational return – eg, “GREATER THAN 7.5%”.

# Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

These are 6 key priorities for which progress is essential. Prioritisation is of course challenging, especially with costs required for some items (eg, transport) necessarily exceeding realistic

allocations to other priorities.  But all 6 need to be progressed – ie, #6 must still be effectively funded.

## Question 6: City centre

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**#• supporting local sports clubs and facilities to strengthen participation and collaboration"**

**In particular I request the Board's endorsement and partial funding of the community-led proposal (championed by Charmaine Vaughan) to construct a professionally designed mountain bike trail in the upper part of Apirana Reserve. This will provide young people with a much-needed outdoor recreation venue, with the added benefit of replacing current illegal construction of bike trails in restoration forests – as is a current problem just across the boundary in Ōrākei Local Board.**

**"**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:**

A. Environmental initiatives – working alongside mana whenua on restoration projects, expanding food resilience and edible planting programmes, and reinstating deferred environmental education activities.

**Local Board:**

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

B. Sport and recreation – providing one-off operational support to local sports clubs and facilities to strengthen participation and collaboration.

**Tell us why**

N/A

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

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- **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?**

C. Libraries and culture – enhancing programming for seniors and increasing investment in creative and cultural activities.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

I especially support the following Board statement

"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"

In particular, as Chair of Friends of Churchill Park Society Inc. (FoCP), I support the completion of the full planting plan for Churchill Park. We request that funding be allocated to implement the

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**In particular I request the Board's endorsement and partial funding of the community-led proposal (championed by Charmaine Vaughan) to construct a professionally designed mountain bike trail in the upper part of Apirana Reserve. This will provide young people with a much-needed outdoor recreation venue, with the added benefit of replacing current illegal construction of bike trails in restoration forests – as is a current problem just across the boundary in Ōrākei Local Board.**
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balance of the Council's Resource Consent for removal of the remaining pines and phoenix palms in the "Glen Oaks Gully", and for revegetation with natives.

On p. 33 I refer to:

"continued investment in growing and protecting our parks and playgrounds."

On behalf of FoCP, I request that development of Glendowie Park as a new facility for BMX riders be funded in 2026/27 FYR plans subject to the outcome of related technical feasibility investigations and consultation. This development is urgently needed to provide appropriate recreational facilities for young people, to replace their current illegal misuse and destruction of restored forests for bike tracks at Churchill Park, Glovers Park, etc.

Outside of any stated plan, I request that the Local Board consult with Ngāti Paoa to adopt an accompanying Māori name for Churchill Park, and consider erection of a pou at the Park's summit to commemorate the mass signing in 1840 of Te Tiriti at nearby Karaka Bay. Assuming that Ngāti Paoa is supportive, the pou could be potentially funded out of the $16 M allocated by Council for "Māori outcomes" (p. 12)

**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.**

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**C. Changing the Meadowbank Community Centre project to a self-funded community centre to capitalise on existing investment and resources.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

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- **Our 2027–2037 long-term plan, which will set funding priorities for regional and local priorities listed below.**

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(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

| Rank | Area |
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| D. Community safety and emergency readiness – exploring additional compliance officer resourcing in areas with limited coverage. | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
| | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
| E. Local economy - supporting business associations to continue supporting | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |

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| local businesses and ongoing growth, development and liven-up our town centres. | |
| | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about) | **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?**

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?

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## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Tell us why

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5200

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

The auckland council should focus less on built enviroment and a little less on community to foucs more on other important things

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

I think that the rates should not be increaseed as many families already have huge taxes applied to their earnings and struggle to pay a lot more

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

I feel that it meets the priortites of the focuses that I had places in the important categorys

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

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### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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| | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
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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?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5212

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Property tax is too expensive.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?**

Eliminate food waste bins, or waive fees for non-use

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?**

**A. Environmental initiatives – working alongside mana whenua on restoration projects, expanding food resilience and edible planting programmes, and reinstating deferred environmental education activities.**

**B. Sport and recreation – providing one-off operational support to local sports clubs and facilities to strengthen participation and collaboration.**

**C. Libraries and culture – enhancing programming for seniors and increasing investment in creative and cultural activities.**

**D. Community safety and emergency readiness – exploring additional compliance officer resourcing in areas with limited coverage.**

**E. Local economy - supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, development and liven-up our town centres.**

**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?**

**Tell us why**

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
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| 1 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 6 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

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.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5213

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

I oppose the introduction of trash can fees (considering that property tax has already been imposed).

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?**

**A. Environmental initiatives – working alongside mana whenua on restoration projects, expanding food resilience and edible planting programmes, and reinstating deferred environmental education activities.**

**B. Sport and recreation – providing one-off operational support to local sports clubs and facilities to strengthen participation and collaboration.**

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**E. Local economy - supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, development and liven-up our town centres.**

**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?**

**Tell us why**

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**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?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,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.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5237

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Water and transport is important

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?**

I dont really like this increase in residental properties

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

I like it, I agree

**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.**

**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.**

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**D. Construct a playground Remuera Library to optimise the under-used green space at the side of the building.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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### Q5: 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?**

I want you to priortise nz education as well as enivroments and growing the auckland economy

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#5248**

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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Support most

**Tell us why**

City planning has been quite considered. But, there is always room for improvement and greater efficiencies.

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Rates need to be frozen. Fixed. Spending needs greater control. Value for money must be priority. Sewerage schemes need back-up systems to switch over to for maintenance, to avoid the Wellington chaos and catastrophe.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

I feel that intensive, high density housing developments are over-whelming and risk creating ghettos of the future. There are too many cars, and many parked on grass berms.

**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.**

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**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?**

**Tell us why**

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Value for money is key. Also, please prioritise keeping road markings refreshed. Especially pedestrian crossings

Create a Burning Rubbish Plant to Make Electricity

I suggest Council investigate the Norwegian system for deposing of city rubbish. Perhaps commission their expertise to establish a plant here in Auckland (on outskirts).

Create more intensive high-rise hpusing in smaller town Centres, Such as Glen Innes Mayfair place, by purchasing run-down properties for redevelopment and renting

shops at ground level.

Ban petrol cars from Queen Street. EV cars, buses, etc. only

Identify and promote unique characteristics of each suburb, and promote these as key places to visit. ie: Onehunga, Mt Eden Village, Devonport village, Howick, and so forth. Reduce cars choking motorways. Special lanes for buses to improve the flow

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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?

1) Graffiti Vandalism

Harsher penalties; Zero tolerance. Mandatory jail sentence (one year) - including painting out graffiti on a chain-gang-system. Rewards for people name offenders, and penalties for parents or

others who knowingly house offenders. Search warrant powers for police, for suspects. Harsher penalties for offenders who deface and scratch bus windows, bus stop shelters or break glass in them. High fines.

2) Homelessness - zero tolerance

A targeted, proactive, humanitarian team is required. And special facilities provided - such as caravan parks/tent shelters where rough sleepers can be taken for emergency accommodation and wrap-around support. The Army could be engaged to help set this up and gradually train residents to run it themselves

under supervision, and backed up by police. An emergency location could be Cornwall Park. Well organised . I suggest a policy of ZERO tolerance for this increasing problem. 'Moving people on' is ineffectual. Council should create a special team to engege wit the homeless and take them immediately to special locations for shelter and assessment. Obviously, the above suggestions would promote Law & Order, in addition to creating a more

pleasant city environment. Helping less fortunate people to improve their lives is the responsibility. Of us all, and with education. (The 'haves & have nots'). The causes of their plight are many and complex. Rough sleepers gravitate in large numbers to Auckland because of our, milder climate.

## 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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*What specific council activities or services do you want us to prioritise, and why?*

SUMMARY

(1) Graffiti Vandalism

I suggest a policy of ZERO tolerance with harsher penalties and fines . . . i.e. A mandatory jail sentence of one year with hard labour – including painting out graffiti as part of a chain-gang system using prisoners as labour (as in USA).

Offer rewards for those who name suspect offenders, and penalties for parents or others who house offenders knowingly. And also provide police with search warrant powers as back up enforcement.

Equally, harsher penalties for offenders who deface and scratch bus and train windows, bus shelter windows, or breakages of glass in them; and extended jail time for repeat offenders.

(2) Homelessness

I suggest a policy of ZERO tolerance for this increasing problem. 'Moving people on' is ineffectual. Council should create *a special team to* engage with the homeless and take them immediately to special locations for shelter and assessment.

A targeted, humanitarian approach that is proactive. Special location facilities could include creating new caravan parks, with tents and cabins, a kitchen, and assessment office.
The Army could be engaged to help set this up and gradually train residents to run it themselves under supervision, and backed up by police. An emergency location could be Cornwall Park.

WHY?

Obviously, the above suggestions would promote Law & Order, in addition to creating a more pleasant city environment. Helping less fortunate people to improve their lives is the responsibility of us all, and with education. (The 'haves & have nots'). The causes of their plight are many and complex. Rough sleepers gravitate in large numbers to Auckland because of our, milder climate.

FINALLY

Create a Burning Rubbish Plant to Make Electricity

I suggest Council investigate the *Norwegian* system for deposing of city rubbish. Perhaps commission their expertise to establish a plant here in Auckland (on outskirts).

Create more intensive high-rise housing in smaller town Centres

Such as Glen Innes Mayfair place, by purchasing run-down properties for redevelopment and renting shops at ground level.

Thank you

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#5340**

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Compared to the fact that public transportation is not used much, there are many bus routes that are unnecessary.

In particular, I think the newly built Pakuranga Road is useless.

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

The tenant uses the trash bags, so I don't understand why they are included in the landlord's rate and I have to pay for them.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki 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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**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?**

**Tell us why**

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Too many houses are being built in environments where parking spaces are lacking.

Public transportation is underutilized, and there are too many bus routes.

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5347

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**Tell us why**

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

overall agree but not sure about the increase in residential parking permit fees in specific areas.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

investing in transportation improvement is really needed in Auckland.

**2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?**

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transport - we need improvements in this section to encourage people to use public transport over using their own cars.

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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?**

Waitematā

## Waitematā Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

**Tell us why**

**2. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels, fees and charges?**

**A. Reduce library hours at Central City, Little Leys, Grey Lynn and Parnell Libraries.**

Do not support

**B. Reduce maintenance for bollard and post-and-rail.**

Support

**C. Reduce community grant funding and accommodation grant funding.**

Do not support

**D. Increase fees for adult swim fees at council pools by up to $3.**

Do not support

**E. Reduce funding for environmental management activities.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Do not support

## Question 4: Other feedback

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Cleaning up the Hauraki Gulf

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

transport, big issue with productivity efficacy- traffic jams

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Not great, bag exchange and residential parking

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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## 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.,Other (please specify):cost of living

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5394

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

N/A

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
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**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.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5417

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Does not affect me to an extent apart from the CRL and I disagree with ATs management of the trains/bus network

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

The increase does not affect me positively

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

### Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment and changes to 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.**

**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.**

**C. Changing the Meadowbank Community Centre project to a self-funded community centre to capitalise on existing investment and resources.**

**D. Construct a playground Remuera Library to optimise the under-used green space at the side of the building.**

**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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N/A

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

The roads as a lot of them have been under construction for years

## Question 6: City centre

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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.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5424

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

N/A

**Tell us why**

N/A

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Waitematā

## Waitematā Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

**Tell us why**

**2. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels, fees and charges?**

**A. Reduce library hours at Central City, Little Leys, Grey Lynn and Parnell Libraries.**

I don’t know

**B. Reduce maintenance for bollard and post-and-rail.**

Support

**C. Reduce community grant funding and accommodation grant funding.**

Do not support

**D. Increase fees for adult swim fees at council pools by up to $3.**

Support

**E. Reduce funding for environmental management activities.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

I don’t know

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5431

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## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

the 7.9% rates increase will place strain on families.

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Not good for low income families

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Transport because its so unreliable

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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.,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.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5461

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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| 1 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,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.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#5463**

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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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.,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

#5464

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**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?**

Increase in residential parking permit fee is going to only make it harder for residents.

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?**

**A. Environmental initiatives – working alongside mana whenua on restoration projects, expanding food resilience and edible planting programmes, and reinstating deferred environmental education activities.**

**B. Sport and recreation – providing one-off operational support to local sports clubs and facilities to strengthen participation and collaboration.**

**C. Libraries and culture – enhancing programming for seniors and increasing investment in creative and cultural activities.**

**D. Community safety and emergency readiness – exploring additional compliance officer resourcing in areas with limited coverage.**

**E. Local economy - supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, development and liven-up our town centres.**

**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?**

**Tell us why**

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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- **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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| 1 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
| | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
| | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Auckland traffic is getting worse. There are only plans of there road works which are worse and effects daily drivers. You spend so much tax payer's money on these infrastructure, yet nothing has been solved.

## 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?**

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.,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.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#5476**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

I like the CRL that's a cool addition but lately increase is annoying and unnecessary. If they couldn't pay for it to run why build it, prioritizing local boards and their community is good

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?**

Increase in rates not good

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

### Ōrākei 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**

Unsure

**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.**

**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.**

**C. Changing the Meadowbank Community Centre project to a self-funded community centre to capitalise on existing investment and resources.**

**D. Construct a playground Remuera Library to optimise the under-used green space at the side of the building.**

**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?

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**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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| 4 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
| 5 | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
| 3 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| 1 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |

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| 2 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 6 | **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?**

Anything lessening pollution

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5480

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

i think those are fair changes to accomodate these financial changes

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## 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**

make sure public places are upkept

**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.**

**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.**

**C. Changing the Meadowbank Community Centre project to a self-funded community centre to capitalise on existing investment and resources.**

**D. Construct a playground Remuera Library to optimise the under-used green space at the side of the building.**

**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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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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| 4 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| 5 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |

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| 6 | **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?**

definitely the public spaces

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#5483**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

i do not plan on using the CRL as public transport in Auckland is quite frankly hopeless compared to overseas

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**

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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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| | **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?**

- fixing auckland transport and making public transport more useful

- regulating housing development

- making the CBD safe and prosperous again

## 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.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#5492**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

I agree with this but feel that healthcare and safety to people is a prominent topic that could improve with some more focus on it

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
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| 5 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

The environment is super important

## 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.,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

**#5502**

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

I support the focus on strengthening finances, physical resilience and investment in transport. However, a 7.9% increase is very high. I would like to see more detail

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Residential parking permit fee increases proposed. In areas already scarce, increasing permit fees may place an extra burden on residents who have fewer alternatives

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

support the proposed investments but would like to see clearer prioritisation of climate resilience projects

**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.**

**B. Sport and recreation – providing one-off operational support to local sports clubs and facilities to strengthen participation and collaboration.**

**C. Libraries and culture – enhancing programming for seniors and increasing investment in creative and cultural activities.**

**D. Community safety and emergency readiness – exploring additional compliance officer resourcing in areas with limited coverage.**

**E. Local economy - supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, development and liven-up our town centres.**

**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?**

**Tell us why**

## 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 ensure that any rate increases are clearly communication in terms of visible benefit

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| 6 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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| 2 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 1 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

I most want council to prioritise flood resilience through proactive stormwater upgrades, reliable and affordable public transport that sustains growth, and the protection of natural areas and waterways as these investments are essential for keeping communities safe, reducing congestion, and building long term climate resilience across Auckland

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5510

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?**
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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

n/a

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#5526**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

I like the implementation of the City Rail Link as it will be helpful in transport across central auckland.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?**
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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Public transport should be more frequent and convenient, as it is often difficult to travel more than 5km in less an hour.

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5534

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

I think this is a good idea but cost could be hard for beneficiaries

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

I think its' fine for most as it is very cheap

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei 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 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.**

**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.**

**C. Changing the Meadowbank Community Centre project to a self-funded community centre to capitalise on existing investment and resources.**

**D. Construct a playground Remuera Library to optimise the under-used green space at the side of the building.**

**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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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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| 4 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

I would say that bringing in more tourists would help the economy.

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#5536**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

I support better rail connection and im proved public spaces, despite the rates increase

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

I like them as they improve our waste management systems efficiency and environment

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## 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**

**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.**

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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N/A

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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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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5538

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

I think its' good and I agree with it

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

I think that they are good and will greatly benefit the area,

**2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment and changes to services?**

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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**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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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#5542**

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## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

overall financial advancement in terms of transport, community and water would be optional, needs to be done in ways not reversing progress or harming

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

As long as the changes being fat in place meen the residents within the allocated areas arent affected, the parking permit fees might be useful - might also limit economic benefit if its too expensive.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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| 6 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| 5 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.,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.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5560

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

disagree

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki 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?**

**A. Environmental initiatives – working alongside mana whenua on restoration projects, expanding food resilience and edible planting programmes, and reinstating deferred environmental education activities.**

**B. Sport and recreation – providing one-off operational support to local sports clubs and facilities to strengthen participation and collaboration.**

**C. Libraries and culture – enhancing programming for seniors and increasing investment in creative and cultural activities.**

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**E. Local economy - supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, development and liven-up our town centres.**

**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?**

**Tell us why**

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**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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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.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5567

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

support

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

### Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment and changes to 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.**

**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.**

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**D. Construct a playground Remuera Library to optimise the under-used green space at the side of the building.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**

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| 6 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**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.,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.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#5579**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

This is the foundation.

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

I disagree, the cost of living is too high.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki 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 key areas of additional investment?**

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**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?**

**Tell us why**

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5581

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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**

I disagree with raising taxes

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

I disagree with raising taxes

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

### Ōrākei 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 key areas of additional investment and changes to services?**

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**

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N/A

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

6 Economic Development and Activities

6 Local Parks, Communities, and Recreation Services

4 Planning and Infrastructure to Cope with Growth

6 Transportation

6 Flood Resilience

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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.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5621

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## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

N/A

**Tell us why**

N/A

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Waitematā

## Waitematā Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

**Tell us why**

**2. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels, fees and charges?**

**A. Reduce library hours at Central City, Little Leys, Grey Lynn and Parnell Libraries.**

Do not support

**B. Reduce maintenance for bollard and post-and-rail.**

Do not support

**C. Reduce community grant funding and accommodation grant funding.**

Do not support

**D. Increase fees for adult swim fees at council pools by up to $3.**

Do not support

**E. Reduce funding for environmental management activities.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Do not support

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5625

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**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

N/A

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?**

Waitematā

## Waitematā Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

**Tell us why**

**2. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels, fees and charges?**

**A. Reduce library hours at Central City, Little Leys, Grey Lynn and Parnell Libraries.**

Do not support

**B. Reduce maintenance for bollard and post-and-rail.**

Support

**C. Reduce community grant funding and accommodation grant funding.**

Do not support

**D. Increase fees for adult swim fees at council pools by up to $3.**

Support

**E. Reduce funding for environmental management activities.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Do not support

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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- **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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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
| | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
| | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
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| | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

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?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#5687**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

**Our Annual Plan 2026/2027 builds on the first two years of our Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP). It focuses on continuing to strengthen our finances and Auckland's physical resilience, while investing where it is needed most to meet the needs of our growing communities.**

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

- **Transport**
- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

The investment in the CRL leading to large rates increases does not benefit majority of Auckland. People living on the North Shore are unlikely to benefit. Other infrastructure would have benefitted Auckland outside of the CBD

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?**

Ōrākei

## 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**

the options benefit the community a lot. It should help community engagement and foster a stronger community.

**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.**

**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.**

**C. Changing the Meadowbank Community Centre project to a self-funded community centre to capitalise on existing investment and resources.**

**D. Construct a playground Remuera Library to optimise the under-used green space at the side of the building.**

**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?

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

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- **Water service strategies**
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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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| 6 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
| 5 | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
| 3 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |

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| 4 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| 1 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 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?**

Transport to and from schools, my school buses a dangerously full posing a risk to students.

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#5706**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

the improving transport part addresses one of the issues in Auckland that can be enhanced

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?**

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

also works on transport

**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.**

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**C. Changing the Meadowbank Community Centre project to a self-funded community centre to capitalise on existing investment and resources.**

**D. Construct a playground Remuera Library to optimise the under-used green space at the side of the building.**

**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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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**

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| 2 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| 5 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| 1 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |

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| 4 | **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?**

Safety action plans because it is crucial to develop a thorough plan for the community when there's emergency

## 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.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#5815**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I am deeply concerned about the current state of council management. Rates increases have now significantly outpaced the CPI, yet the waste in council projects remains staggering—from $400,000 pedestrian crossings to expensive machinery sitting idle for months.

It is unacceptable that despite higher taxes, our wastewater infrastructure still dates back to the 1950s, with much of our funding seemingly swallowed by bloated bureaucracy. Furthermore, the

lack of public consultation has led to counterproductive projects, all while administrative efficiency hits new lows and the 20-working-day statutory deadline is consistently ignored.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

That's not related to what I live now, but to be honest, the government should think about how to reduce the rate, not increasing it 8% every year. That make AKL hard to live and survive

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**

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**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?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#5868**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I am skeptical about the implementation regarding the waste management system. As a Korean who has experienced the volume-based waste fee system, I am aware of its various drawbacks. While I understand the advantages of the government's stance—environmental protection and increased tax revenue—I believe that public awareness education regarding waste should come first.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Albert-Eden

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#5919**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** New Zealand Guangdong Chamber of Commerce

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

We understand the importance of the municipal government's continued investment in infrastructure such as transportation and water, and we support the overall development direction.

At the same time, we hope that adjustments to local taxes will take into account the affordability for communities and small and medium-sized enterprises, and that the efficiency of public services will continue to be improved.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

We understand the necessity for the municipal government to make adjustments and investments in waste management, sewage systems, and improvements to commercial areas.

At the same time, we hope that when implementing new fee policies (such as waste fees and residential parking permit fees), the burden on community residents and small businesses will be fully considered, and that the implementation of policies will remain transparent and fair.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Ōrākei

## 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 generally support the city government's long-term plans for infrastructure and community development.

We also recommend further strengthening cooperation and communication with ethnic community organizations to ensure that policy-making better reflects the actual needs of Auckland's diverse community.

# 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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| 5 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 4 | **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?

We believe that planning, infrastructure development, and economic development should be prioritized, as these areas are crucial to Auckland's business environment, employment opportunities, and long-term urban development. At the same time, strengthening support for

community facilities and public activities will help improve residents' quality of life and enhance community vitality.

## Question 6: City centre

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### Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.,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.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#6033**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

First, investing requires increased tax revenue, and the public can no longer afford the current cost of living, let alone additional tax increases. Second, none of these investments have yet shown tangible results.

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

We don't support it. Local taxes have increased annually, and the extra money we've given hasn't resulted in any project implementation or completion.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Ōrākei

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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| 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?**

To boost the economy and increase people's income, please reduce the number of new bike lanes. The roads are already narrow, and it's unnecessary. Furthermore, some people don't use the bike lanes and continue riding in the motor vehicle lanes.

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#6037

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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N/A

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#6045

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

increasing living cost, decreasing quality of life

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Tax and fee increases are not supported.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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wasting money

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

If residents lost confidence, then you lost population, and tax payers

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#6050

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Do not support any

**Tell us why**

Rates are too high. More people will want to leave as living cost gets high

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Minimise unnecessary expenses such as changing rubbish bins' bags. If still usable, why waste taxpayers' taxes?

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Question 4: Other feedback

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The budget should focus on entire Auckland, all ethnicities, not just focus on only one or minor groups.

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Aucklanders are well aware of environmental friendly. The budget should focus on living facilities to promote better living conditions rather than benefits minor groups. For example, water pipes have been for decades, do they need to be changed or cleaned?

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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):As a resident, when I lost property. I cannot be bothered to report. Do you know why?

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#6053

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

The increased cost of living, coupled with low wages, makes it unaffordable.

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Not supported

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## 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?**

How can we improve the economy so that people have higher incomes, which will lead to greater purchasing power and support for transportation? We should increase and widen roadways, rather than continuously adding useless bike lanes and bus lines. Bus lines should have time restrictions, allowing private cars to use them during off-peak hours.

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

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#6057

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

No money

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

None of them support

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## 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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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#6095

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Completely unsupportive; Auckland Transport is inactive and does not agree to raise parking fees. Also unsupportive of the garbage bin/bag replacement fee.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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N/A

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## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#6097

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Reduce residential property tax

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

## Question 4: Other feedback

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**Tell us why**

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#6147

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I don't know

**Tell us why**

I dont know how increased prices will personally impact me yet, however I do believe that this results in a more difficult way of sustaiing a living standard with increased rates

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I understand how these changes can be benfital howver with some current economic state of citizens an increase can lead to unsustainable living life, where people may be unable to keep up with costs

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

### 1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

I don't know

### Tell us why

I would consider the area's of my local board a avge to weathly area where the increase in rates wont be as negatively affected as other places.

### 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.**

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

[ONLY TICKED TRANSPORT]

As a high school student transport around Auckland is more important to me as going into unviersity I will be requiring modes of tranposrt to get me to and from palces as well as current school or co-curricular activites. I believe this is what I rely on the most than in comparsion to the others.

## 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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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#6150

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Support most

**Tell us why**

concern over whether the rate increase will affect many families financial situation

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

agreeable

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Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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**Tell us why**

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

upgrade sewage systems to accommodate increasing amount of urban residents to prevent a flooding catastrophe

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#6174

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**Tell us why**

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N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Probably economic development and events, as there is really nothing to do in Auckland, making it quite boring. Also I hope Auckland transport should be improved, making it easier to get around Auckland. And student going on school busses should be free

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

i dont think house prices should go up should raise takes for higher income

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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(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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| 5 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| 2 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
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| 1 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## 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.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#6186

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

I strongly support investment in public transport although I'm a little unsure about the rates increase on average value properties rather than the above average.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Again, I'd rather higher rates applied to the top tier bracket in regards to the other... I'm not entirely familiar and would need to do more research.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

### Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment and changes to 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.**

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**C. Changing the Meadowbank Community Centre project to a self-funded community centre to capitalise on existing investment and resources.**

**D. Construct a playground Remuera Library to optimise the under-used green space at the side of the building.**

**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?**

Public transport as right now, its not great. I often have to catch 2 consecutive buses and find that I miss the second bus and have to wait at least another 15 minutes. Public transport will also be beneficial to the environment as the fewer cars used, the fewer emissions and usage of space that could be used for green areas.

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#6192

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## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

I am interested in all 3 aspects of the plan, I support the investments made and appreciate the honesty in debt paybacks, as a common user in public transport.

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- **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?**

I am indifferent towards the writings above.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

### Ōrākei 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**

no information revealed

**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.**

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**D. Construct a playground Remuera Library to optimise the under-used green space at the side of the building.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## Question 4: Other feedback

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| 6 | **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?**

Economic development is the first priority, it's crucial that people have a healthy and thriving local economy, as things are very expensive at the moment.

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#6220

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

I think increasing in transport should be very important as it will relieve greenhouse gases and help less congestion on road

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?**

I don't think its a good thing, just don't agree with spending more on these things

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Transport because it, in my opinion, needs the most money as its behind other countrys and will encourage other people to not take cars

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#6221

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

I use the bus everyday and prioritizing investments would potentially increase the comfort of my journey

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

This would positively impact the Auckland council but may have some negative affects for families with rate impacts and I believe there should be consistent rates percentage inxcreases

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Increasing bus rates and more importantly it would help many people, to get around places. Investing in transport could also hopefully man NZ would have a metro

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#6229

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N/A

**Tell us why**

N/A

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

I support the charges

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Ōrākei

### Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment and changes to services?**

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#6778**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Key points- The proposed 7.9% increase translates to approximately $320 more per average household on top of improving bills that have grown from $2781 in 2022 to $4069 today. This represents a real increase of around 30% since 2022 far outstripping general inflation.- The rate rise should be viewed in the context of outsized operating and project costs: CRL operating costs alone are forecast to contribute about 4.4% to the increase; growth-related capital and asset maintenance consume 2% (to sustain existing assets and add new assets for growth).- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget demonstrates that a more prudent path is possible: reducing new

Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping consultancy/contractor spend freezing non-essential hires and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Agreed positions I want reflected- 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 must reduce spending on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to escalate these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and in our assessment emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending in the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) including the roughly $10 million per year dedicated to that area as this is a function not required of local government.Additional points- If reductions are implemented aim to keep rate rises in line with inflation for pensioners and those on fixed incomes.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

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- **Changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas**
- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

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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.)

| Rank | Area |
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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
| | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
| | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

**Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#6814**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

**Our Annual Plan 2026/2027 builds on the first two years of our Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP). It focuses on continuing to strengthen our finances and Auckland's physical resilience, while investing where it is needed most to meet the needs of our growing communities.**

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

- **Transport**
- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

**Individual rates increase will vary by property type and value. Use our online rates guide to find out the proposed rates for your property.**

### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9%. For the average household this amounts to about $320 yet it delivers little in the way of demonstrable value while price pressures continue to bite households. The current rates bill sits at $4069 and real increases since 2022 total 30% in 2022 dollars well above cumulative inflation. The breakdown shows 2% for maintaining assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This pattern alongside overall expenditure growth is not sustainable for ratepayers.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position to reduce wasteful Council spending. Specifically:- Cut corporate and

backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce consultancy and professional services spend rather than allowing it to rise.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million a year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the grounds that such work does not fall within the core remit of local government.As an alternative I urge the Council to adopt a disciplined budget that reduces new spending by at least $150 million (2%) capping the rate rise to around 3%. This can be achieved by: $50 million from personnel cost reductions through organisational changes and hiring freezes; $50 million by capping consultant spending; $30 million via contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.I request that the Council make tangible progress toward a leaner more accountable budget that protects essential services while relieving burden on ratepayers.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

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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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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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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. |
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| | **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?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#6822**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## 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:**

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- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit this formal objection to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and advocate for substantial reductions in wasteful Council spending.1. Rates increase and affordability- I oppose the proposed average residential rates rise of 7.9% (about $320 for the average household) as unaffordable for many ratepayers including retired seniors like myself. This increase is well above inflation and outpaces the growth in household income.2. Spending reforms aligned with the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget- The Council should reduce new and ongoing spending by at least $150 million to cap the rate rise at around 3%. Specifically: -

Reduce personnel costs through organisational change and hiring freezes: save about $50 million. - Cap spending on consultants and professional services: save about $50 million. - Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors: save about $30 million. - Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: save about $20 million.3. Specific savings and priorities- Cut spending on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs to ensure resources target core services.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could deliver at least $17 million in savings immediately.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme estimated at $36 million per year which emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze or reduce Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing this is not a core local-government function.4. Additional context- Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have risen by 85% while inflation has risen about 34% and population by about 22%. A material restraint on spending is overdue to restore affordability and align with statutory duties rather than discretionary ambitions.ClosingI request the Council to adopt these reductions and to set a far more affordable rates path consistent with a leaner more focused council. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

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- **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?

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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

**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?

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#6839**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Key concerns and positions:1) Rates growth versus inflation and value for money. The proposed 7.9 percent average rise equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a real rates rise since 2022 of 30 percent against 12 percent inflation. This is unsustainable for many households and far above acceptable levels of restraint.2) Expenditure reform as a prerequisite to affordable rates. The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services which have risen sharply. Data from the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance indicates annual consultancy spend of about $126

million across the Council group and payroll/contractor costs are a major driver of outlays.3) Specific program and staffing controls. The Food Scraps Programme is a discretionary item costing about $36 million per year and per Alliance analysis emits more carbon than it saves. Freeze hiring for non-essential roles and reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant positions which could deliver at least $17 million in immediate savings.4) Spending on Māori outcomes. The Alliance recommends capping or reassessing the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes portfolio (Ngā Mātārae) arguing local government should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary spend in this area.5) Targeted budget adjustments. The Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping rates increases to around 3% by prioritising essential services and pursuing contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to achieve savings.We understand the pressures of growing city services but a disciplined budget that prioritises core services while cutting wasteful or duplicative spend will deliver fairer rates and still enable essential infrastructure transport and safety functions.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#6849**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and urge a clear focus on reducing wasteful Council spending and backroom costs.1) Oppose the 7.9% rates rise- The current environment requires restraint: the 7.9% uplift would deliver about $320 more per average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022. Rates have risen 85% since amalgamation far exceeding inflation and population growth. A targeted approach to core services is essential not broad price hikes.2) Reduce backroom and consultant spend- Council spending on consultants totals about $126 million per year; the average consultant salary is around

$200k. Personnel costs and other expenses have risen faster than inflation. The Council should scale back corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and cap consultant spend.3) Specific spending reductions to fund core services- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll by not filling vacant non-essential roles; this could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing that such roles are not the core remit of local government.4) Alternative budget approach- Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the average residential rates increase at around 3% through: personnel cost reductions cap on consultancy contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.ClosingI ask the Council to adopt a disciplined value-for-money approach prioritising essential services and restoring public trust through transparency and restraint in spending.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

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### 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?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#6850**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose this increase and urge a focus on reducing wasteful expenditure and improving efficiency so that essential services remain affordable.1. The proposed increase is offset by substantial inefficiencies. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance notes that staff costs and other expenses have grown well beyond inflation with consultants and contractors totalling hundreds of millions of dollars. A targeted reduction in payroll costs (freeze non-essential vacancies) and a cap on consultant spend would deliver meaningful relief to households. The Alliance's alternative budget proposes a $150 million reduction in new Council spend (2%) which would cap the rate rise at

around 3 percent if implemented.2. Targeted spending reductions are essential. Specific measures include: reduce personnel costs through organisational change and hiring freezes ($50 million) cap consultant spend ($50 million) renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors ($30 million) and prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants ($20 million). These steps align with the need to fund core services while stopping money being spent on backroom functions and over-reliance on external advisers.3. Reconsider high-cost programmes and unnecessary spend. I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and in the Alliance's assessment emits more carbon than it saves. I also oppose the ongoing Māori-focused spend such as the $10 million per year for Ngā Mātārae given the role of local government. A more efficient council should prioritise statutory duties and essential services.4. Based on Council spending data there is ample room to tighten spending on corporate and back-office functions including consultant and professional services. The current trajectory of payroll and related expenses is unsustainable for ratepayers especially when combined with a 7.9 percent average rise.5. A constructive path forward requires urgent efficiency from the top. I have observed instances of apparent overstaffing and duplication such as two people managing a task without tangible output. Streamlining processes will slow the growth of rates and preserve essential services for Aucklanders.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **Changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas**
- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

# Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

- **Regional transport plans**
- **Water service strategies**
- **Auckland's spatial plan**
- **Our 2027–2037 long-term plan, which will set funding priorities for regional and local priorities listed below.**

**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

| Rank | Area |
|---|---|
| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
| | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
| | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

# Question 6: City centre

**Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#6852**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

**Our Annual Plan 2026/2027 builds on the first two years of our Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP). It focuses on continuing to strengthen our finances and Auckland's physical resilience, while investing where it is needed most to meet the needs of our growing communities.**

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

- **Transport**
- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

**Individual rates increase will vary by property type and value. Use our online rates guide to find out the proposed rates for your property.**

### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I am submitting in a strong and direct but respectful manner to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and to urge a comprehensive review of Council spending to fund essential services without passing the burden onto households.Key points- The proposed 7.9% average increase is excessive particularly given the real rate increases since 2022 (approximately 30% in 2022 dollars well above cumulative inflation of 12%). An increase of this magnitude is unaffordable for many ratepayers.- A substantial portion of the rise is allocated to CRL operating costs (4.4%) with 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets due to

growth. I urge the Council to prioritise core statutory services and reduce discretionary expenditure rather than funding large-scale projects at the expense of households.- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget proposes reducing new spending by $150 million (2%) capping personnel and consultant costs renegotiating contracts and prioritising essential services. This would cap average residential rates increases to around 3%.- Wasteful backroom spend must be addressed. Council spending on consultants is about $126 million per year across the Council group with high average consultant fees and personnel costs have risen well above inflation. A freeze or careful trimming of vacancies and non-essential roles could save substantial sums.- Specific programme reductions requested: cancel the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year) due to questionable net carbon savings; freeze non-essential staffing (could save at least $17 million immediately); reduce Māori-specific spending (such as the $10 million/year on the Māori outcomes function Ngā Mātārae) arguing that this is not an appropriate or necessary function for local government.I request the Council seriously considers reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom functions and cutting consultancy/contract costs before imposing higher rates on Auckland households. The goal should be to protect essential services while ensuring ratepayers are not unduly burdened.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

- **Introduction of a refuse bin/bag exchange fee**
- **Changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas**
- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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N/A

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

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**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?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#6872**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

**Individual rates increase will vary by property type and value. Use our online rates guide to find out the proposed rates for your property.**

### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the 7.9% increase which would add approximately $320 to the average household bill on top of a real rates rise of 30% since 2022 (against 12% inflation). The breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This approach is not affordable for households already facing rising living costs. Rates rises must be restrained to inflation at most with a concrete plan to curb wasteful spending.I urge the Council to implement the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget which proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) enabling an average rates lift of around 3%. Key measures include:-

Reducing personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze: $50 million- Capping spending on consultants and professional services: $50 million- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million- Prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionSpecific spending components that should be reduced or halted include:- Cutting a freeze on vacant non-essential roles to save at least $17 million immediately- Reducing corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs- Cutting consultancy and professional services spend rather than permitting further growth- Cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves- Freezing or reducing Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' department at around $10 million per year recognising that this is not a core local government functionAdditional concerns include the overall payroll burden and the high level of staff on six-figure salaries which contribute to operating costs outpacing inflation. Rates are already far too expensive for many families including those whose bills rose significantly last year without clear value justification.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and urge immediate restraint on wasteful spending.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% average increase is well above inflation and is not acceptable given today's cost of living and slower growth. The likely average bill rise is about $320 per household while the current average rates bill has ballooned to $4069. Since 2022 rates have risen by around 30% in real terms far outpacing inflation (12%) and well above population growth (22% since 2010).- The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs with 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets. The council must justify ongoing spend on capital and operating costs when fundamental services are at stake.- Wasteful spend must be addressed now. The Council spends heavily on consultants ($126 million across the group) and on six-figure salaries (6123 staff 464 over $200k; 72 staff paid more than the mayor). Direct operating expenditure rose 78% 2013â€“2023 against 29% inflation. payroll is now about $1.3 billion; consultants and contractors $590 million; 18 corporate and business support functions cost $868.4 million.- The Council should freeze non-essential recruitment and reduce payroll costs; cancel or pause discretionary programmes such as the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year) which has questionable carbon savings.- I support reducing Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year on Ngā Mātārae; as a local government body Council should prioritise statutory and essential services.Alternative Budget and concrete savings- I support the Ratepayers' Alliance plan: reduce new spending by $150 million to cap rates increase at about 3% by: - Reducing personnel costs via freezes/organisational change: $50 million - Capping consultancy/external services: $50 million - Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors: $30 million - Prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants: $20 millionAdditional points- Rates are increasing faster than cost of living and growth. I personally have seen a 15% increase with no added value; further increases are unacceptable. I want more say over spending and prioritisation.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6877,339338,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I provide the following evidence-based points.1. Rates affordability and fairness- The proposed 7.9% average increase equates to about $320 per household on top of a current average residential rates bill of $4069. Since 2022 rates have risen by 30% in real terms far exceeding cumulative inflation of around 12%. This is unaffordable for many ratepayers and is not aligned with keeping essential services affordable.2. Spending reductions to

fund rate relief- The Council should cap average rate rises by reducing new and ongoing expenditure. The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes an alternative budget that cuts $150 million from new spending (a 2% reduction) enabling a 3% rate increase. Key areas for adjustment include: - Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and hiring freezes: $50 million - Capping spending on consultants: $50 million - Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million - Prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants: $20 million3. Specific wasteful expenditure and structural reforms- Council spending on consultants and contractors remains excessive with total external consultancy around $126 million per year and average consultant pay around $200k. Prioritise reform in this area to free funds for rate relief.- Staff costs have grown markedly; payroll and related expenses contribute to the bulk of operating expenditure increasing well beyond inflation. Freeze non-essential vacancies to achieve immediate savings (at least $17 million).- In addition I oppose continuing the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year) on the basis that it costs more in emissions than it saves and should be cancelled.- The Māori Outcomes budget ($10 million per year to Ngā Mātārae) should be reassessed as it is not a core local-government responsibility.4. Additional notes- A visible reduction in non-essential spending including overprovision of backroom office functions and related 'traffic cone' projects would demonstrate a genuine commitment to value-for-money.Closing: I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6880,339335,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,On current trends this represents a real burden on households when inflation and cost pressures are already high. The Alliance's briefing shows that the 7.9% rise comprises 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets as the city grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. A 7.9% uplift on average would add about $320 to the typical household bill on top of a historical pattern of rate rises that has seen increases of 85% since 2010.I urge the Council to adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget which offers a credible path to a much smaller rate rise targeting a cap of around 3%. This is achievable by reducing expenditure in specific areas:- Freeze or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles saving at least $17 million immediately.- Reduce personnel costs and cap spending on consultants and professional services totaling about $100 million.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to save approximately $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and scale back non-essential programmes including the Food Scraps Programme (which costs $36 million/year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves).The data also highlight wasteful or excessive spending in other areas: heavy consultancy spend (about $126 million per year across the Council group) six-figure salaries for thousands of staff and direct operating expenditure growing well ahead of inflation. I urge transparency in budgeting and publications so ratepayers can see exactly how funds are allocated and where efficiencies can be made.I agree with stopping or lowering Māori-specific spend such as the Ngā Mātārae department at $10 million per year where I believe it is not a core local government function. By prioritising essential services and reforming backroom overhead a 3% rate rise is achievable without compromising basic services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6913,339300,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% which equates to about $320 for the average household and I urge Council to pursue meaningful cost reductions before raising bills on ratepayers.Key concerns- The rate rise is not affordable for many households including pensioners like me who have endured 45 years in the same home. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% in real terms far outpacing inflation and population growth.- The 7.9% increase is unevenly allocated: 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. A substantial portion funds corporate and backroom functions consultancy/contractor spend and discretionary items rather than essential services.- Council and CCO spending on consultants is unsustainable at $126 million per year with average consultants earning about $200k. Personnel costs have surged while 18 corporate and business support functions consumed $868.4 million in direct expenditure.Agreed positions and recommended actions- Oppose the 7.9% average residential rate increase. Advocate for capping rate increases closer to or below inflation.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services and pursue contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to achieve meaningful savings.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants; reassess MÃ¤ori Outcomes spending. The $10 million/year on Ngā Mātārae should be examined in the context of local government responsibilities.Additional pointsAs a pensioner I am particularly vulnerable to rate increases that outpace inflation. Any plan must protect vulnerable households while ensuring Council continues to deliver core services efficiently.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6918,339295,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,The burden falls most heavily on households already facing inflation and slow real wage growth while the council's own spending patterns show extensive inefficiency.Key concerns:- The 7.9% lift comprises 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% far outpacing inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). This is not acceptable governance.- Wasteful spending is evident in consultant fees averaging around $200k per recipient and total group spending on consultants reaching $126 million per year. Payroll and related costs have soared with 6123 council and CCO staff on six-figure salaries and 72 staff paid more than the mayor.- Direct operating expenditure rose 78% from 2013 to 2023 well above inflation. Corporate and business support functions alone cost $868.4 million in direct expenditure underscoring inefficiency that should be tackled first.- I call for freezing staffing for non-essential roles and reducing payroll costs by not filling non-critical vacancies which could save at least $17 million immediately.- The Food Scraps Programme costs $36 million annually and emits more carbon than it saves; it should be cancelled.- Māori-specific spending including the Ngā Mātārae programme amounts to about $10 million per year. I believe these functions are not duties of local government and should be re-evaluated.Recommendation aligned with ratepayer interests:- Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap on rates increase) by cutting personnel costs capping consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.- Measure performance of council outcomes to ensure every

dollar delivers tangible community value.Given the financial pressure on households I urge the Council to reduce wasteful spending first and pursue a maximum 3% rates increase not the proposed 7.9%.I would like the opportunity to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6922,339291,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit in a constructive solution-focused manner to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to urge a comprehensive review of wasteful Council spending.1) Rates and affordability- I oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase. The current average residential bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 representing a real increase since 2022 of 30% versus 12% cumulative inflation. A more prudent path is to cap rate rises and align increases with inflation not amplify them.2) Spending reductions to enable savings- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items (consultants cost about $126 million per year across the group; the Auckland Council parent alone accounts for $60 million).- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme estimated at $36 million per year which reports higher emissions than savings achieved.3) Allocation priorities and targeted savings- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing that this is not a core local government function.- Implement the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) enabling an average rates increase of around 3%. This would be achieved through personnel costs reductions capping consultants renegotiations and vendor consolidation and prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.4) Oversight and governance- Emphasise transparent reporting on payroll consultancy and other operating costs to ensure accountability and value for money.I would like the opportunity to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6940,339272,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% (approximately $320 for the average household). Since 2012 Auckland Council's rates have risen by about 85% in real terms well above inflation and population growth. The current proposal would place further pressure on households already facing high living costs and the increase should be calibrated to reflect essential service delivery while avoiding unnecessary growth in rates.Key concerns and positions:- Expenditure: The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb spend on consultancy and professional services. The current trajectory of staff costs and external advisers is unsustainable for ratepayers.- Cost-saving measures: Implement a freeze on staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could yield at least $17 million in immediate savings.- Specific programmes: Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million/year and in the submitter's view emits more carbon than it saves.- Māori outcomes: Reduce Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year allocated to the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not considered a core local-government function by the submitter.- Alternative

budget: The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) to cap rate increases at around 3% achieved by: - $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes - $50 million from capping consultancy spend - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million by prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants- Road works: Reconsider Auckland road works to avoid unnecessary spending that is ultimately borne by ratepayers.Closing:I request that the Council adopts a more restrained approach to spending growth aligning rate increases with inflation and population needs and implementing the above reductions and re-prioritisation to protect households.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6943,339269,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit this response to the proposed 2026/27 annual plan to oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for substantial reductions in wasteful Council spending with a constructive pathway to service sustainability.1. Rate increase and spending reform- I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% (about $320 for the average household). Since 2010 rates have risen 85% while inflation and population growth trails. A rate rise of this magnitude is not justified by current asset maintenance needs and growth costs alone.- The Council should pursue aggressive cost containment by reducing corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and by limiting consultancy and professional services expenditure rather than allowing continual growth in these areas.2. Specific spending reductions and policy priorities- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and is not demonstrably net-carbon-saving.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) recognising that this is not a core local government function.- Implement a rigorous cap on consultancy and vendor spend pursue contract renegotiations and pursue vendor consolidation to realise meaningful savings (target: $50 million in reductions).- Prioritise essential statutory and core services over discretionary grants to protect the fundamental duties of the Council.3. Budget framework and outcomes- Align any savings with a plan to fix essential maintenance and pursue gradual infrastructure improvements rather than funding glamour projects. Any surpluses should be directed to useful durable investments rather than pleasing but non-essential upgrades.Additional point- Funds saved should be redirected to essential maintenance and gradual infrastructure improvements ensuring long-term value for ratepayers.Closing: I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6949,339263,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,1) Rates increase and affordability- The proposed 7.9% rise (about $320 for the average household) is well above inflation and represents a real burden on ratepayers. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% far outpacing inflation and population growth. The plan should not proceed with increases that lock in higher costs for longer.2) Reducing wasteful and non-core spending- In line with ratepayer concerns I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curbing consultancy and professional

services rather than allowing these lines to grow.- The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled given its $36 million annual cost and its carbon impact relative to claimed savings.3) Staffing and payroll controls- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling non-essential roles. If vacant positions remain unfilled this would save at least $17 million immediately.- The current payroll and related staff costs are excessive; I urge a rigorous payroll review to ensure only essential roles are funded and that salary growth aligns with core responsibilities.4) Māori outcomes and statutory priorities- I oppose continuing high expenditure on Māori-specific programmes such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Ngā Mātārae/Māori outcomes area. If local government is not the appropriate delivery body for these aims funding should be redirected to statutory and essential services.5) Alternative budgeting- The Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget proposes a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (2%) capping the average rate increase to about 3% by: cutting personnel costs capping consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.In summary I request that Auckland Council deliver real cost savings prioritise essential services and prevent further rate shock on households. Brown keep your dirty finger away from our money.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6950,339261,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,Opposition to the rate increase- The proposed 7.9% average residential increase is excessive in relation to inflation and the Council's own growth and asset needs. The plan allocates 4.4% for CRL operating costs and only 2% for maintaining existing assets with 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows. This mix disproportionately burdens households particularly when real rate increases since 2022 run at about 30% in real terms while inflation has been around 12%.- To control rates growth I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position to cap the average increase at 3% by reducing new Council spending by $150 million through targeted savings.Wasteful and avoidable spend- Remove or dramatically scale back consultancy and professional services. Council group spends about $126 million per year on consultants with the average consultant earning around $200k.- Cut back corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs; the current expenditure is excessive relative to Council outputs.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling non-essential vacancies which could deliver at least $17 million in immediate savings.- Reduce Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae/Maori outcomes budget of about $10 million per year aligning with local government's statutory responsibilities rather than discretionary programmes.Accountability and outcomes- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants. Pursue contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to achieve savings.- If adopted the alternative budget approach could deliver a substantially lower rate rise and stronger value for money for households.ClosingI request that the Council consider these reductions and engage in robust consultation on realignment of spending to essential services and lower rates.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6951,339260,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit this evidence-based submission opposing the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and calling for substantial reductions in wasteful Council spending to protect households from unaffordable bills.Key points- I oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase which equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a long-run pattern of rising costs. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% in real terms well above inflation and population growth.- A constructive path is needed: reduce new Council spending by $150 million to cap the rate rise at around 3%. This aligns with the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to maintain essential services while cutting discretionary spending.- Targeted spending reductions should include: freezing staffing or not hiring for vacant non-essential roles (savings of at least $17 million) capping spending on consultants (approximately $50 million) and pursuing contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation (about $30 million). These steps alongside prioritising statutory duties would address the bulk of the proposed rate rise burden.- There is substantial expenditure that warrants scrutiny. Council spending on consultants and backroom functions totals around $126 million annually with a large payroll and six-figure salaries across the organisation. Direct operating expenditure has grown far faster than inflation and the payroll represents a significant ongoing cost alongside contractor spend.- I support reducing wasteful or non-core programmes. Specifically I oppose ongoing funding for the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year) on the grounds it emits more carbon than it saves and I oppose the $10 million/year allocated to the Māori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) department which I consider beyond local government's scope. I also oppose continued expenditure on discretionary Maori-focused programmes when core statutory duties are under-funded.- I request a strong focus on essential services better procurement practices and a formal efficiency plan across Council and CCOs.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6977,339234,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,As a single-income homeowner the cumulative impact of these rate increases is unaffordable and unsustainable especially when general costâ€‘ofâ€‘living pressures remain high.Key concerns:- The 7.9% rise translates to about $320 more for the average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. The real increase since 2022 is 30% in 2022 dollars far outpacing 12% cumulative inflation. I ask Council to consider holding Rates growth to around 3% by adopting responsible spending controls.- The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs with 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets. Given the scale of expenditure I support reducing wasteful backroom and corporate costs as a first step to protect ratepayers.- I agree Council should reduce consultancy and external professional services spending which totals about $126 million per year across the Council group including $60 million by the Auckland Council parent. Bypassing this level of spend would help constrain rate increases.- I also urge cancellation of the Food Scraps Programme estimated at $36 million per year which reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not filling non-essential vacancies would deliver immediate savings; the Alliance notes this could save at least $17 million right away.- I oppose Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). If these roles are not essential to core local government functions they should be scaled back or redirected to essential services.Additional points:As a Silverdale homeowner I'm concerned about affordability for single-income households like mine. I urge a more balanced sustainable approach that prioritises essential services responsible asset

management and outcomes that genuinely benefit all ratepayers. ,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6978,339233,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,The proposed rise would add about $320 to the average household bill on top of rates growth that has outpaced inflation for years.Key positions1) Rate increase: I oppose the average residential rates rise of 7.9%. The real burden on households must be restrained with a preference for keeping increases aligned with inflation and population-driven efficiency gains.2) Wasteful spending: The Council must reduce corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. A focus on simplifying processes consolidating functions and cutting non-essential overheads is long overdue.3) Consultants and professional services: Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these items. The current level is unnecessary and inflates bills to ratepayers.4) Food Scraps Programme: Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.5) Staffing costs: Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles. This action alone could save at least $17 million immediately.6) Māori-specific spending: Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a function of local government.Budget alternative-Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) cap average residential rates increase at 3% including the reductions above: $50 million from personnel costs $50 million from consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.Additional pointI voted for Wayne Brown and his Team.  BIG MISTAKE!ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6980,339231,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit in a personal and sincere tone to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and to advocate for reduced wasteful Council spending.Key concerns and positions- Oppose the 7.9% average residential rates rise. With current average rates at $4069 and a real increase since 2022 of about 30% (versus 12% inflation) further increases should be restrained.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut spending on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to lift these costs.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs around $36 million per year and is not proven to emit fewer emissions than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant nonâ€‘essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- The Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget suggests reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap on rate rises to about 3%). This includes: $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze; $50 million from consultants; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million by prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.Rationale- Since the Super City amalgamation rates have risen by 85%well above inflation and population growth. The current trajectory is unsustainable for households and undermines trust in local governance.- Direct operating expenditure and staff costs have grown faster than

inflation with significant expenditure on consultants and six-figure salaries that do not clearly deliver commensurate community benefits.Request- Revise the proposed plan to implement the $150 million spending reduction capping the rate rise to approximately 3% and prioritising essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6989,339220,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,Key points- The proposed 7.9 percent increase will add approximately $320 to the average household rates bill on top of the current average of $4069. Since 2022 rates have effectively risen by about 30 percent in real terms far exceeding cumulative inflation. The breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for growth and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This is not acceptable as a sustainable path for ratepayers.- I support reducing Council and CCO backroom and corporate functions. The Alliance documents indicate significant expenditure in consultants ($126 million per year across the group) and high payroll costs with many six-figure salaries. Reducing these costs would directly lower the need for large rate rises.- I oppose increasing consultancy and professional services spending further. Capping this spending should be a priority before asking households to absorb higher rates.- I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs approximately $36 million per year and in the Alliance briefing emits more carbon than it saves.- I support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not filling non-essential vacant roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose ongoing Māori-specific spending such as the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) at about $10 million per year arguing it is not a core local government role. Priorities should be statutory and essential services.Alternative budget and outcomes- The Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap) to keep the average rate increase to about 3 percent. This would be achieved through personnel cost reductions consultant spending caps contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.ClosingI request that my submission be considered and that I be allowed to present at hearings if the opportunity arises. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6997,339212,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,The current average residential rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 and the real increase since 2022 is 30% (versus 12% cumulative inflation). I cannot support a rate rise that far exceeds inflation.I agree with the call to reduce wasteful Council and CCO backroom spending and to rein in consultancy and professional services. The Council's current expenditure on consultants is unsustainable at about $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant earning around $200k. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have grown faster than inflation while payroll remains a major cost driver. I support significant cost controls including freezing staffing for non-essential roles and not hiring to fill vacancies that are not essential.Specific cost-reduction measures I support include:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: aimed at saving at least $17 million immediately.- Capping spending on consultants and professional services: target $50 million in savings.- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million in savings.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 million in savings.I also urge that the Council cancel the

Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. I oppose continuing or expanding this programme while ratepayers face higher bills.Regarding targeted spend I oppose continuing or increasing Māori-specific spending in its current form such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Maori outcomes' department at about $10 million per year given that local government has limited roles in this area.Additional point: take on no more high-budget projects until all existing projects are completed and paid for.In conclusion I urge the Council to cap the average residential rates increase to about 3% by implementing the foregoing savings (totaling roughly $150 million) and focusing on essential services. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6998,339211,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,Based on the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing this rise equates to roughly $320 for the average household while the real increase since 2022 is 30 percent in current dollars (vs. 12 percent cumulative inflation). The structure of the increase2% to maintain assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costsdoes not represent value for ratepayers or prudent financial management.I urge the Council to adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget which caps the rate rise at approximately 3 percent by reducing the scale of new spending by about $150 million. Specific actions include:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: $50 million- Capping spending on consultants and professional services: $50 million- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionFurthermore I oppose continuing to fund wasteful backroom and corporate expenditures:- A reduction in overall staff and payroll growth is essential; freezing vacancies and non-essential roles would immediately save at least $17 million.- Spending on consultants and contractors remains excessive; reversing this trend is necessary to bring operating costs in line with inflation and population growth.- The Food Scraps Programme costs about $36 million per year and should be cancelled as it emits more carbon than it saves.- Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' department at around $10 million per year should be reassessed as it is not a core local government function.I also call for a broader review of spending on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and for renegotiation of contracts to improve value for money.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7006,339203,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit this formal submission in opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and in support of reducing wasteful Council spending.1. Rates and affordability- I oppose the proposed average 7.9 percent increase representing about $320 more per household and contributing to a real increase well above inflation since 2022. The current average residential rates bill is about $4069 with a 30 percent real increase since 2022 and only 12 percent cumulative inflation in the same period.- The breakdown shows 4.4 percent to cover CRL operating costs with 2 percent for existing assets and 1.5 percent for new assets tied to growth. This demonstrates a heavy tilt toward ongoing operating and growth costs rather than efficiency gains.2. Expenditure restraint and priorities- The Council should reduce

expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing these figures to rise.- A credible path to an affordable rate outcome is to implement the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new spending by $150 million (2 percent cap on rate increases) through a combination of personnel cost reductions limiting consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.3. Specific program and payroll priorities- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and is said to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Reduce Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a function of local government.4. Accountability and governance- Directing funds away from high-cost non-essential initiatives toward essential services will better reflect ratepayers' expectations for prudent stewardship and value for money.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7009,339200,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I am submitting in strong opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and in support of urgent efficiency reforms across the Council and CCOs.Key points- Oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% (about $320 for the average household). Rates have already risen 85% since 2010 far exceeding inflation and population growth. The proposed split shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs on top of 2% maintenance and 1.5% for new assets; this level of ongoing cost pressure is unsustainable for households.- The Council must reduce wasteful backroom and corporate spending. Total consultant spend is about $126 million per year with the average consultant earning roughly $200k; payroll and other expenses have grown far faster than inflation. A substantial reduction in personnel and back-office costs is essential.- Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles. This could save at least $17 million immediately and help cap rate increases.- Curb consultancy and professional services spending. Cap and reallocate these costs toward essential services rather than continuing escalation.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. Resources should be redirected to core council functions and essential services.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the Ngā Mātārae (Maori outcomes) budget of around $10 million per year. This is not a core local-government responsibility and should be redirected to statutory and essential services.- Alternative budget alignment: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap) to keep average rate increases to around 3%. Focus on reducing personnel capping consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory duties over discretionary grants.Additional points- End unnecessary spending that does not contribute to basic infrastructure and remove scrap food bins where they duplicate or misdirect resources.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7025,339184,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and in favour of reducing wasteful Council spending.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% increase is excessive in the current context. The average residential rates bill is

now about $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of 30%well above general inflation. The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs 2% to maintain assets and 1.5% for new assets tied to growth. Ratepayers cannot absorb continued cost growth driven by operating inefficiencies.- The Council must curb wasteful spend. Total annual consultant spend across the group is $126 million with the average consultant earning around $200k. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have grown far faster than inflation while corporate and backroom costs remain opaque.- Urgent reductions proposed by the Ratepayers' Alliance are sensible: cap new Council spending by $150 million (2%) and target reductions in personnel costs consultants and vendor contracts. This would cap the rate rise to around 3% and protect households from excessive bills.Specific actions I support- Reduce personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles saving at least $50 million.- Cap spending on consultants and professional services saving a further $50 million.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to achieve $30 million in savings.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving $20 million.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million per year given its carbon impact versus savings.- Freeze staffing levels or cut payroll by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Reduce Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Maori outcomes' department arguing that such roles are not a core local government responsibility.Additional noteAlong with everything else it is starting to look like incompetence and greed on so many levels.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,
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7027,339182,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit my views on the proposed 2026/27 annual plan and the accompanying 7.9% average residential rates increase.1) Opposition to the proposed rates increase- I oppose an average residential rates rise of 7.9% (approximately $320 for the average household) as excessive especially given that the real increase since 2022 has already reached about 30% in 2022 dollars against 12% inflation. The burden on households should be moderated to reflect inflation and the actual growth in service demands.- The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs plus 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets tied to growth. This combination drives a significant jump in household bills and warrants tighter scrutiny and reform.2) Reducing wasteful and backroom spending- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- It must curb spending on consultants and professional services; the current level is unsustainably high.- I support freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.3) Proposed budget alignment with essential services- The Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget proposes: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the rate rise at 3% through targeted savings in personnel costs consultant spend contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.4) Additional concerns- Stamp out corruption and ensure prudent governance and accountability across all Council and CCO operations.ClosingI request the Council to consider a more restrained 3% cap with substantial efficiency reforms rather than endorsing the proposed 7.9% increase. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,
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7038,339171,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit in a constructive solution-focused manner to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to urge prudence in Council spending. The current rate burden is rising far faster than inflation and the Council must prioritise essential services while reining in wasteful expenditure.Position and rationale- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and support pursuing a cap of around 3% by reducing wasteful spending as outlined in the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget. This would require real savings in personnel consultants and backroom functions.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs as well as reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costs around $36 million/year) which reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a core local government duty.- Consider broader efficiency measures including renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors to deliver essential services more cost-effectively.- Scrap the bed tax and oppose congestion charges as burdens on households and local business unless offset by tangible benefits and clear cost controls.Additional points- The Council should implement a transparent accountable spending plan that demonstrates how any savings would be redirected to essential services rate relief for households and investments with proven social value.ClosingI urge the Council to adopt a revised budget that reduces new spending by at least $150 million (2% reduction) to keep rates closer to inflation and protect essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7083,339126,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,The current average bill is $4069 and residents are bearing a real increase of 30% since 2022 far above inflation. The breakdown of this rise2% for existing assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costsdoes not reflect prudent belt-tightening or value for money.I agree that the Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Additionally the spend on consultancy and professional services should be cut rather than allowed to climb further. The ratepayers' burden should be shifted away from endless admin and external advice toward essential statutory services.I agree with cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. I also strongly support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.I agree that Māori-specific spending should be reconsidered including the $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core function of local government. Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants is necessary to stabilise rates and protect households especially retirees.In addition I note that many ratepayers have worked hard to own their homes and now face unaffordable increases in retirement. The current trajectory is unfair to long-time residents who contribute to the city's growth and wellbeing.I propose the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap on rate increases) achieved through: $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes; $50 million from capped consultants; $30 million from contract renegotiations; and $20 million from prioritising essential services over discretionary grants.Please consider these

measures to cap rates increases around 3% and protect households from unsustainable rises.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7087,339122,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit in strong and direct terms to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. This would be approximately $320 for the average household on top of a current average bill of $4069 and a real increase of 30 percent since 2022. The proposed rise is not affordable for families facing ongoing cost pressures and it far exceeds inflation. The breakdown of the increase2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costsdemonstrates poor value unless spending is reined in.I urge the Council to implement substantial savings by reducing wasteful expenditure across the Council and CCOs. In particular cut back on corporate and backroom office functions and curb consultancy and professional services rather than permitting these costs to rise further. Auckland Council's spending on consultants totals about $126 million per year (roughly $60 million by the Auckland Council parent) with average consultants receiving around $200k. Direct operating expenditure has grown far faster than inflation and personnel costs continue to rise: the payroll is $1.3 billion with 6123 staff on salaries of six figures and 72 paid more than the mayor's $306741.I also call for specific measures to reduce costs immediately:- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling non-essential vacancies which could save at least $17 million right away.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department Ngā Mātārae on the basis that this is not a function of local government.An alternative budget proposal is provided by Ratepayers' Alliance including a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (2%) which would cap the rate rise at 3% and prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.I request to speak at hearings to elaborate these points. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7128,339081,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,The current proposal would raise the average residential bill by about $320 on top of a 30 percent real increase since 2022 while inflation has grown much more slowly. I urge Council to pause and reallocate toward essential services only.1) Oppose the 7.9% average rates increase. The Council should cap rate increases well below this level and prioritise value for ratepayers. The proposed 7.9% split (2% maintaining assets 1.5% new assets 4.4% CRL operating costs) is misaligned with urgent affordability concerns.2) Reduce corporate and backroom spending. Expenditure on consultants totals $126 million annually across the Council group with the average consultant earning about $200k. I support reducing this spend and pursuing organisational efficiencies across both Council and CCOs.3) Cut consultancy and professional services. The ongoing rise in spend on external expertise must stop being a growth path; direct these funds toward core statutory services.4) Cancel non-essential programmes. The Food Scraps Programme costs $36 million per year and as claimed emits more carbon than it saves. It should be cancelled to free funds for essential services.5) Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs. A hiring freeze or suspension of non-essential vacancies would save at least $17 million immediately and

improve affordability.6) Cut Māori-specific spending. I oppose the $10 million per year spent on the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as a local-government function; redirect these funds to essential services or core council responsibilities.7) Budget approach aligned with my alternative plan. The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) enabling an average rate increase of around 3% through targeted reductions in personnel costs contractor spend renegotiations and prioritising statutory services.In closing I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing. I appreciate your consideration of these matters and urge a prudent value-for-money approach to ratepayer funds.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,, ,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7166,339043,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent on the basis that rates have risen far above inflation since 2010 (85% vs. 34% inflation and 22% population growth). The proposed 7.9 percent split includes 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This level of growth is unsustainable for households already bearing a current average bill of $4069 up from $2781 in 2022.The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing these increases. Recent figures show $126 million per year in consultancy across the Council group with an average consultant receiving $200k and staff-related costs growing at twice the rate of inflation. Direct operating expenditure and payroll have surged far outpacing inflation.I urge cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves. In addition I support freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately. I also oppose continued or expanded Māori-specific spending in the form of the Ngā Mātārae/Māori outcomes department which is described as a local-government cost of around $10 million per year.A prudent alternative budget would reduce new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) to cap rates increases at around 3 percent by: (i) cutting personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze; (ii) capping consultancy spend; (iii) renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors; (iv) prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Brown was elected to stop this nonsense but this approach appears no better.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7176,339033,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% which equates to approximately $320 for the average household. This rise occurs in a context where rates have increased 85% since the 2010 Super City amalgamation far outpacing both inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). A more restrained approach is warranted to protect households from unaffordable bills while ensuring essential city services.I urge the Council to prioritise value for money and reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. A meaningful reduction in this category is essential to delivering better outcomes at a lower cost to ratepayers.I also call for a reduction in consultancy and professional services spend. The current level of external consultancy costs (Â£126 million per year

across the Council group with the average consultant salary around $200k) represents an area where efficiencies can be found through internal capability building and renegotiated contracts. Reducing reliance on external advisers should help curb the rate rise.I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. This programme does not appear to align with prudent asset and service delivery benchmarks and its continuation adds unnecessary cost to ratepayers.I further support cutting Māori-specific spending such as the approximately $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) portfolio which I view as beyond the core responsibilities of local government. Reallocating these resources to statutory and essential services would be a prudent value-for-money approach.I acknowledge the Council's need to maintain essential assets and fund growth-related requirements but the proposed 4.4% for CRL operating costs and the other components should be re-examined in light of alternative budget options that keep rates closer to inflation and protect household affordability.Closing: I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7177,339032,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% increase is not affordable for households with the average bill currently $4069 and the real increase since 2022 already 30% in 2022 dollars well above cumulative inflation. Our position is to oppose the average increase of 7.9% and to cap increases closer to and below inflation.- A substantial portion of the uplift is allocated to CRL operating costs (4.4%) new assets (1.5%) and asset maintenance (2%). This structure drives a higher rate path than is justifiable given ongoing efficiency opportunities.- Council overall has a history of rising operating and payroll costs with personnel costs and other expenses increasing at more than the rate of inflation between 2022 and 2025 and the payroll burden now at about $1.3 billion.- Spending on consultants and backroom services is excessive: $126 million per year across the Council group with high-average consultant fees and major costs associated with corporate and support functions (nearly $900 million in direct expenditure for corporate and business support).Agreed positions and proposed reductions- Oppose the 7.9% rate rise; advocate for a maximum increase aligned to inflation not growth dictated by heavy operating costs.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs; cap consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and according to available assessments emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that would save at least $17 million immediately.- Freeze or reduce Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae (Maori outcomes) portfolio estimated at about $10 million per year on the grounds that this is not a core local government function.Additional points- The Alternative Budget framework suggests a targeted $150 million reduction in new spending to cap rates increases at around 3% prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a

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7188,339021,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I am writing to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and to urge a disciplined review of Council and CCO spending.I oppose the 7.9% increase and call for a cap on rate increases to reflect inflation and essential services. The current rate path7.9% on average with 4.4% allocated to CRL operating costs and 2% for maintaining existing assetswill add substantially to household bills (roughly $320 more for the typical home). Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% while inflation has run about 34% and population growth 22%. This is unsustainable for households and not aligned with the value residents receive.I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cutting spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing these costs to climb. The Alliance briefing notes $126 million per year in consultant spend across the Council group with average consultants earning about $200k. A cap and renegotiation of vendor contracts would free up funds for essential services.I also urge the Council to cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. Freezing staffing and reducing payroll costs by not filling non-essential vacancies could save at least $17 million immediately. I request consideration of a pause on new hires and a review of vacant roles.I oppose ongoing or expanded Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year for the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that local government should prioritise statutory and essential services.The proposed alternative budget from the Ratepayers' Alliancereducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%)would cap the rates increase at about 3% and prioritise essential services.The council needs to pull its head in with all of its spending. Rates are theft.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7201,339008,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,This would translate to roughly $320 more for the average household on top of a current average bill of $4069 a real increase since 2022 of about 30 percent far outstripping inflation. I urge the Council to adopt a more disciplined approach to spending and to keep rate rises in line with essential services and inflation not with expanding administrative costs.1) Spending reductions to curb rate rises- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- It should cap spending on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.- The ratepayer-funded cost of staff and external advisers must be restrained; freeze vacancies and avoid nonâ€‘essential hires to protect households from higher bills (I support freezing staffing to save at least $17 million immediately).2) Specific programme and Māori outcomes spending- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and in my view emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze or severely limit discretionary spending on non-core activities; cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year allocated to the Ngā Mātārae (Māori Outcomes) function which I believe is not a local government core responsibility.3) Budget framework and tone- The Council should adopt the ratepayer alternative: reduce new spending by $150 million (2%) which would allow a maximum average residential rate rise near 3% by focusing on personnel costs consultant spend contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.Additional pointPlease stop the wasteful spending and return to basic council work.In closing I request careful consideration of this submission and urge you to limit the rate increase prioritise essential services and pursue substantial reductions in backroom consultant and non-core Māori-focused spending. I do not wish

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7267,338942,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit my views on the proposed 2026/27 annual plan and the projected average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent.I oppose the proposed rate rise. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 and the real increase since 2022 is 30 percent well above cumulative inflation. The 7.9 percent increase is broken down as 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets to accommodate growth and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This magnitude is disproportionate to measured need and the Council should aim to keep rates increase to a level aligned with or below inflation.I support substantial reductions in Council-wide expenditure before raising rates further. In particular:- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spending on consultancy and professional services.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and has higher emissions than savings.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the approximately $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a role of local government.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap on rate increases) by:- $50 million from personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze- $50 million from limiting consultants- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation- $20 million by prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grantsClosing: I request that the Council seriously consider these reductions to cap rate increases and protect essential services rather than elevating rates to fund expanding backroom and consultancy activity.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7291,338918,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,The proposed 7.9% increase is not affordable when rates have already risen 85% since the 2010 amalgamation far above inflation and population growth. The breakdown shows 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets as the city grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Cumulatively this places a heavy burden on households with the average residential bill rising to about $4069 and the typical increase for an average home approaching $320.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to cap rate rises by reducing non-essential Council spending. Specifically:- Reduce personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Reduce spending on consultants and professional services rather than allowing these costs to keep rising; a cap of $50 million is preferable to current trajectories.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to unlock a further $30 million in savings.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants to ensure core public services are funded efficiently.Additionally I call for the cancellation of the Food Scraps Programme which costs the ratepayer $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. Its continuation represents a misallocation of scarce funds that could be redirected toward essential services and maintaining existing assets.Overall I urge the Council to adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new

Council spending by $150 million (2%) thereby capping the average residential rates increase at around 3 percent. This approach aligns with responsible stewardship of ratepayer funds and reduces wasteful backroom and consultancy expenditure while preserving essential services for Aucklanders.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7338,338870,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I strongly oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9%. This rise is not affordable for households especially given the real rate increases since 2022 and the scale of inflation since then. The proposed 2% for maintaining assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs should be revisited to reflect a fiscally prudent approach that prioritises essential services within a controlled envelope.Agreed: The Council needs to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The current payroll and off-balance 'other expenses' growth far outpaces inflation and wasteful spending on consultants and contracted services must be restrained. I support freezing staffing levels and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.Agreed: The Council needs to reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items. With $126 million per year spent across the Council group on consultants and the average consultant earning around $200k a comprehensive review is overdue and necessary to control costs.Agreed: Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and according to Alliance analysis emits more carbon than it saves. This is a clear candidate for cancellation to redirect funds to essential services.Agreed: Freeze or substantially reduce Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Nga Mātārae (Māori outcomes) department. This is not a core local government function and funding should be redirected to statutory and essential services.Agreed: The Council should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and as per the Alliance alternative budget reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) thereby capping rates increases at around 3%. The proposed 7.9% increase is inconsistent with affordability and prudent governance.I request that the Council consider these positions seriously and pursue a tighter value-for-money budget that delivers core services without punitive rate increases.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7339,338869,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit my views on the proposed 2026/27 annual plan and the planned average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent.I oppose the proposed rates increase of 7.9 percent. The current average residential bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 representing a real increase of about 30 percent since 2022 far exceeding cumulative inflation. The breakdown shows 4.4 percent of the increase going to CRL operating costs with 2 percent for maintaining existing assets and 1.5 percent for new assets as the city grows. A reduction is possible if wasteful or non-essential spending is restrained.I call on the Council to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to cut spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to inflate these items. In particular consultant expenditure totals roughly $126 million per year across the Council group with the

average consultant receiving about $200000. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have risen well ahead of inflation and the payroll remains a major driver of costs.I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and in our assessment emits more carbon than it saves. I also support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles an action that could save at least $17 million immediately.I also oppose ongoing high spend on Māori-specific programmes such as the Ngā Mātārae/Māori outcomes allocation of around $10 million per year. In my view this is not a core local government function.If the Council can implement these reductions$50 million in staff costs through freeze/hiring controls $50 million savings from consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations/vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising statutory/essential servicesthe proposed rate increase could be capped to around 3 percent.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7387,338816,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit my opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. This rise translates to about $320 for the average household on top of a council tax burden that has increased 85 percent since 2010 far outstripping both inflation and population growth. The current average rates bill of $4069 is already excessive and further increases are unaffordable for many households.I urge the Council to adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance direction to reduce wasteful government expenditure rather than raise rates. Specifically:1) Oppose the 7.9% increase. The Council should prioritise essential services while cutting discretionary spend.2) Reduce corporate and backroom spending across the Council and CCOs. Spending on consultants and six-figure salaries is excessive with $126 million per year across the group and a large number of staff paid well above the average.3) Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling non-essential vacancies. This action alone could save at least $17 million immediately.4) Cut spend on consultancy and professional services rather than increasing these items further.5) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves.6) Curb Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as these functions are not a core local government obligation.The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) capping the average rate increase to ~3 percent. This would be achieved through targeted cuts in personnel consultant spend contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Additional note: spending patterns show direct operating expenditure and personnel costs rising well ahead of inflation; this cannot continue without harming households and businesses. I urge the Council to align its budget with core local-government responsibilities and financial reality.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

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inflation over the period has been 12%. A further 7.9% increase is not justified.I support the following positions and actions:1) Oppose the 7.9% average increase; seek a more targeted lower rate path.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.3) Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services; curb rising external advisory costs rather than expanding them.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.5) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately.6) Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year spent on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) noting this is not a core function of local government.In line with the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget I urge the Council to reduce new spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap the average residential rate increase at around 3%. Specifically target savings from:- $50 million from personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze for nonâ€‘essential roles;- $50 million from capping spending on consultants;- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation;- $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.These measures will protect households from excessive rate increases while preserving essential services and directing money to core responsibilities.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7456,338745,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit in a formal respectful manner to oppose Auckland Council's proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for substantial reductions in wasteful Council spending. The proposed rise equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a long trajectory of increasing rates that far outpaces inflation.Key points:- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allow continual growth in these areas.- The Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million per year and reportedly emitting more carbon than it saves should be cancelled.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year allocated to the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) which I believe is not a core local government responsibility.- The Council should focus on essential services and curb discretionary spending that inflates the rate burden on households.Context and rationale:- The proposed 7.9% increase comprises 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for growth-related new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Since 2010 rates have risen by about 85% well above inflation and population growth. Spending on consultants and corporate functions has grown substantially while staff numbers and payroll costs have surged.- The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget demonstrates that capping new spending and realigning priorities can keep rates increases to around 3% by: reducing personnel costs capping consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory rather than discretionary services.I request that the Council adopt a prudent value-for-money approach prioritise essential services and reduce wasteful expenditure to help households manage the cost of living.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7466,338735,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I appreciate the opportunity to have a considered voice in shaping Auckland's 2026/27 budget. I write to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for a focused value-driven reallocation of spending that protects essential services while reducing waste.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% average rise is not affordable and must be aligned with inflation targets. A rates cap near or below inflation is essential to maintain household financial resilience.- Expenditure reductions should be prioritised over rate increases. The Council must cut corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services that have grown substantially.- The Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year should be cancelled given its carbon impact relative to savings.- Staffing cost controls are required. Freeze non-essential vacancies and avoid filling non-critical roles to save at least $17 million immediately.- MaÅ ri outcomes funding should be re-scoped. The $10 million/year allocated to Ngā Mātārae appears excessive for a local government remit and should be reconsidered.Constructive alternatives- Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping average residential rates increase at around 3% by: (1) reducing personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes ($50m); (2) capping consultant spending ($50m); (3) renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors ($30m); (4) prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants ($20m).- Align all activities to deliver value for Aucklanders with service-focused performance indicators and greater accountability for spending.Additional context- Since 2010 rates growth has outpaced inflation and population growth significantly; the current trajectory risks affordability and long-term sustainability.- A more prudent service-oriented leadership approach is required emphasising pragmatic must-dos service improvements and planning for future needs while staying within or under inflation.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7501,338700,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit strong opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and urge a substantial reduction in wasteful council spending.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% average rise is excessive and out of step with inflation and household cost pressures. The pledge to keep rate rises under control has not been honoured; households have faced continuing above-inflation increases.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services. Current figures show consultant spending around $126 million per year across the group with the average consultant paid about $200k and Council payroll and external contracts rising far faster than inflation.- The Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year should be cancelled given its questionable carbon savings versus costs.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling non-essential vacancies; this measure could save at least $17 million immediately.- Māori-focused spending such as the roughly $10 million per year on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) should be reconsidered as a local government responsibility; redirecting these funds would better reflect core statutory duties and essential services.Policy positions I support- Oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and advocate for restraint to align with living costs.- Reduce spending on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year) due to limited net carbon savings.- Freeze staffing or cut payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles.-

Cut Māori-specific spending such as the Maori outcomes budget arguing for prioritising statutory and essential services.Alternative budgeting approachThe Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) enabling a cap of around 3% for residential rates. This includes $50 million savings from personnel costs $50 million from consultant spend $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million by prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.ClosingI request to present at hearings to outline these points in more detail. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7502,338699,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit in a personal and sincere tone to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for substantial reductions in wasteful council spending.Key points guiding my submission:- Oppose the 7.9% average residential rates rise. With the current average bill of about $4069 a 7.9% increase would add roughly $320 for the average household adding pressure on households already feeling rising living costs.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. There is scope to streamline operations and refocus resources on core services.- Reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services. The existing level of external advice represents an area where savings can be found without compromising essential functions.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. This aligns with prudence and better alignment of environmental objectives with cost effectiveness.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. This measure alone would save at least $17 million promptly.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the ~$10 million per year spent on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this role is not a core local government function.I support the Council's need to fund essential services while recognising that the proposed rate rise far exceeds inflation and population growth. The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget shows a feasible path: reduce new spending by $150 million (2%) capping rates increases to around 3% through targeted reductions in personnel costs consultants contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Additional considerations: if Wayne Brown could adjust my pension in the same proportion as the rate rise I would accept the change; otherwise I urge consideration of more targeted savings before escalating household bills.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

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backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and to reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing this growth. Data show spending on consultants at about $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant receiving around $200000. Direct operating expenditure and payroll have risen well above inflation and population growth and there is a pressing need to prioritise value for money.In addition I support the following concrete measures aligned with responsible budgeting:- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year on Ngā Mātārae (Maori Outcomes) as this is not a role of local government.If these savings are implemented the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget suggests a cap on average residential rate increases to around 3 percent.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,
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7549,338649,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9%. For the typical household this is about $320 representing a real increase well above inflation and far beyond what residents can reasonably be expected to bear. Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have risen by 85% far outstripping both inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). The proposed breakdown shows 4.4% of the increase goes to CRL operating costs with 2% to maintain assets and 1.5% for new assets. This pattern warrants a tighter approach to spending before asking households to fund the next phase of big-ticket projects.The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut spend on consultancy and professional services. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing highlights $126 million per year in consultancy costs across the Council group with the average consultant earning around $200000. Direct staff and contractor costs are also unsustainably high with 6123 employees on six-figure salaries and a payroll approaching $1.3 billion. In addition personnel costs and other expenses have risen faster than inflation between 2022 and 2025.I support the following measures to constrain expenditure and protect essential services:- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and is said to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Curb Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to Ngā Mātārae (Māori Outcomes) treating this as outside the core responsibilities of local government.I also endorse the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) cap the rate rise to about 3% by cutting consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,
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7566,338632,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I make this submission in a personal sincere and respectful tone urging the council to reconsider the proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase and to pursue meaningful savings in discretionary spend.Key positions1) Oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9%. The proposed rise would amount to about $320 for the

average household and represents a real-terms burden beyond inflation especially given the 30% real increase since 2022 and the 85% rise since the Super City amalgamation.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. A leaner organisation is essential to protect essential services and avoid passing costs to ratepayers.3) Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services. The Council's reliance on external advisers is excessive and should be capped with a focus on in-house capability and value for money.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and based on available analysis emits more carbon than it saves. Redirect those funds to core statutory services and essential work.5) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. Halting non-critical recruitment could save at least $17 million immediately and demonstrate prudent management of public funds.Context and alternative funding approach- The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap the average residential rates increase at 3% funded by targeted reductions in personnel costs consultant spend vendor negotiations and a focus on statutory services over discretionary grants.ClosingI request that the council consider these measures and enable a more affordable efficient budget for Auckland households. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7581,338617,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,Based on Council's own material and independent review this level is well above inflation and undermines affordability for households across Auckland. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of about 30% against 12% inflation. The proposed breakdown2% for maintaining assets 1.5% for growth-by-new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costsshould be scrutinised for value-for-money and delivered within a tighter overall cost envelope.I urge the Council to pursue meaningful reductions in wasteful or discretionary spend to keep rates affordable. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget demonstrates a feasible path to cap the average rate increase at about 3% by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%). Specific actions include:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and hiring freezes: $50 million.- Capping spending on consultants and professional services: $50 million.- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 million.In addition the Council should consider:- Cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cutting Māori-specific spend such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) if this role is not aligned with core municipal responsibilities.Other context: Council and CCO payrolls consultant and contractor expenditure and backroom functions have grown markedly in recent years with direct operating expenditure rising well ahead of inflation. A rigorous review focused on essential services and core statutory responsibilities is warranted before accepting a 7.9% rate hike.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.I submit my petition against the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and in favour of stronger controls on wasteful Council spending. The rate rise would place a real burden on households and your own data show a long-term pattern of spending that outpaces inflation.Key positions1) Oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. This equates to approximately $320 for the average household and is not acceptable given the Council's track record of rising costs well in

excess of inflation.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The current payroll and corporate costs are excessive for the services delivered.3) Cut consultancy and professional services. Spending on consultants is high and growing; capping or reversing this trend will directly ease rate increases.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year) which reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. Resources should be redirected to essential statutory services with clear verifiable environmental and community benefits.5) Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. This could save at least $17 million immediately.6) Reduce Māori-specific spending including the $10 million/year allocated to the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). Local government has a duty to focus on core statutory duties not broad expenditure that goes beyond essential services.Rationale and proposed alternative- The Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget proposes a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (about 2%) capping average rates increases at roughly 3 percent. This would be achieved by: (a) organisational changes and a hiring freeze ($50 million) (b) capping consultants ($50 million) (c) contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation ($30 million) and (d) prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants ($20 million).- Since 2010 rates have risen 85% while population growth and inflation provide little offset. Given this restraint on non-essential spending is both prudent and fair.ClosingII do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7592,338606,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,1) Rates and affordabilityThe proposed 7.9% average increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a current average residential rates bill of $4069. Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have risen 85%well above inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). The real burden on households is growing while many essential residents' services must be maintained. I support capping the rate rise to reflect affordability and to avoid further erosion of household budgets.2) Expenditure priorities and waste reductionThe Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb spending on consultancy and professional services. The estimated $126 million annual spend on consultants plus payroll and contractors represents real opportunities for savings. I urge a freeze on non-essential staff hires and a reduction in payroll costs including a policy to avoid filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.3) Structural reform and targeted savingsI support the Council's focus on essential statutory services first and oppose discretionary overheads that do not deliver clear community value. The proposed alternative budget from the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliancereducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap rates at about 3%is a prudent pathway. This includes: $50 million saving from personnel costs $50 million from consultant spending $30 million from contract renegotiations/vendor consolidation and $20 million from prioritising statutory services.4) Specific programme considerationsI oppose further expansion of spend on Māori outcomes at current levels; the $171 million over ten years for Ngā Mātārae warrants scrutiny to ensure alignment with local government core responsibilities. I note a recent example of wasteful discretionary spending: a street re-tarseal undertaken despite questions about necessity. Such non-sensical spending should be avoided.ClosingI request the Council to adopt a measured efficiency-first approach and to revisit the rate setting in line with the proposed $150 million in savings and a tighter control of payroll consultancy and discretionary costs.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a

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7597,338601,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,For the average household this equates to roughly $320 more each year on top of a rates bill that has climbed from $2781 in 2022 to $4069 today. Since 2010 rates have risen 85 percent far outstripping inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). In real terms our rates have risen 30 percent since 2022 while inflation has been 12 percent. Given these facts a further near-8 percent increase is unacceptable.I urge the Council to adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget which would cap the rise at about 3 percent by cutting wasteful spending and reforming how the Council uses resources. Specifically I support the following positions and ask for them to be reflected in the plan:- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these costs (annual consultant spending is around $126 million across the Council group).- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a function of local government.Additional context from the Alliance indicates that direct operating expenditure grew 78% from 2013 to 2023 while personnel costs and other expenses rose at twice the rate of inflation from 2022 to 2025. The current payroll sits at about $1.3 billion with substantial six-figure salaries; reform here is essential. The Council should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and renegotiate vendor contracts to achieve savings.In closing I request that Council consider these reductions and approve a prudent rate-stable plan that protects essential services while slowing the rate increases.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7615,338583,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I urge a more prudent approach to budgeting that prioritises essential services and meaningful savings.1) Opposition to the rate increase. The proposed 7.9 percent rise translates to about $320 extra per average household on top of a real rates increase of 30 percent since 2022 (well above cumulative inflation of 12 percent). It is essential that public money be used efficiently and I cannot support rate rises that outpace inflation and population growth without demonstrable efficiency gains.2) Reduce corporate and backroom spending. The Alliance indicates annual spend on consultants totals $126 million across the Council group with substantial salaries and six-figure roles. I support reducing such expenditure and state that efficiency should extend to corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs.3) Freeze staffing and curb payroll costs. I support freezing non-essential recruitment and reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant roles where possible. The claim that this could save at least $17 million immediately should be seriously considered in the next budget.4) Cut discretionary non-essential spending including Māori outcomes. I support reducing spending on Māori-specific programs including the $10 million per year allocated to the Ngā Mātārae (Maori outcomes) function which I believe falls outside the core responsibilities of local government. Prioritising statutory and essential services should guide budget decisions.5) Reprioritise contracts and vendor

arrangements. I support contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to achieve savings of approximately $30 million focusing on value for money and service delivery.6) Prioritise essential services and reasonable expenditure. The Alliance's proposed alternative budget suggests cutting new spending by $150 million to cap rates increases at about 3 percent. I encourage Council to consider this path and to communicate clearly how savings will be realised.Closing: I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7633,338565,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I oppose the average residential rates rise of 7.9% and request that rates increases be kept to at most 3% through targeted cost reductions. The current average residential rates bill stands at $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of 30% (versus 12% overall inflation). The breakdown shows 4.4% allocated to CRL operating costs alongside 2% for existing assets and 1.5% for new assets as the city grows. I believe the Council must address inefficiencies before asking households to shoulder higher bills.I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and cutting spending on consultancy and professional services. The Council's reported $126 million per year in consultant fees across the group plus $1.3 billion payroll and $590 million on consultants and contractors indicate funds that could be redirected to essential services rather than persistent overheads. I also oppose the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.I urge freezing staffing or reducing payroll by halting non-essential vacancies which could save at least $17 million immediately. I also oppose ongoing Maori outcomes spending including the $10 million per year for Ngā Mātārae and believe that funding should be aligned with the core statutory duties of local government.Additionally I note that the mandated 7.9% increase would exacerbate affordability pressures for homeowners potentially forcing some to consider selling. I urge Council to prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and to pursue contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to realise meaningful savings.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7641,338557,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit in formal opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent for 2026/27.Key concerns and positions- I oppose the 7.9% rates rise as excessive and unaffordable for households already facing rising living costs. The proposed increase contributes to a real-terms burden not aligned with inflation or household budgeting.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut spending on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these lines.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles; doing so would save at least $17 million immediately.- Prioritise core statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and reduce non-essential programmes. In particular I support reducing Māori-specific spending including the $10 million/year allocated to the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a direct Local Government function.- The debt burden warrants scrutiny. If debt repayment costs are driving the need for higher rates the focus should be on debt management and core service delivery; a smaller rates increase would be

appropriate while addressing debt service more efficiently.Rationale and alternative budgeting- The Alliance's proposed alternative budget suggests a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (about 2%). This would cap the average residential rates increase at around 3% and prioritise essential services. - $50 million: personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze. - $50 million: cap on consultants and external professional services. - $30 million: contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation. - $20 million: prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.- Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% while cumulative inflation has been about 34% and population growth around 22% indicating rate relief is warranted.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7675,338523,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit in opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and in support of reducing wasteful Council expenditure.1. Opposition to rates rise and rationale. The proposed 7.9% average rate increase equates to about $320 for the average household on a current average bill of $4069. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% vastly outpacing both inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). A rates increase of this magnitude is not affordable for households and it is essential to align rate rises with inflation and essential service delivery.2. Spending reform and waste reduction. The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these costs. Evidence from the Alliance indicates $126 million per year in consultancy across the Council group with the average consultant near $200000. Direct operating expenditure and payroll have risen well ahead of inflation and 18 corporate and business support functions consume nearly $870 million in direct expenditure.3. Specific programmatic savings and priorities. The Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme estimated at $36 million per year on the basis it emits more carbon than it saves. Staffing controls should be tightened: freezing vacancies and not hiring for non-essential roles could save at least $17 million immediately. Further reductions should apply to non-essential bargaining with a focus on statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.4. Māori outcomes spend. I oppose the ongoing $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes function (Ngā Mātārae) arguing that this is not a core local government responsibility and should be refocused or reduced.5. Alternative budgeting approach. The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap the average rate increase at around 3% by implementing the reductions above and prioritising essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

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justified by demonstrable efficiency gains across the organisation.I agree that expenditure should be tightened in key areas:1) Corporate and backroom functions: reduce spend across the Council and CCOs to remove duplication and inefficiency.2) Consultants and professional services: cap and phase down expenditure rather than continual increases.3) Food Scraps Programme: cancel the programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.4) Staffing and payroll: freeze non-essential vacancies and avoid hiring for non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.5) Maori-specific spending: reduce Ngā Mātārae/'Maori outcomes' allocations of around $10 million per year acknowledging this is not a core local government function.Additional pointsThis council has often acted in ways that do not serve the broader interests of ratepayers. Stop approving consents that facilitate development in flood plains and the conversion of productive land into suburbs. Prioritise infrastructure roading and rail improvements that benefit communities in the northwest and beyond.Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budgetReduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) enabling an average rates increase of about 3%:- $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes- $50 million from consultants and professional services- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation- $20 million from prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grantsClosingI request careful consideration of these cost-saving measures and a lower rates outcome.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7680,338518,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge the Council to pursue meaningful reductions in wasteful expenditure before asking households to pay more.Key context: the proposed 7.9% rise translates to about $320 more for the average household on top of an average current bill of $4069. Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have risen by 85%well above inflation and population growth. A substantial portion of the increase is tied to operating costs for the CRL and to maintaining and expanding assets with limited visible progress on core service delivery.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance plan to cap rate rises by reducing new and ongoing expenditure by at least $150 million which would constrain the rate rise to around 3% if implemented. Specifically I advocate:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and freezing non-essential roles to save at least $50 million.- Capping spending on consultants and professional services at $50 million.- Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors for $30 million.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants for $20 million.In addition I urge the Council to stop the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves and to pause or scale back Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' function which represents around $10 million per year pending clearer statutory justification for local government spend.I also note that wasteful back-office functions and bloated payroll contribute to unaffordable rates. Freezing staffing and not filling vacant non-essential roles would provide immediate savings and cutting back on six-figure salaries and contractor reliance would improve value for money. Direct operating expenditure and staff costs have risen far faster than inflation in recent years; reform is overdue.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7700,338498,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,Since 2022 rates have risen by 30 percent in real terms far outpacing cumulative inflation of 12 percent and population growth of 22 percent. The proposed 7.9 percent increase is not justified by the council's own breakdown: 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as the city grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. A more sustainable approach would target reducing wasteful spending and improving efficiency.In line with the Council's wasteful expenditure concerns I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by $150 million to cap rates at roughly 3 percent. Specific priorities should include:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze for vacant nonâ€‘essential roles saving at least $17 million immediately.- Capping expenditure on consultants and professional services saving $50 million.- Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors to save $30 million.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving $20 million.Additional evidence-based savings are necessary given the current spend patterns:- Consultants: about $126 million annually across the Council group with the average consultant around $200k.- Payroll and related costs: payroll exceeds $1.3 billion with significant six-figure salaries. Direct operating expenditure has grown far faster than inflation.I also request scrutiny of the following items which drive unnecessary cost without clear public benefit:- Food Scraps Programme: proposed cost of $36 million per year which currently emits more carbon than it saves; consideration should be given to cancelling this programme.- Māori outcomes funding: the $10 million per year allocated to Ngā Mātārae should be reassessed given the role of local government and competing budget pressures.I would appreciate the opportunity to speak at hearings to present these points in more detail but I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0 ,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7703,338495,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average 7.9% residential rates increase for 2026/27 and to the underlying spending patterns that drive it. The proposed 7.9% increase translates to roughly $320 more for the average household on top of a real increase in rates of 30% since 2022 (vs. 12% headline inflation). This is unacceptable and unsustainable.I oppose the rate rise and support immediate and substantial reductions in non-essential spending. Specifically:1) Reduce corporate and backroom spending across the Council and CCOs. The current model relies heavily on staffing and outsourcing that inflate costs without clear public benefit.2) Cut consultancy and professional services. The Council should rein in external advice and leverage in-house capabilities where possible.3) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.4) Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million right away.5) Curb Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) which I do not believe is a core local government obligation.The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget is a practical pathway: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) capping the average rate increase to around 3%. This can be achieved by a targeted approach:- $50 million from personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze on non-essential roles- $50 million from capping consultancy spend- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation- $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grantsDirect operating expenditure and payroll growth have outpaced inflation while the 2010s to 2020s spending pattern shows escalating costs without commensurate outcomes. A prudent challenge-led reset is essential to restore trust and ensure

rates reflect actual needs and outcomes.I would welcome the opportunity to speak at hearings to emphasise these priorities. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7713,338485,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit in a personal and sincere tone to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent and to advocate for reducing wasteful Council spending and back-office costs.The proposed 7.9% increase about $320 for the average household is well above inflation and the Council's own past spending growth. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% far higher than inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). A 7.9% rise allocates excessive funds to CRL operating costs (4.4%) and to maintaining and funding new assets while households face real pressure from everyday living costs. I urge the Council to re-examine spending priorities and to adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget which would cap the rate rise at around 3% by reducing waste and unnecessary expenditure.Key areas for reduction:- Corporate and backroom functions: reduce wasteful corporate spend across the Council and CCOs.- Consultancy and professional services: cut spending on consultants and external contractors rather than continuing to grow these costs.- Food Scraps Programme: cancel this project which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Staffing and payroll: freeze non-essential hires and reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Māori-specific spending: reconsider expenditures such as the $10 million per year on the MaÅ ri outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) noting that this is not a core local government function.The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) enabling a 3% cap on rates by deleting or defunding non-essential programmes and focusing on statutory and essential services. This includes targeted savings of $50 million from personnel $50 million from consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million from prioritising essential services over discretionary grants.Get back to the basics and ensure ratepayers are not overburdened while essential services are preserved.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7733,338465,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 which equates to about $320 for the average household. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% well above inflation and population growth. This is unsustainable for households and erodes trust in local governance.I agree with the need to reduce wasteful expenditure and to curb excessive backroom spending. The Council should cut spend on consultants and professional services and prioritise core statutory and essential services over discretionary grants. In particular I support the following measures aligned with the Ratepayers' Alliance plan:- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cap spending on consultants and professional services replacing reliance on external advice with prudent internal capability.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to unlock savings targeting a $30 million reduction in operating costs and vendor spend.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary programmes.I oppose several items that drive cost without commensurate benefit to residents:-

The Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million per year which appears to emit more carbon than it saves; it should be cancelled.- Maori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae programme with about $10 million per year viewed as not a core local government role; this spending should be reallocated.Overall a 7.9% rate increase is excessive when combined with a history of rising personnel costs consultant spend and non-core programmes. The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget shows a path to cap rate increases at around 3% by delivering $150 million in savings through personnel changes contractor reductions renegotiations and prioritising essential services.Just stop wasting our money! We are not cash cows.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7757,338441,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit in a personal and sincere tone to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to urge a reset of Council spending toward core services and lower costs.I support:1) Opposing the average residential rates increase of at least 7.9% given that the current average bill is $4069 and real increases since 2022 are 30 percent with inflation around 12 percent. An increase should be aligned with inflation and population needs not a continuing rise in operating costs.2) Reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.3) Reducing spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these items.4) Cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.5) Freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.6) Cutting Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government role.I disagree with any approach that normalises rate rises above inflation without demonstrable value beyond statutory obligations. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget shows that reducing new spending by $150 million (2%) can cap the rate rise to about 3 percent through targeted actions: personnel cost controls capping consultants contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants. I support pursuing those savings as a priority.Additional points: Given long-run expenditure growth140 percent+ on staff and consultants since 2010 in parts of the organisationthere is a pressing need to focus on basics: delivering essential services efficiently avoiding unnecessary franchises of 'non-core' programmes and ensuring value for ratepayers.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7758,338440,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I write as a senior citizen who already pays about $4000 a quarter in rates. This is a heavy burden on a fixed pension and essential living costs. I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a substantial reduction in wasteful Council and CCO spending.The rate rise reflects 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Even if these components are justified the cumulative effect since 2010 has been an 85% increase far outpacing inflation and population growth. I request that the Council consider a tighter more responsible budget that prioritises core statutory services and essential maintenance over discretionary or non-core activities.lI support the Auckland Ratepayers'

Alliance position to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (about a 2% reduction) to cap rates increases at around 3%. Specifically:- Freeze or carefully review staffing and payroll costs especially vacancies in non-essential roles; this could save at least $17 million immediately.- Contain consultancies and professional services which currently add significant cost to projects across the Council and CCOs; avoid perpetual increases.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to save around $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services before discretionary grants.I also ask the Council to cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and apparently emits more carbon than it saves. I oppose ongoing spend on Māori-focused programs such as the Ngā Mātārae (Maori Outcomes) budget of about $10 million per year unless there is clear evidence of local-government-specific benefits that justify this expenditure.As a senior citizen I urge you to protect households like mine from unsustainable rate rises and to demonstrate fiscal discipline by reducing non-essential and backroom costs.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7787,338411,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I write to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to urge substantial reductions in wasteful Council spending with a focus on delivering essential services at sustainable cost.Key concerns and preferred approach:- oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase; the plan represents a real-terms rise well above inflation and threatens affordability for households already affected by rising living costs.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut spending on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing ongoing growth in these areas.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million promptly.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a core local government function.- I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) delivering a cap of roughly 3% on average residential rates. This includes $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze $50 million from capping consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Context and justification:- Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% while population growth and inflation outpace this growth undermining financial resilience for households.- Current spending on consultants six-figure salaries and several back-office functions indicates potential for efficiency gains without compromising core services.- Direct operating expenditure and staff costs have grown well beyond inflation suggesting room for reform focused on essential services.I request the opportunity to speak at hearings to elaborate on these points. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

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concerns and positions:- The 7.9% increase is excessive in real terms. Since 2022 rates have risen by 30% in real terms far outpacing cumulative inflation of around 12%. The breakdown shows 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% to cover CRL operating costs. This structure sustains a pattern of rising costs without demonstrable efficiency gains.- Wasteful spending must be cut. Council and CCO payroll costs are escalating with thousands on six-figure salaries and a significant number paid above the mayor's level. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have grown well beyond inflation.- Reduce consultants and backroom functions. Annual consultant spend across the Council group is about $126 million with the average consultant paid around $200k. This is unnecessary duplication of capability and should be capped and renegotiated.- Freeze non-essential staff and cut payroll costs. A hiring freeze or targeted reductions in vacant non-essential roles could save at least $17 million immediately.- Scrutinise discretionary spend. Cut Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae programme (Maori Outcomes) cited as $10 million per year as this is not a core local government function. Also cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and allegedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Realise the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) enabling a cap of around 3% for residential rates through prioritising statutory and essential services and cutting non-essential expenditure.Additional point:- CUT COUNCIL HIGH WAGES.I request the opportunity to speak at hearings to present these points in person.Sincerely{name redacted}{address redacted}{email redacted}I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7793,338405,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,The expected rise about $320 for the average household is not justified when real rate increases since 2022 are already around 30% in current dollars far outpacing general inflation.The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs. Direct operating expenditure and payroll have grown well ahead of inflation while consultant and contractor spend remains excessive. To meet a more affordable rate path I support reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) to cap the average rate increase at 3%.I further support cutting consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to expand these lines. A significant portion of wasteful spend is tied to external advisors and contracted services; capping and renegotiating these arrangements is essential. I also oppose the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and is claimed to emit more carbon than it saves. This programme should be cancelled to free funds for essential services.I urge freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this measure alone would save at least $17 million immediately. Additionally I oppose continuing a high level of Māori-specific spending within Ngā Mātārae (the Māori Outcomes department) which amounts to about $10 million per year as this is not a function of local government in my view. Redirecting or scaling these costs would help rein in rates while preserving statutory services.In line with a more affordable path I request consideration of the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget: prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and renegotiate vendor contracts to deliver substantial savings. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7812,338386,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,1. Opposition to the rates increase- I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% which amounts to about $320 for the average household. This far exceeds inflation and undermines households' ability to pay.2. Wasteful spending and cost containment- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than permitting continual growth in these items.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles; this alone would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and in my view emits more carbon than it saves.3. Specific budget reallocation and statutory priorities- Cut spending on Māori outcomes such as the Ngā Mātārae department; the $10 million per year dedicated to Māori outcomes is not a core local government function.- The Council should prioritise essential statutory services over discretionary grants.4. Alternative budgeting and revenue options- The Ratepayers' Alliance suggested a core reduction in new spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap the average residential rates increase to about 3%. This includes personnel cost controls consultant spend cap contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation.5. Additional points- Superannuation salaries are fixed; the Council must curb escalating annual rate rises.- Consider user-pays for certain Council services such as library use and swimming pools to shift appropriate costs to users rather than all ratepayers.ClosingI request that Council consider these reductions to bring rates increases in line with inflation and to curb wasteful spend.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7826,338372,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,Key concerns- The proposed 7.9 percent rise is excessive given the real increase in rates since 2022 is already 30 percent (in 2022 dollars) while overall inflation has been 12 percent. The 4.4% portion of this increase for CRL operating costs is particularly burdensome for households already coping with higher living costs.- Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% far outstripping inflation and population growth. A thorough review of core spending is overdue not another round of rate hikes.Agreed positions (what I want included)- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9 percent.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council must reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continue to increase these items.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this alone would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a role of local government.Additional points- The Council should implement the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the average rate increase at about 3 percent. This includes $50 million savings from personnel costs $50 million from capping consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations/vendor consolidation and $20 million from prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.- Public scrutiny of staff costs remains essential given payroll at about $1.3 billion and consultants at $590 million with wasteful backroom functions contributing to higher bills for ratepayers.- I acknowledge dissatisfaction with recent leadership and emphasise that ratepayers deserve listening responsible budgeting and concrete restraint on non-essential spending.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,

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7843,338355,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I understand the plan funds existing assets (2%) new assets for growth (1.5%) and CRL operating costs (4.4%). This level of increase is excessive when inflation and population growth are not driving equivalent outcomes for residents. I advocate reducing wasteful Council and CCO expenditure to cap rates rises at or near 3 percent.Key positions I support:- Oppose the 7.9% average residential rate increase.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spending on consultancy and professional services rather than allow further increases.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and is claimed to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a function of local government.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance' proposal to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap average rates increases at around 3 percent through:- $50 million via personnel cost reductions and organisational changes including a hiring freeze.- $50 million by capping consultants.- $30 million through contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation.- $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.I respectfully request that the Council consider these reductions as a practical path to preserving essential services while easing cost pressures on households.Closing:I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,
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7844,338354,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% which equates to about $320 for the average household. This rise when viewed against inflation and population growth since the Super City reform is unaffordable for many households including my own as a pensioner. The plan relies heavily on CRL operating costs while also proposing 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets. I believe it is possible to deliver essential services more efficiently and within a far more restrained budget.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position to reduce Council spending on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs as well as to curb consultancy and professional services. The current spending on consultantsroughly $126 million per year across the Council group with average consultants earning about $200kneeds urgent downward adjustment. I also urge cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.I endorse freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately. The significant payroll and ongoing personnel costs including six-figure salaries for thousands of staff and the rise in total staff costs since 2022 must be brought under tighter control. I also question the level of Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year for the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) and believe these matters should be reconsidered within the statutory scope of local government.Additional to these points as a Superannuitant these rate increases are not affordable. I request a simpler option for ratepayers including potential user-pays where appropriate and I oppose funding entertainment in parkssuch as free movies and musicpaid for from general rates.In

summary I urge the Council to implement the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget: reduce new spending by $150 million (2%) capping rates to around 3% and prioritising statutory and essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7849,338349,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I speak with a personal and sincere concern for how ratepayer money is spent and how rate increases affect households.I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% (about $320 for the average household). Since 2022 rates have risen by 30% in real terms while inflation has grown about 12%. A rate rise of this magnitude is not affordable for many families and does not reflect prudent management of Council resources.I urge the Council to prioritise lower operating costs and smarter spending. Key actions I support:1) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.2) Slow or halt growth in consultancy and professional services instead prioritising in-house capability and contract renegotiations.3) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.4) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.5) Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) or explain clearly how such roles are essential to local government.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budgeting approach which proposes a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (2%) to cap the rate increase at around 3%. This includes further savings from staffing controls cap on consultants contract renegotiation and prioritising statutory essential services over discretionary grants.Additional note: I urge the Council to act on these waste-cutting measures without delay and to communicate transparently about any trade-offs involved. Public trust depends on tangible reform not just rhetoric.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7857,338341,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,The current plan would add approximately $320 for the average household on top of a 30 percent real increase since 2022 well above inflation. This is unsustainable for many households already stretched by rising costs.I urge the Council to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The aggregate spend on consultants and contractors is excessive with $126 million per year across the group and a single Council parent average consultant pay of around $200000. Direct operating expenditure has grown far faster than inflation and payroll costs now account for a substantial share of ongoing expenditure.I strongly advocate cutting spending on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these lines. In parallel I support cancelling non-essential programmes that do not deliver proportional benefits notably the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year) which I believe emits more carbon than it saves.I support freezing staffing or reducing payroll by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could deliver immediate savings of at least $17 million. In addition I oppose expanding Māori-specific spending beyond statutory requirements; the $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes function (Ngā Mātārae) should be re-evaluated as this is not a defined local government obligation.The Council should also pursue

contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to deliver further savings and prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants. A targeted reduction of new Council spending by $150 million (to cap rates rise at around 3 percent) can be achieved via: $50 million savings from personnel costs $50 million from consultants $30 million from renegotiations and $20 million from prioritising core services.It is unconscionable to place such pressure on already stretched ratepayers. What a disappointment Wayne Brown has been; we need a sensible woman at the helm who budgets prudently not more costly ideas funded by others' money.I would like the opportunity to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7877,338321,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit in a detailed evidence-based manner to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to urge a substantial reduction in wasteful council spending.Position and rationale- I oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase. At approximately $320 more per typical household this rise far outstrips reasonable inflation and the long-term growth in the council's remit. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% well above inflation and population growth indicating a need for tighter fiscal discipline before further increases are approved.- The council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs. Direct operating costs and 'other expenses' have grown well beyond inflation with payroll and related costs contributing heavily to rate-funded pressure.- The council should reduce spending on consultancy and professional services. Current data show substantial annual consultant spend with average consultant pay highlighting a cost-saving potential if procurement and project governance are tightened and vendor consolidation pursued.- I support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. A target saving of at least $17 million immediately would materially ease rate pressure and demonstrate prudent budgeting.Against the current expenditure trajectory I note:- Consultants cost roughly $126 million per year across the council group with the parent council alone accounting for about $60 million. Six-figure salaries and elevated payroll costs have grown considerably contributing to the rate base.- The council's personnel and 'other expenses' rose faster than inflation between 2022 and 2025 while operating expenditure rose 78% from 2013 to 2023 against 29% inflation indicating inefficiency and scope for trimming discretionary spend.Alternative budget framing- Implement a reduction in new council spending by $150 million (about 2%) capping average rates to around 3% by:  - $50 million from personnel cost controls  - $50 million from limiting consultants  - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation  - $20 million prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grantsClosingI urge Council to look seriously at these avenues for making savings in costs and further scrutinise costs to determine where further savings can be made.Sincerely{name redacted}14 Searle StreetStonefields 1072{email redacted}I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

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remains well above inflation (about 30% in 2022 dollars versus 12% cumulative inflation). The breakdown of the 7.9% rise2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for growth-related assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costsdemands scrutiny and cuts to wasteful spend before any levy increase.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance positions to:1) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.2) Curb spending on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these items.3) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.4) Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a move that could save at least $17 million immediately.5) Cut Māori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing this is not a core local government function.Additional points I wish to raise:- Request all Councillors who agree with Wayne Brown's spending excesses to reflect on the implications for households beneath the proposed rates increase.- Consider voluntary (monitored) living on the Government superannuation payouts for one year as a tangible transparency measure.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants to protect essential community needs in these tighter financial times.In closing I request that the Council re-examine expenditure by freezing non-essential staffing reducing consultants and eliminating high-cost projects not essential to core governance. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7899,338299,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and I call for immediate restraint on wasteful Council spending to ensure ratepayers are not overburdened.Key facts and concerns- The proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. This represents a real burden beyond inflation at a time when rates have risen 85% since 2010 while population growth has been modest.- The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs plus 2% for existing assets and 1.5% for new assets. The lion's share of growth is not delivered by essential services but by ongoing operating and growth-related costs that exceed the level of inflation.- The Council and CCOs spend heavily on consultants and backroom functions. Overall consultant expenditure is about $126 million annually with the average consultant around $200000. Payroll and related personnel costs have risen sharply with many six-figure salaries and a growing payroll bill of $1.3 billion.- Wasteful spend must be addressed. The Council should freeze non-essential staffing reduce payroll by not filling vacant non-essential roles and cut consultancy and professional services rather than perpetually expanding these line items.Agreed positions (to be considered in submissions)- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9%.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than increasing these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles saving at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million/year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing this is not a core local government role.Alternative budget guidance- If possible reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping rate increases at around 3% through targeted savings in personnel consultants contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary

grants.ClosingI request to be heard at hearings though I understand the form here indicates no speaking preference. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7926,338271,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit this feedback in a constructive solution-focused spirit.1) Opposition to rate increase and call for prudent budgeting- I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% which would mean about $320 more for the average household. The current average bill is $4069 rising 30% in real terms since 2022 outpacing both inflation and population growth. A policy that restrains rates growth to the level of inflation or below is essential to maintain affordability for households.2) Reducing spend on consultancy and professional services- The Council group spends $126 million annually on consultants with the Auckland Council parent alone contributing about $60 million and an average consultant cost of approximately $200k. I support reducing consultancy and professional services as a key path to lower costs.3) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme- I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and is claimed to emit more carbon than it saves.4) Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs- I support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.5) Cut Māori-specific spending- I support reducing Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which I do not believe is a core local-government function.6) Governance on roads maintenance and tendering- I note concerns about governance in roads maintenance tenders and contractor management. Greater oversight on HSE compliance and tender outcomes is essential to avoid avoidable costs and ensure efficient service delivery.7) Alternative budget approach- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance suggests reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap rates at about 3% prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.ClosingI urge Council to adopt a disciplined transparent efficiency programme that prioritises essential services revisits large non-core programmes and aligns rate increases with inflation. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7933,338264,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I appreciate the opportunity to submit my views on the proposed 2026/27 annual plan. I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a pause to consider a more sustainable path for ratepayers.Key concerns:- The proposed 7.9% rise translates to about $320 more for the typical household and contributes to a 30% real increase since 2022 far outpacing cumulative inflation. The breakdown2% for maintaining assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costssuggests a growing structure-driven burden on households.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb spending on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing continual growth in these areas.- The Food Scraps Programme costing around $36 million per year and reportedly delivering limited carbon savings should be cancelled.- Freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles could save at least $17 million immediately.- I support reducing Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government

function.Alternative budget approach:- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap average residential rates increase at about 3%. This would be achieved through: $50 million saving from personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze; $50 million from limiting consultancy spending; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million by prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.I urge the Council to prioritise essential services control backroom costs and implement targeted savings before approving further rate rises. A more restrained efficiency-focused budget is fairer for residents and better for Auckland's long-term resilience.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7934,338263,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,1. Position on ratesI oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. This would equate to about $320 for the average household and is not affordable for many ratepayers. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 and real increases since 2022 have reached 30 percent in 2022 dollars far outpacing cumulative inflation. I support a cap on rate increases at roughly 3 percent achieved by reducing non-core Council expenditure.2. Alternative budget and spending prioritiesThe Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) enabling a 3 percent rate rise cap. Specifically:- Reduce personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: $50 million- Cap spending on consultants and professional services: $50 million- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors: $30 million- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 million3. Concrete cost-cutting measures aligned with positions agreed- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year and which purportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing that this is not a core local-government function.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb spending on consultants and professional services rather than continuing to grow these items.4. Core services and governance concernsI urge the Council to prioritise roads water sewage rubbish collection and parks and to relegate discretionary or 'non-core' programmes. I am concerned by the ongoing growth in payroll consultant costs and 'six-figure salaries' at a time when the Council's statutory duties should be delivering essential services efficiently.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

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spending on consultants is excessive (about $126 million per year across the group; $60 million by the Council with average consultants earning around $200k). Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have grown far faster than inflation.Agreed positions to be treated as submitted- Oppose the average residential rates by at least 7.9%.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costs about $36 million per year and emissions savings are not demonstrated).- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles (this could save at least $17 million immediately).- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a function of local government.Additional pointsI have been a ratepayer for over 20 years across two properties; I am now on a pension. There is no sewerage or water on Waiheke Island making this rate increase particularly burdensome for average residents. I urge a focus on prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and I encourage council to consider vendor consolidation and renegotiations to achieve further savings.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,
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7950,338247,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase and to the continuation of wasteful council spending patterns.Opening position- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. The real burden on households is growing faster than inflation with rates up about 30 percent in real terms since 2022 while inflation is far lower.Key expenditure concerns and requested reductions- Reduce corporate and backroom spending across the Council and CCOs. Current data show substantial costs in six-figure salaries consultant fees and broad corporate functions that do not deliver essential services to ratepayers.- Curb consultancy and professional services spending. The Council group spends about $126 million annually on consultants with the parent Council accounting for a large share and many consultants earning around $200k. This is a clear area to tighten.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. Redirect funds to essential services and waste reduction that actually lowers costs.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. This could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). Local government should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary spending.- Prioritise essential statutory services over discretionary grants and non-core activities. A leaner organisational structure will help limit rate increases to a sustainable level.Additional point- Consider reducing overall staff numbers to align payroll costs with actual service delivery needs rather than growth in backroom roles.Conclusion- Based on the Alliance briefing reducing new Council spending by about $150 million (a 2 percent saving) would cap the rate rise to around 3 percent. I urge the Council to adopt aggressive cost controls prioritise core services and deliver rate relief to households.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.While I recognise the need to fund essential services the current plan would push average rates up by about $320 and far exceed inflation raising the cumulative burden on households since 2022 to around 30 percent in real terms.My positions are as follows:1) Oppose the 7.9% increase and support reducing wasteful expenditure. The rate rise should be aligned with inflation and population growth not used to cover escalating operating costs of major projects such as the CRL.

A more prudent approach is to restrain overall spend and pursue efficiency improvements.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and cut the spend on consultancy and professional services. The Alliance's briefing highlights total annual consultant costs of about $126 million and $590 million on consultants and contractors across the group. A reduced dependency on external expertise paired with internal capability would deliver substantial savings.3) Cancel discretionary programmes with questionable value and high cost. In particular the Food Scraps Programme costs around $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.4) Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.5) Reassess Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) area ensuring funding aligns with core local government responsibilities.I support a counterproposal: the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget which seeks to cap rate increases at about 3 percent by reducing new spending by $150 million (2%) through personnel cost containment capping consultancy renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Additional point: prioritise using in-house expertise where possible to replace external consultants improving efficiency and accountability.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,
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7964,338233,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the public consultation on the proposed 2026/27 annual plan. I write as a ratepayer who cannot support an average residential rates increase of 7.9% which would add approximately $320 to an average household bill and maintain a real-terms burden well above inflation.Key concerns and positions- Oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase. The current rate burden has risen 30% since 2022 in real terms while inflation has been much lower. A continuation of large increases is unsustainable for households.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Wasteful overheads erode service delivery and place pressure on ratepayers.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services. The Council's reliance on consultants should be capped; prioritise in-house expertise where possible.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and in my view emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. This measure could save at least $17 million promptly.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). I believe this is not a core local government function.Rationale and alternative budgetTo cap the average residential rates increase at around 3% I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%). This can be achieved by:- Implementing meaningful personnel cost reductions through organisational changes and hiring freezes.- Capping spending on consultants.- Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.ClosingI request a clear prioritisation of essential services and a restraint on non-essential spending to protect households from further rate shocks.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,
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7976,338221,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I strongly oppose the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase and urge Council to adopt substantial cost-saving measures instead of relying on higher charges for households.The rate rise is not acceptable when inflation and household pressure are taken into account. The council should discuss how to deliver essential services while reducing wasteful spend. Key priorities must include cutting expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and limiting consultancy and professional services which are driving costs higher rather than delivering proven value. The current trajectory is unsustainable and already far outstrips inflation.Specific reductions I support include:- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cap and reduce spending on consultants and contractors; prioritise efficiency and in-house expertise where feasible.- Curb Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core function of local government.- Replace or renegotiate vendor contracts and consolidate procurement to achieve meaningful savings.I understand the Council's proposed 7.9% increase is partially allocated to CRL operating costs and growing asset needs but the overall package is not justified when alternative funding approaches exist. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance suggests an alternative budget that reduces new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the rate rise to around 3% and focusing on essential statutory services.I request that this submission be considered in full and that a balanced approach to budget setting with transparent reporting on savings achieved be provided at hearings. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8005,338192,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit my opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a reduction in wasteful Council spending. My position is informed by the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing and current published figures.1) Rate increases and governance- The proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a real increase of 30% since 2022 in 2022 dollars against 12% cumulative inflation. I cannot support rates rising faster than inflation especially while there is substantial potential to curb wasteful expenditure.- The 7.9% uplift is composed of 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This framework warrants scrutiny to ensure spending aligns with statutory essential services rather than growth of running costs.2) Wasteful expenditure and backroom costs- Council and CCO personnel costs six-figure salaries and consultant/contractor spending are excessive. The briefing notes 6123 employees on six-figure salaries with 464 paid over $200k and 72 staff paid more than the mayor. Payroll and external advisory costs have risen well ahead of inflation.- Consultant and contractor spending totals about $590 million with $126 million per year across the Council group. Reducing reliance on external advice and consolidating vendor contracts are essential steps.3) Targeted savings priorities (aligning with the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget)- Freeze non-essential hiring and reduce payroll costs; aim for at least $17 million in immediate savings.- Cap and reduce spending on consultants by at least $50 million.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year) if it emits more carbon than saved.- Freeze or reduce Māori-focused expenditure such as the Ngā Mātārae (Maori Outcomes) allocation of around $10 million/year.- Seek departmental

restructures and vendor consolidation to realise the $150 million targeted reductions enabling a maximum 3% rate rise.4) Additional stance- Reduce salaries for unnecessary staff and improve cost efficiency across corporate and backroom functions.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8038,338159,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,Key positions:1) Rates increase and spending restraint- Oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% (about $320 for the typical household) and cap rate growth at or near 3% by actively reducing current expenditure growth.- The Council should freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which would deliver immediate savings of at least $17 million.- The Council must cut back on personnel costs and backroom/ corporate functions across the Council and CCOs including reducing six-figure salaries and overall payroll and curbing inflated 'other expenses' that have grown well above inflation.2) Wasteful spend and procurement reforms- Reduce spend on consultants and professional services instead of continually increasing these items. Target a substantial reduction in consultant use and renegotiate contracts to achieve better value.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and implement stricter procurement vendor consolidation and contract renegotiations to achieve meaningful savings.3) Specific programme savings and criticisms- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Cut Māori-focused spending such as the Maori outcomes budget (Ngā Mātārae) including the roughly $10 million per year allocation on the basis that this is not a core local government function. This is not a reason to abandon equity or partnership but to reallocate to essential services where local government responsibilities are clear.Additional points- The Council has too many employees; stringent headcount controls are warranted to align with service needs and deliver better value for ratepayers.I would like the opportunity to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8039,338158,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit in a constructive solutionâ€‘focused manner to oppose the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase and to advocate for significant reductions in wasteful Council spending.1. Opposition to the 7.9% increase and a better path forward- The proposed 7.9% average rise is well above inflation and will add around $320 per household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022. I urge the Council to target an average increase closer to 3% by cutting non-essential expenditure.2. Wasteful spending and reform priorities- Agreement that expenditure on corporate and backroom Office functions across the Council and CCOs should be reduced.- Agreement that spending on consultancy and professional services should be curbed rather than increased.- Agreement that the Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled as it costs $36 million/year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.3. Personnel costs and staffing controls- Agreement to freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Agreement to scrutinise and reform payroll composition recognising that elevated six-figure salaries and payroll pressures contribute to higher overall rates.4. Specific spend categories for review- Agreement to cut or reconsider Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes'

function cited as about $10 million/year reflecting the view that this is not an appropriate core local government responsibility.- Agreement to pursue contract renegotiations vendor consolidation and a tighter governance of discretionary grants to prioritise statutory and essential services.5. Alternative budget approach- Agreement with an alternative budget that reduces new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) enabling a cap of approximately a 3% average residential rates increase.ClosingI respectfully request that the Council adopt these reductions and pursue real efficiencies before further rate increases are approved.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,
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8056,338141,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,The public deserves a rates plan aligned with inflation and genuine efficiency not a continuing pattern of elevated charges.Key points:- The proposed 7.9% average increase equates to about $320 more per household on top of a real rates rise since 2022 of 30%. This disproportionately burdens households while Council spending continues to expand.- Agreed: The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than letting these items grow unchecked.- Agreed: Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves; reallocate that funding to essential services.- Agreed: Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that would save at least $17 million immediately.- Agreed: Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a function of local government.- Agreed: The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the rate rise at 3% through targeted savings in personnel consultants contractual renegotiations and prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.Additional points:- Direct operating expenditure and staff costs have risen well beyond inflation while the ratepayer burden continues to grow. A targeted verifiable efficiency drive is essential prior to raising rates again.- A more prudent transparent prioritisation of services will support essential community needs without imposing unsustainable costs on households.In conclusion I urge the Council to adopt a plan that delivers real efficiency gains limits non-essential spending and restrains rate increases to align with inflation and essential services. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,
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costs to reallocate funds to essential services.3) Reduce consultancy and professional services expenditure. Freezing vacancies and limiting non-essential hires would curb payroll and related consultancy costs contributing to the target savings.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme. At $36 million per year it costs more to run than it saves in emissions reductions and the Council should prioritise essential services over discretionary schemes.5) Freeze staffing and payroll costs. Not filling vacant non-essential roles could save at least $17 million immediately reducing pressure on ratepayers.6) Cut Maori-specific spending. The $10 million/year allocated to the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) is not a core local government function and should be redirected to statutory duties or essential services.Alternative budgeting approach:- Reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the rate rise at 3% prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and renegotiating contracts to achieve further savings.I request consideration of these points and an opportunity to speak at hearings if possible. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8080,338117,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,The proposed rise is far above inflation and far beyond what ratepayers can reasonably bear.My positions:1) Oppose the average residential rates by at least 7.9% and seek a cap around 3% by cutting unnecessary expenditure rather than adding more burden on households. The proposed 7.9% would equate to roughly $320 extra per average home on top of ongoing cost pressures.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The current level of six-figure staff and bloated corporate costs are not justifiable when ratepayer funds are under strain.3) Cut spending on consultancy and professional services. Council reliance on external advisers has increased costs significantly; this must be restrained to protect essential services.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million/year which emits more carbon than it saves. This is an inappropriate use of ratepayer funds given housing and transport priorities.5) Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.6) Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) recognising that this is not a core local government function.Additional note:I am seriously considering relocating if this government spending trajectory continues; you campaigned on getting this under control and ratepayers deserve responsible management of public funds.In summary the Council should reduce new spending by about $150 million to keep rates increases to about 3% prioritising statutory and essential services and eroding wasteful discretionary grants.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8092,338105,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,Based on the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing this rise equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a long-run pattern of fast-rate increases that far outpace inflation and population growth. I support the Alliance's call to cap rate increases by reducing wasteful spending and refocusing on essential services.Proposed alternatives and key concerns:- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The current level of corporate costs is excessive and should be streamlined.- Cut

spend on consultancy and professional services. The Council's reliance on external consultants is unsustainable and diverts funds from core services.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and according to the Alliance brief emits more carbon than it saves. Resources should be redirected to more effective waste and emissions reduction strategies.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. A targeted hiring freeze could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae (Maori outcomes) department cited as about $10 million per year on the basis that this is not a core local government function. A focus on statutory and essential services should take priority.I support the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget which calls for a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (roughly 2%) to cap the rate rise at around 3 percent by:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and hiring freeze- Capping spending on consultants- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grantsWayne Brown's mandate to keep rates low should be honoured with tangible savings and a leaner organisation.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8097,338100,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,The current average residential rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 with a real increase of 30% since 2022 and cumulative inflation around 12%. The proposed 7.9% increase comprises 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This level of increase is unacceptable given the scale of existing cost growth.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance plan to cap rate rises by reducing Council expenditure on corporate and backroom functions and by cutting consultancy and professional services. The Alliance shows that consultants cost about $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant receiving approximately $200k. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have grown far faster than inflation in recent years while eighteen corporate and business support functions alone account for $868.4 million in direct expenditure.Specific measures I urge include:- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Reduce spend on consultants and professional services by $50 million and renegotiate contracts to achieve further savings.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits carbon without a net saving.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to Ngā Mātārae the Māori outcomes department which I believe is not a local government core function.An alternative budget approach that would cap the rate rise to around 3% would require aggressive efficiency: a $50 million reduction in personnel costs $50 million in consultant spend $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million redirected to essential services.I respectfully request that the Council consider these savings before approving any higher rate increase.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8145,338052,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit my formal opposition to Auckland Council's proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and I urge a comprehensive review

of council and CCO spending.Key concerns and positions:- I oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase. This would amount to approximately $320 more per year for the average household on top of an already high average bill of $4069 with real increases since 2022 well above inflation. The current trajectory is unsustainable for households and small businesses.- A substantial reduction in corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs is essential. Streamlining support services should occur before passing costs to residents.- Spending on consultancy and professional services must be reduced. Cutting non-essential external advice will help contain rate rises and better reflect prudent public budgeting.- The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled given its $36 million annual cost and reportedly net carbon emissions that exceed savings. This is not a valid use of ratepayer funds.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. I understand this could save at least $17 million immediately.- Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year for the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) should be reassessed as this is not a core local-government function; priority should be given to statutory and essential services.These adjustments align with the Ratepayers' Alliance alternatives which propose a 2% reduction in new spending to cap rates at around 3% by targeting payroll consultant costs contract renegotiations and essential services.I respectfully request that the Council prioritise restraint on operating and personnel costs curb discretionary expenditures and deliver a sustainable budget that protects essential community services without imposing an excessive burden on ratepayers.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8153,338044,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit in opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and in favour of reducing wasteful Council expenditure.Key points- The proposed 7.9% average increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 (with inflation at 12%). This is not acceptable in a period of tight family budgets.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions and cut consultancy and professional services rather than letting these costs rise further. Against a backdrop of $126 million per year across the Council group on consultants and payroll and other expenses escalating faster than inflation urgent cost discipline is needed.- The Food Scraps Programme costs approximately $36 million per year and is claimed to save emissions; I request independent review of its net benefit and consider alternative allocations that achieve genuine environmental outcomes more cost-effectively.- I support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose continued or expanded Māori-specific spend such as the roughly $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) given the view that local government should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary programmes.Alternative budget framework- I support the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) capping average residential rates increases to around 3%. This includes: $50 million from personnel cost reductions and hiring freezes; $50 million from capping consultant spend; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million from prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.ClosingI urge the Council to adopt a restrained budgeting approach prioritising core services and genuine statutory responsibilities and to implement the proposed efficiency measures to keep rates increases in line with inflation and

essential services rather than granting higher increases.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a
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8197,338000,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I oppose the 7.9% average increase which equates to about $320 for the average household in the context of a 30% real increase since 2022 (vs. 12% cumulative inflation). The breakdown2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets to accommodate growth and 4.4% for CRL operating costsshows a significant portion allocated to ongoing operating costs rather than essential service improvements aligned with ratepayer interests.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position to reduce Council spending on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and to curtail consultancy and professional services. The Alliance notes $126 million per year in consultant spend across the Council group with an average consultant receipt of $200k plus a payroll and personnel cost burden that has grown far faster than inflation. I therefore request a prudent restraint on these expenditures and a focus on core statutory and essential services.I also support freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which the Alliance estimates could save at least $17 million immediately. A responsible staffing approach would also involve tightening recruitment and reviewing discretionary roles that do not directly serve ratepayer outcomes.Further I agree with curbing Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). While I recognise the importance of partnership with Māori local government should prioritise services that are statutory and essential to all ratepayers.I note the Alliance's alternative budget aims to cap the rate rise at around 3% by saving $150 million through staff and consultant reductions contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation plus prioritising essential services over discretionary grants.I supported Wayne Brown's election proposals to restrain spending and am disappointed by current spending trajectories. I am most concerned by consultants' growth and taxpayers' financial strain.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a
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8283,337914,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. Even this figure understates the burden on households when compared with inflation and population growth since the Super City amalgamation. The rate rise is planned while current operating costs and discretionary spending continue to grow at unsustainable levels.I urge the Council to adopt the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance's proposed alternative budget which would reduce new Council spending by $150 million (about 2 percent) and cap the average residential rates increase at around 3 percent. Key steps include:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles saving approximately $50 million.- Capping spending on consultants and professional services at about $50 million.- Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors to save around $30 million.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving about $20 million.In line with this I call for immediate reductions in wasteful backroom costs across the Council and CCOs. Spending on consultants totals roughly $126 million per year across the group with the average consultant

earning about $200000. Direct operating expenditure has risen well ahead of inflation since 2013 while payroll and other expenses have grown disproportionately. A more disciplined approach to personnel outsourcing and procurement would relieve ratepayer pressure without sacrificing essential services.I also oppose further spend on projects that do not demonstrably deliver value. In particular I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. I also oppose ongoing Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Ngā Mātārae (Māori Outcomes) department arguing that this is not a role of local government.The sheer audacity of the spending is so disgraceful. With adults like this how can I teach my children to do better?I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8300,337897,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,The proposed 7.9% rise is excessive in real terms. The average residential rates bill is currently about $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of around 30% (versus 12% inflation). Of the 7.9% increase 4.4% covers CRL operating costs 2% maintenance of existing assets and 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows. This structure compounds costs without delivering commensurate outcomes for residents.I support reducing wasteful expenditure across the Council and CCOs. In particular spend on consultants and professional services should be cut and personnel costs must be restrained. The Council should implement the ratepayer-aligned plan to cap total new spending and reduce payroll by freezing non-essential vacancies and pursuing organisational changes. Cancel or pause non-core initiatives that do not directly serve ratepayers.Specific spending reductions I support include:- Freeze staffing/hiring for vacant non-essential roles to save at least $17 million immediately.- Curb consultant and contractor spend targeting at least $50 million in savings.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to save a further $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving around $20 million.Additionally I oppose the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. I also oppose ongoing spend on Māori-specific programs such as the Ngā Mātārae (Maori Outcomes) department estimated around $10 million per year as this is not a core local government function.The Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget demonstrates a feasible path: reduce new Council spending by about $150 million (roughly 2%) which would cap the average residential rates increase at about 3%. This requires changes to personnel costs consultant spend contract terms and a focus on core services.Every year costs rise while outcomes decline for ratepayers. Focus on basics and stop handouts. I urge you to adopt these changes.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8315,337882,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I write to oppose the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase for 2026/27 and to advocate for substantially reduced expenditure on wasteful council activities and non-core functions. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 and the proposed rise would amount to approximately $320 for the average household. Since 2012 rates have risen far faster than inflation and it is reasonable to expect strong restraint in a period of fiscal stress for households.Position and rationale1) Oppose the 7.9% average increase.

The ratepayer burden should not outpace inflation and population growth; a more prudent path is required.2) Reduce corporate and backroom spend. Spending on consultants contractors and six-figure salaries appears unsustainable relative to core service delivery. The Alliance estimates $126 million per year across the Council group on consultants with $60 million by the Auckland Council parent alone.3) Curb consultancy and professional services. Freeze or reduce non-essential external advice to reflect real needs and project outcomes.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme. At $36 million per year with carbon outcomes not clearly offset this programme should be reassessed or halted.5) Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs. Not hiring for non-essential vacancies would save a minimum of $17 million immediately.6) Cut Māori-specific spending in non-core areas. The $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes function (Ngā Mātārae) should be carefully reviewed as a local-government responsibility with prioritisation of statutory and essential services.7) Align budget with a CORE SERVICES focus. Avoid expansion of stadiums or cultural discretionary projects that do not directly support essential local government functions.Alternative budgetThe Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) enabling a rate increase of around 3% while preserving essential services. This would be achieved by: $50 million in personnel cost reductions $50 million capping consultancy spend $30 million in renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.ClosingI respectfully request that the Council consider these reductions and set a fiscally responsible path that protects essential services and households.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8334,337863,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit in a Detailed and Evidence-Based manner to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to advocate for substantial reductions in wasteful Council spending.Key concerns- The proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% is excessive and would mean about $320 more per average household on top of a real increase in rates of 30% since 2022 in the face of only 12% cumulative inflation. The current average rates bill is $4069.- The rate rise is breakdown-driven: 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets as the city grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This allocation highlights a heavy burden from ongoing operating costs and expansion projects.Agreed positions (Policy asks)- Oppose the average residential rates rise by at least 7.9%.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continue to increase these items; reduce consultancy by capping to more efficient levels.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles as this could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a local-government core role.Rationale and alternatives- Council payroll and related costs have grown markedly with many six-figure salaries and elevated payroll totals. Direct operating expenditure has risen far faster than inflation and consultant/contractor spend remains high. A targeted reduction in personnel costs renegotiation of vendor contracts and consolidation of core services would stabilise rates without compromising essential services.- The Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget proposes a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (2%) capping average rate rises to about 3% achieved through a hiring freeze limiting consultants and prioritising statutory services.ClosingI request that Auckland Council consider these reductions to

align rates with inflation prioritise essential services and provide clarity on how savings will be deployed to protect households.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8376,337821,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit in opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase and in favour of cutting wasteful Council spending keeping rate rises below inflation where possible and prioritising essential services.1) Against the 7.9% average rates increase- The proposed increase translates to about $320 more per average household on a current average bill of $4069. Since 2022 the real increase in rates is 30 percent well above cumulative inflation (12 percent). The breakdown shows 4.4% of the proposed rise goes to CRL operating costs with 2% for existing assets and 1.5% for new assets. This structure warrants scrutiny before rate rises are approved.2) Spending reductions as the path to restraint- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Spend on consultants and professional services must be reduced rather than continually increasing.- Freeze vacancies and non-essential hires; eliminating vacant non-essential roles could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cap or renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to achieve meaningful savings targeting at least $30â€“50 million in efficiency.3) Specific areas of concern- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costs $36 million/year) on the basis that it emits more carbon than it saves.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million/year allocated to the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) given that this function is not a core local government responsibility.4) Overall fiscal approach- The Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget suggests reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap rates at around 3 percent. This requires a prudent evidence-based review of discretionary versus statutory services with a focus on essential municipal functions.Additional point- Rate rises should be capped at less than the rate of inflation to mitigate broader inflationary pressure on households.I request the opportunity to present my submission at a hearing to discuss these points in more detail. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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- **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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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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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 |

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| | **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

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8430**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

**Our Annual Plan 2026/2027 builds on the first two years of our Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP). It focuses on continuing to strengthen our finances and Auckland's physical resilience, while investing where it is needed most to meet the needs of our growing communities.**

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

- **Transport**
- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

In real terms rates have risen 30% since 2022 while inflation ran about 12% in the same period. The planned 7.9% increase is not affordable for households and it would outpace reasonable constraint on public spending.Key concerns and requests- Wasteful expenditure and backroom costs: Council spending on consultants averages $126 million per year across the group with the Auckland Council parent alone accounting for about $60 million and consultants often receiving around $200k each. Council payroll and related costs have increased significantly with total staff and contractors rising markedly against inflation. I urge the Council to reduce personnel costs through organisational

change and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles as proposed in the Alliance's alternative budget.- Reduce consultancy and professional services: The spend on consultants and professional services should be capped and reduced to align with essential service delivery rather than growth in external contracts.- Review and cancel non-core programmes: The Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million per year should be cancelled if it does not deliver carbon savings comparable to its costs. Additionally prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.- Investigate overall spending: I request a transparent independent review of total Council and CCO spending to identify further savings and ensure rates are used prudently.- Rate fairness: Increases must remain within reason and fairness for ratepayers given the long-term increases already observed (85% since 2010) and the persistent gap between rates rises and household affordability.Proposed path forwardIf the Council proceeds I support the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new spending by $150 million (2% cap on rate increases) through: $50 million from personnel costs $50 million from consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and $20 million prioritising statutory/essential services.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

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- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

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- **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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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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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. |
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| | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8484**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

**Our Annual Plan 2026/2027 builds on the first two years of our Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP). It focuses on continuing to strengthen our finances and Auckland's physical resilience, while investing where it is needed most to meet the needs of our growing communities.**

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

- **Transport**
- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the proposed rates rise. The current average residential bill is $4069 with a real increase since 2022 well above overall inflation. The breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. A 7.9% uplift funded in part by expanded operating costs and new assets is not justifiable when ratepayers face sustained cost pressures.To achieve a fairer outcome I support reducing wasteful and non-essential Council expenditure and reforming spend in key areas including:- Corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs: reduce overall spend to channel resources to essential services.-

Consultancy and professional services: cap and gradually reduce reliance on external advisers rather than continuing to increase these costs.- Food Scraps Programme: cancel the programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Staffing costs: freeze recruitment for vacant non-essential roles or otherwise reduce payroll costs which would deliver immediate savings of at least $17 million.- Māori-specific spending: reassess or pause the Ngā Mātārae (Maori outcomes) allocation of around $10 million per year if deemed outside core local government responsibilities.I note the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget proposal to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the average residential rate increase at about 3%. This would be achieved through the combination of: a $50 million reduction in personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes a $50 million cap on consultants $30 million in contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.I request that my submission be considered in the hearings process and that my speaking opportunity be noted accordingly.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8505**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The current average residential rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 and the real increase since 2022 is 30% in 2022 dollars well above cumulative inflation. I urge council to cap rate increases to align with or below inflation and to prioritise core statutory services over discretionary spending.I support and emphasise the following positions:1) Oppose the 7.9% average increase; pursue a reduction to achieve a sustainable rate path ideally around 3% or less consistent with a disciplined spending plan.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Current spending on consultants is around $126 million per year across the

Council group with the average consultant earning about $200k. This is excessive for core services.3) Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these items.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and by analysis emits more carbon than it saves.5) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this could save at least $17 million immediately.6) Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which I view as not a core local government function.7) Start reducing senior management numbers; the current empire-building with high salaries undermines Auckland's finances and priorities.I note the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) enabling a 3% cap via:- $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes- $50 million from limiting consultants- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation- $20 million from prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grantsI request that hearings be used to discuss these measures and that the council publicly outlines a credible lower-spend plan before approving any rate rise. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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## Question 6: City centre

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**work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8529**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% increase will add approximately $320 to the average household bill on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 and well above inflation. This burden is unsustainable for many ratepayers.- There is clear evidence of excessive spending on backroom administration consultants and corporate functions. The Alliance briefs show about $126 million per year in consultant spend across the Council group and 6123 Council and CCO employees on six-figure salaries with a sizable number earning over $200000.- Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have risen far faster than inflation undermining the value delivered to residents.Agreed

positions (advocated in this submission)- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9%.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and is claimed to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.Alternative budget approachA responsible path is to contain new spending and prioritise statutory and essential services. A targeted reduction of about $150 million (2%) in new Council expenditure would cap the rate increase to roughly 3% and align with a more sustainable fiscal trajectory.ClosingI appreciate consideration of these points and respectfully request that at minimum the Council pursue substantive cuts to consultants payroll growth and discretionary programmes before approving any rate increase.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

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- **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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### 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?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8536**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The proposed increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a long-run trend of rising costs that far outpace inflation.Key context from the Alliance briefing shows that the 7.9% rise is allocated across maintaining existing assets (2%) funding new assets as Auckland grows (1.5%) and CRL operating costs (4.4%). Since the Super City amalgamation in 2010 rates have risen 85% (well above inflation and population growth). To maintain public trust I urge a disciplined review of priorities and expenditure.I Agrees with the call to reduce wasteful Council and backroom spending and to curb growth in consultancy and professional services. Spending on consultants is

about $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant earning around $200000. Direct operating expenditure and staff costs have risen well beyond inflation while many essential services are under pressure. The Alliance's proposal to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap rates at about 3% is a prudent targeted approach. Specific measures include:- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles (estimated immediate saving at least $17 million).- Cap spending on consultants and renegotiate vendors to achieve substantial savings.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.In addition I oppose spending on programmes that are not core to local government responsibilities. The Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year and reportedly emitting more carbon than it saves should be cancelled. I also oppose the Māori Outcomes expenditure such as the around $10 million per year for Ngā Mātārae given the view that this is not a local government mandate. A broader efficiency drive should also address road maintenance methods; I request that chip sealing practices be re-evaluated in favour of longer-term cost-effective options where appropriate.Overall I support reducing new and ongoing expenditure to bring rates increases back toward inflation-adjusted norms and to protect households from excessive rate burdens. I request to speak at hearings only if permitted but I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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# Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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### 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?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8538**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit this submission in strong opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 which equates to about $320 for the average household on top of ongoing real increases since 2022.Key concerns- The 7.9% uplift is excessive when compared with inflation and community needs. The Council must not levy above inflation and should prioritise essential services.- There is clear evidence of excessive spend on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and an ongoing pattern of rising consultancy and professional services costs. These costs need real restraint.- The Wasteful Food Scraps Programme estimated at $36 million

per year should be cancelled as it currently emits more carbon than it saves.- Payroll and staffing pressures must be addressed. Freeze non-essential vacancies and reduce payroll costs by not filling non-critical roles; this alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Maori-specific spending should be scaled back where it is not a statutory local government function. The $10 million per year allocated to the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) is not a core local government role and should be reconsidered.Proposed course of action- Adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% aim) to cap the average rates increase at 3%. Specifically: - $50 million saving from personnel costs through organisational change and hiring freezes. - $50 million saving by capping consultants and professional services. - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation. - $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.- Emphasise core services and limit non-essential programmes to protect household budgets.Additional point- Also can we have our English street signs back?I request to speak at hearings only if invited; otherwise I respectfully rely on this written submission to inform council deliberations.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8551**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The rate rise averaging about $320 per household exceeds inflation and undermines affordability for households already bearing substantial rate pressure.Key points for consideration:1) The proposed 7.9% increase comprises 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets due to growth and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% far outpacing inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). The cumulative burden on residents is unsustainable.2) There is clear evidence of excessive operating and personnel costs. Direct operating expenditure grew 78% from 2013 to 2023 with payroll at about $1.3 billion and consultants/contractors at $590

million. Eighteen corporate and business support functions alone accounted for $868.4 million in direct expenditure.3) The Council should curb expenditure on consultants and backroom functions. A reduction in corporate and backroom costs across the Council and CCOs is essential to restrain rate increase pressures.4) The Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million per year and reportedly emitting more carbon than it saves should be cancelled.5) Freeze staffing and reduce payroll by not filling non-essential vacancies; halting new hires for non-essential roles can save at least $17 million immediately.6) Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and re-examine Māori-specific spend including the $10 million per year directed to Ngā Mātārae to ensure alignment with local government roles and responsibilities.Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes an Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (approximately 2%) capping average rate increases to about 3% by: cutting personnel costs capping consultant spend renegotiating contracts and prioritising essential services over discretionary expenditure.I ask Auckland Council to consider these data-informed constraints and to engage in careful cost management before approving any further rate increases.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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### Q5 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?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8560**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I am submitting in a strong and direct voice to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and to demand a substantial reduction in wasteful Council spending.Key concerns and positions:- The proposed 7.9% average rate rise is excessive in the current climate. The average residential bill is already $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 and real increases since 2022 amount to about 30% in 2022 dollars far outpacing cumulative inflation (12%). An increase of this magnitude imposes a disproportionate burden on households.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and

cut spending on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to expand these lines.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles; doing so would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a core local government function.- The alternative budget proposed by the Ratepayers' Alliance suggests capping rate increases at around 3% by reducing new spending by $150 million (2% reduction). This is a more responsible path than charging households for a broad build-out of spending and consultancy.Additional considerations:New housing and suburban congestion are worsened by higher densities and car-dominated streets with limited road capacity and parking. If the Council proceeds with aggressive new-builds without commensurate transport and green space planning residents will bear higher rates for limited personal mobility improvements and worse traffic conditions.I urge Auckland Council to adopt a plan that prioritises essential services reduces discretionary and corporate spend and limits rate increases to reflect inflation not growth in spending.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8563**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The current average residential bill is $4069 and the proposed increase would add approximately $320 for the average household. Since 2010 rates have risen 85%well above inflation and population growth. A more prudent approach is required.Agreed positions and supporting rationale- Oppose the 7.9% average rates increase and support capping increases closer to inflation. The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes a three-year cap at around 3% by reducing new spending and improving efficiency.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have risen far faster than inflation while

consultants and professional services have expanded substantially.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services. The Alliance notes $126 million per year across the Council group on consultants with the average consultant paid around $200000.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes function (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government remit.Alternative budget approach- Implement a $150 million per year reduction in new Council spending (2% overall) enabling a maximum residential rate rise of about 3%: - $50 million from personnel costs through organisational change and hiring freezes - $50 million from cap on consultants - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million from prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grantsClosingI urge the Council to prioritise core statutory responsibilities and essential services while delivering real efficiency gains and a substantial reduction in discretionary and backroom spending.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8594**

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Key context and concerns- The proposed 7.9% increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 (well above cumulative inflation). The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs alongside 2% to maintain assets and 1.5% for new assets.- Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have risen 85% far outpacing inflation and population growth. This trajectory is unacceptable for households and businesses alike.Agreed positions and requested actions- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9%.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.-

Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) reflecting a view that this is not a core local government function.Alternative budget framework- Implement a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (2%) to cap the rate increase to about 3%: - $50 million from personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze - $50 million from capping consultancy/contractor spend - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grantsClosingI urge the Council to adopt a disciplined fiscally prudent path that protects households from unsustainable rate rises and reduces wasteful expenditure. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**

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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8614**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Based on the Alliance briefing this figure translates to roughly $320 for the average household and represents a real increase well beyond inflation. I urge Council to instead cap rate rises by reducing wasteful expenditure and refocusing on essential statutory services.Key concerns and positions- I oppose the 7.9% average increase and support a targeted reduction in rate pressure on households.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs including cutting consultants and professional services.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.-

Freeze staffing levels or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Ngā Mātārae (Māori outcomes) department on the basis that this is not a local government core function.Additional contextThe Alliance highlights a pattern of escalating costs since the 2010 amalgamation: rates have risen 85% while both inflation and population growth outpace those increases. Personnel costs and other expenses have risen faster than inflation and consultants/contractors represent a significant ongoing expense. An alternative budget proposal suggests reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would bring the average residential rates increase down to about 3% if implemented through concrete cost controls.Personal circumstanceMy family is experiencing financial hardship due to disputes over property valuations and rates including an RV update to 60% above a licensed valuation and unresolved objections from last year.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#8617

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

While I recognise the need to fund essential services the proposed increase is well above inflation and does not reflect prudent stewardship of public funds. I urge the Council to pursue meaningful efficiency restraint and a focus on core statutory responsibilities.I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase by at least 7.9% and request that the Council reframe its budget to achieve no more than a 3% net rise. In support of this I reference the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance analysis showing that rates increases since 2010 have outpaced inflation by a wide margin and that a substantial portion of the current increase is tied to operating costs for CRL and other non-core

items. To achieve relief for households I propose the following targeted measures sourced from the Alliance's Alternative Budget framework:1) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs aligning overheads with service delivery.2) Curb spending on consultancy and professional services instead pursuing in-house capability and competitive tendering where appropriate.3) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million annually and according to the Alliance emits more carbon than it saves.4) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.5) Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year allocated to the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing this is not a core local government function and should be prioritised accordingly.These steps would total significant savings and help cap rate increases while preserving essential services. The Council's direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have risen at well above inflation in recent years; a reset toward efficiency is both responsible and necessary. I request the Council consider these changes alongside continued scrutiny of mandatory services and statutory duties over discretionary grants.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8631**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Key points- The proposed 7.9% average rise translates to about $320 for the average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% far outstripping inflation (34%) and population growth (22%) and the real burden since 2022 is effectively 30% in 2022 dollars. A more restrained approach is warranted.- The breakdown of the increase shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs plus 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows. This highlights a heavy funded liability in CRL operating costs that should be reviewed for efficiency.- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget proposes a $150 million reduction

in new Council spending (about 2%) which would cap average rates increases to around 3%. This plan focuses on: (i) freezing/hardening payroll through hiring freezes and staffing reductions ($50m) (ii) capping consultant spending ($50m) (iii) renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors ($30m) and (iv) prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants ($20m).Wasteful spend and savings opportunities- Council and CCO payroll and back-office functions are costly. Corporate and backroom functions cost $868.4 million in direct expenditure across 18 functions; payroll alone is about $1.3 billion with consultants and contractors at $590 million.- Spending on consultants is approximately $126 million per year across the Council group; the average consultant salary is around $200k. Reducing reliance on external advice and renegotiating contracts could deliver meaningful savings.- There is a stated intention to spend on Māori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) of about $171 million over 10 years. I question the alignment of this spend with core local government responsibilities and urge a clear justification of ongoing allocations.ConclusionI request Council to adopt a tighter control on operating and personnel costs limit consultant reliance and prioritise essential services. Reducing wasteful spend is essential to keep rates increases within inflation and protect households.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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# Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

# Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8677**

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## Submitter details:

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I urge Council to prioritise value for ratepayers and demonstrate restraint in operating costs before seeking higher charges.I oppose the average 7.9 percent increase. The proposed breakdown shows 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs alongside 2 percent to maintain assets and 1.5 percent for new assets. Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have risen 85 percentwell above inflation and population growth. Rates affordability is a living concern for households and a rise above inflation is unacceptable without demonstrable efficiency gains.Agreed positions and supporting rationale-The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the

Council and CCOs and reduce spend on consultancy and professional services. Current levels of external advisers and six-figure salaries inflate costs without proportional public benefit.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) department as this is not a core local government function.- Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping average residential rates increase at 3 percent. This would be achieved by: $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes; $50 million from capping consultants; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; $20 million prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.Additional concerns- Stricter control over Traffic Management Companies' use of road cones and roadworks. Anecdotal disruption such as temporary parking removal without progress demonstrates waste and inefficiency in public works management.I request that the Council present a plan showing how efficiencies and savings will be achieved before approving further rate increases and provide a transparent timetable for reform. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**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?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8682**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The case is grounded in the information provided by the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance.1. Rate increase and affordability- The proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent (about $320 for the average household) is excessive relative to inflation. Since 2022 rates have risen by 30 percent in real terms while overall inflation has been around 12 percent. I oppose increasing rates at or above this level and support capping the increase at around 3 percent as outlined in the Alliance's alternative budget.2. Spending controls and efficiency- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Spending

on consultancy and professional services should be cut rather than continued growth.- A freeze on staffing and a reduction of payroll costs via not filling vacant nonâ€‘essential roles would deliver immediate savings (the Alliance estimates at least $17 million). I support this and urge rapid implementation.3. Specific programme cuts- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million per year and reportedly emitting more carbon than it saves.- Freeze or reduce Māori-specific spending such as the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) cited at around $10 million per year on the basis that this is not a core local government function.4. Overall fiscal stance- A reduction of new Council spending by $150 million (2% of annual spend) would cap the rate rise to about 3 percent. This should be achieved through the measures above: personnel cost controls consultant caps contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.5. Basic services- Stick to basic services; avoid funding nonâ€‘essential or high-cost initiatives that do not deliver clear statutory obligations or essential public value.I request to present at hearings to outline these points in person.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **Changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas**
- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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- **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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### 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?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8691**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit my views on the proposed 2026/27 annual plan and oppose the planned average residential rates increase of 7.9%. In real terms ratepayers have faced a 30% increase since 2022 well above cumulative inflation while population growth has not kept pace with costs. I urge the Council to bring rates increases in line with inflation and to consider substantial reductions in non-core expenditure.Agreed positions and rationale- Oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase and support a cap near 3% achievable only by reducing expenditure. The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes a $150 million reduction in new spending (2%) enabling a targeted rate increase no higher than 3%.-

Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs including personnel and six-figure payroll growth and cap consulting and professional services. The current pattern of rising staff costs and high consultant spend is unsustainable.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million per year and reportedly emitting more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Trim Maori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Maori outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) function which the submitter believes is not a role for local government.- Pursue contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to capture savings and prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Additional points- Reallocate savings toward core city services maintenance of existing assets and critical infrastructure rather than new discretionary programmes.- Emphasise transparent reporting on how ratepayer funds are spent and progress toward value-for-money outcomes.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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?

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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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| | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8737**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit this evidence-based respectful submission to express strong opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to urge a comprehensive review of non-essential and wasteful spending.Key points- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. With the current average bill at $4069 and a real increase since 2022 of about 30 percent rates increases should be capped closer to inflation and service needs not funded by higher bills on households.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and specifically trim consultant and professional services spending.

The Alliance notes annual consultant spend of $126 million across the Council group (including $60 million by the Auckland Council parent) and 464 consultants earning more than $200000. This is excessive and unsustainable.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million per year) as it costs more in emissions than it saves and diverts funds from essential services.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. This could save at least $17 million immediately and help constrain rate rises.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). Local government should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary programmes.- Scrap cycle lanes and road narrowing if they hamper intensification and efficient transport options reallocating resources to core council services and infrastructure that support all residents.Alternative budget alignment- A reduction of new Council spending by $150 million (2%) would cap the rate rise to about 3 percent achieved through personnel cost controls consultant caps contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.ClosingI request a careful transparent reconsideration of the budget with a focus on reducing wasteful spending to protect households from excessive rate increases.I would like the opportunity to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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- **Auckland's spatial plan**
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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?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8762**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in a detailed and evidence-based manner to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and to call for reductions in wasteful Council expenditure.1. Rates uplift and affordability- I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent which equates to about $320 for the average household given that the current average bill is $4069 and real increases since 2022 are around 30 percent. This exceeds inflation and places a heavier burden on households and seniors.2. Expenditure reductions to fund a lower rates rise- The Council should reduce spending on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and

CCOs.- Limit the spend on consultancy and professional services; cut costs rather than continually increasing these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and based on available summaries emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.3. Budget framework and alternative approach- Adopt the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposed alternative budget which would reduce new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) and cap the average residential rates increase at around 3 percent through the measures above.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants to ensure core services are maintained without penalising households.4. Additional concerns- The Bucklands Beach area lacks fast public transport options and key roading access; ongoing infill housing with insufficient parking compounds traffic and safety near schools. These local concerns should be weighed against broad spending pressures and any rate increase should not subsidise non-essential programmes at the expense of essential transport and safety investments.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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N/A

# Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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### 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?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8777**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% (about $320 for the average household) and urge the Council to align rates with inflation and population growth while cutting wasteful spending.Key context: the current average rates bill is about $4069 and since 2022 rates have risen by roughly 30% in real terms well in excess of inflation. The proposed 7.9% increase is broken down as 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This level of growth in expenditure is unsustainable for ratepayers and inconsistent with the need for prudent governance.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce

new Council spending by $150 million (2%) thereby capping rates at about 3% through targeted reforms:- Reduce personnel costs through organisational changes and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles which could save at least $50 million.- Curb spending on consultants and professional services by $50 million.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to save $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving $20 million.Specific spending reforms that should be pursued include:- Step back from the spending on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze or significantly reduce Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which I believe is not a core local government function.These measures are consistent with a responsible approach to budgeting and would deliver meaningful relief to ratepayers while preserving essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

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## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8782**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I support the Auckland Council Annual Plan. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget should be ignored.I also suggest reviewing processes around LGOIMA requests to ensure efficient transparent information access without imposing undue costs on ratepayers.I acknowledge the Council faces significant cost pressures including operating and asset maintenance and growth-related requirements. A disciplined budget keeps rates affordable while maintaining Auckland's long-term resilience- and his budget seems to meet that.I do not wish to speak to my submission at

a hearing and do not believe such things should be held for individuals.Thank you for considering my views.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

- **Introduction of a refuse bin/bag exchange fee**
- **Changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas**
- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

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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?**

(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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**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?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8792**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

**Our Annual Plan 2026/2027 builds on the first two years of our Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP). It focuses on continuing to strengthen our finances and Auckland's physical resilience, while investing where it is needed most to meet the needs of our growing communities.**

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

- **Transport**
- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I agree that the Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb the spend on consultancy and professional services. The current rate of spending on consultants and six-figure salaries is unsustainable for households already facing significant cost pressures. Direct operating expenditure has grown far faster than inflation and personnel costs are rising disproportionately. A tighter focus on essential council functions is needed.I oppose continuing to fund high-cost non-essential programmes. Specifically I support canceling the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and appears

to emit more carbon than it saves. Absent clear verifiable benefits this is not a prudent use of ratepayer funds in the current climate.I support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles. The proposed savings from not hiring for non-essential vacancies can amount to at least $17 million immediately which would help limit rate increases for households.I also oppose additional Maori-specific spending through Ngā Mātārae (the Māori outcomes department) given the argument that local government should prioritise statutory and essential services. Reducing or refocusing this area aligns with a view that some programmes should be delivered through central government or other channels rather than ratepayer-funded local government expenditure.Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance has proposed an alternative budget that would cap the rate rise by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) including a $50 million reduction in personnel costs $50 million in capped consultancy spending $30 million in contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants. This approach would deliver a more affordable rate outcome while maintaining core services.Closing: I hope the Council will consider these measures to restrain the proposed increase and optimise expenditure for essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

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- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

# Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

- **Regional transport plans**
- **Water service strategies**
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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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| | **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?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8802**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## 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.**

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**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The impact on households with an average increase of about $320 and a current average bill of $4069 is not acceptable when the real increase since 2022 has already reached 30% in real terms (well above inflation).Iyer statements of funding priorities must reflect value for ratepayer money. The Council needs to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb the growth in consultancy and professional services that now totals roughly $126 million per year across the Council group. A new approach is required to stop the drift toward higher operating costs driven by non-essential personnel and external advisors.I also urge

the immediate cancellation of the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and according to independent assessment emits more carbon than it saves. This is not a prudent use of limited ratepayer resources. In addition freezing staffing or at least not hiring for vacant non-essential roles would save at least $17 million right away and should be implemented without delay.The proposed 7.9% increase includes 4.4% for CRL operating costs which underscores the importance of disciplined spending. I support reducing Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which this submission regards as outside the core remit of local government.I support the Council's need to reduce spending on consultants contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation with an overall aim to cap rate increases at a much lower level. A targeted reduction in personnel costs combined with a freeze on non-essential recruitment and a stricter procurement framework would align spending with actual statutory and essential services.Additional point: development costs are being inflated by council contribution and development contributions which impede building and push up construction costs. A reassessment of these charges is warranted to unlock housing and infrastructure development.In closing I urge adoption of the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million to cap the rate rise at around 3% prioritising essential services and fiscal prudence.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **Changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas**
- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

# Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

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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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### 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?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8806**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## 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:**

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**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for substantial reductions in wasteful council and CCO spending with a focus on protecting essential services for ratepayers.Key concerns and requests- Reject a 7.9% average residential rates rise. The current average rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 with a real increase of 30% since 2022 despite 12% cumulative inflation. The proposed increase comprises 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for growth-related new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This level of increase is unaffordable for many households.- Implement savings by cutting wasteful expenditure. The

council group spends approximately $126 million per year on consultants with the average consultant around $200k. There is a need to reduce outsourcing and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs.- Cancel or pause discretionary and non-core programmes. Specifically I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles. A payroll freeze could save at least $17 million immediately.- Reduce Māori-specific spending. I oppose the allocation of about $10 million per year to the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as a core local government function; this is not a local government responsibility.- Improve accountability for spending. Stronger reporting and scrutiny on all major expenditures including consultants contractors and back-office functions is essential.Alternative budgeting approachI support the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new council spending by $150 million (a 2% saving) to cap average residential rates at about 3%. This would involve: $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes; $50 million from consultant spend; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million from prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

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- **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?

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# Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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### 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?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8807**

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I write to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and to urge a rigorous reduction in wasteful Council spending. The public deserves a rates package aligned with inflation and essential services not a growth in charges that outpaces both inflation and population.I agree the council should:- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9%.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon

than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a role of local government.Context and justification:Since 2010 the combined rates rise stands at 85% far exceeding inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). The proposed 7.9% split includes 4.4% for CRL operating costs 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets tied to growth. The current average residential bill is about $4069 with related increases borne by ratepayers over a decade. The ratepayer community must insist on reducing non-essential spendingparticularly consultants back-office costs and discretionary programmesbefore accepting higher bills.Additional points:The council must undergo an overhaul to curb spending and ensure funds are directed to statutory and essential services rather than discretionary grants. It is unacceptable that ratepayers bear the consequences of management practices that waste taxpayer funds.Closing:I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**

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## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

**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?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8824**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 (around $320 for the average household). The current average residential rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 and the real increase since 2022 is 30% (in 2022 dollars) versus 12% cumulative inflation. I urge Council to prioritise savings and reform over further rate hikes.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position that the Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut spending on consultants and professional services rather than continue to grow these items. The proposed 7.9% increase is

allocated as: 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. In addition direct operating expenditure has grown 78% between 2013 and 2023 far outpacing inflation while payroll and staff costs have risen sharply.In line with the Alliance's alternative budget I request a reduction in new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap the average residential rates increase at 3%. Specific savings I endorse include:- Freeze staffing and cap payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which can save at least $17 million immediately.- Curb spending on consultants and professional services by $50 million.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to save about $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving around $20 million.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million/year and reportedly emitting more carbon than it saves.- Reduce Māori-specific spending including the $10 million/year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a core local government function.I recognise the need for essential services; however the current plan cannot justify a near-8% rate rise. I urge formal consideration of the above measures and a revised plan that delivers fairer more affordable outcomes.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

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## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8825**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase. The current rate of inflation and the impact on households must be a priority and the Alliance's analysis shows that rates have risen well ahead of inflation since 2010. The proposed increase would add roughly $320 for the average household placing an ongoing burden on families.2. The Council needs to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Spending on consultants and professional services is excessive and should be restrained to protect essential services for ratepayers. The Alliance notes $126 million per year across the Council group on

consultants including $60 million by the Auckland Council parent with many firms paying average consultant salaries and 6123 employees paid six figures. This is wasteful and not sustainable.3. The Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. This project does not deliver net environmental or financial benefits commensurate with its cost and should be discontinued to rebalance a constrained ratepayer-funded budget.4. Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. A pause on non-critical recruitment would save at least $17 million immediately and ongoing workforce reform is needed to align personnel costs with service priorities.5. Reduce Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year spent on the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae). Local government should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary programmes and this line item is not a core local-government obligation.6. The Alliance's alternative budget outlines a pathway to cap the rate rise at 3 percent by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent). This includes $50 million saving from personnel costs $50 million from consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million from prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Closing: I request that this submission be considered in full and that the Council adopt a plan to reduce wasteful expenditure and hold the rate rise to a level within inflation or closer to 3 percent while protecting core services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

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## Question 4: Other feedback

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# Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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# Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#8830

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## Submitter details:

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge the Council to constrain expenditure and prioritise essential services.Key concerns and positions1) Rates increase: The proposed 7.9% average rise is excessive. The finance burden falls most on households with the current average rates bill at $4069 and real increases since 2022 at 30% (vs 12% inflation). A more affordable target is needed that aligns with inflation and core services.2) Wasteful spending and backroom costs: The Council must cut spending on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs. Rates are being consumed by personnel costs six-figure salaries (6123 staff 464

earning over $200k) and high external consultancies. Direct operating expenditure and consultants have risen far above inflation with $126m/year on consultants and $1.3b payroll across the organisation.3) Consultants and professional services: Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items. A cap and consolidation of vendors is essential to halt the drift in non-core expenditure.4) Cancelling non-essential programmes: Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million/year which reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. Focus on proven cost-effective programmes with clear benefits.5) Staffing and payroll controls: Freeze staffing or reduce payroll by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. This could save at least $17 million immediately.6) Maori-focused expenditure: Reassess and reduce Māori-specific spending including the about $10 million/year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) where delivery is not a core local government function.Alternative budget approachAdopt the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap rates increases at around 3% by cutting personnel costs capping consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.ClosingI request that my submission be considered and that I do not wish to speak at a hearing.

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

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## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8831**

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## Submitter details:

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

1. Rates and affordability- The proposed 7.9% average increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a current average residential rates bill of $4069. Since 2022 rates have risen by 30% in real terms far outpacing cumulative inflation of 12%. This is unacceptable for households already bearing high living costs.2. Wasteful spend and backroom cost control- The Alliance briefing shows about 126 million per year spent on consultants across the Council group with $60 million by the parent Council alone and an average consultant around $200000. Personnel costs and other expenses have grown faster than inflation and direct operating expenditure rose

78% from 2013 to 2023 versus 29% inflation. I urge immediate reduction of corporate and backroom functions and consultancy spend to fund essential services.3. Proposed budget alternative- I support the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: cut new Council spending by $150 million (around 2%) capping rate increases to about 3%. This includes: freezing/hiring freezes to reduce payroll costs by at least $50 million capping consultants by $50 million renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors for $30 million and prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants for $20 million.4. Specific line-items to reconsider- Food Scraps Programme at $36 million/year should be cancelled as it costs more to operate and carbon emissions exceed anticipated savings.- Staffing and payroll: freeze non-essential vacancies to save at least $17 million immediately.- Māori outcomes spending: reduce targeted Māori outcomes spending (Ngā Mātārae) of about $10 million/year as this is not a local government core function.5. Additional note- Last year's rate increase of 23% demonstrates a need to get spending under control; Mayor Brown should prioritise prudent budgeting or consider other leadership options if spending cannot be restrained.I request to speak at hearings? No.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8845**

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and the associated expenditure trajectory. The impact on households is disproportionate when a cumulative rates rise since 2010 has reached 85% while inflation runs around 12% in real terms.Key points1) Rates affordability and growth: The 7.9% increase equates to approximately $320 more for the average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. This is well above the rate of inflation and erodes household financial resilience.2) Spending priorities and wasteful expenditure: The Council and its CCOs should reduce corporate and backroom functions and curb consultancy and professional services.

Annual consultant spend is about $126 million across the Council group with the average consultant earning around $200k and payroll/costs rising faster than inflation.3) Waste reduction and project review: The Food Scraps Programme is costly (about $36 million/year) and should be cancelled as it reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. Given competing pressures the Council should prioritise statutory services and essential functions.4) Payroll restraint and vacancy management: Freeze staffing or reduce payroll by not filling non-essential vacancies. The submission aligns with the case that vacant non-essential roles could save at least $17 million immediately.5) Māori outcomes funding: The $10 million/year allocated to the Ngā Mātārae (Māori outcomes) area should be re-evaluated as the submission contends this is not a core local government function.6) Alternative budget framing: A 2% reduction in new Council spending could cap the rate rise at around 3% aligning with an approach to reduce overall costs by $150 million through: a) personnel cost control b) limiting consultants c) renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors d) prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Additional pointThe compliance/consent function is underperforming at times; considerations for whistleblower mechanisms and contractor oversight should be included in ongoing governance discussions rather than expanding overheads.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8873**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase for 2026/27 and urge substantial restraint in Council spending.Key points- The proposed 7.9 percent increase translates to about $320 more per average household on top of a previous average bill of $4069. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% well above inflation and population growth. I reject any rate rise beyond inflation.- The breakdown shows 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs alone plus 2 percent for maintaining existing assets and 1.5 percent for new assets. A reduction in overall expenditure is required before further rate increases are justified.Agreed positions (include in the

submission)1) Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9 percent; cap increases closer to 3 percent or less through spending discipline.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.3) Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than permitting continual growth.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves.5) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.6) Cut Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae); this is not a core local government function.Additional points to highlight- Reallocating funds by cancelling or scaling non-essential initiatives would reduce the need for rate increases.- The city should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary programmes and events that do not demonstrably benefit a broad ratepayer base.ClosingI request the Council considers substantial efficiency savings and a reduced rate increase to protect households from excessive taxation while preserving essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

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## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#8907

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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- **Transport**
- **Water**
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**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The burden on households should not outpace inflation and the current plan reflects a need for immediate fiscal restraint rather than further rate rises.Key concerns and positions:1) oppose the 7.9% average increase. The proposed rise stands at about $320 for the average household on top of a rate bill that has grown from $2781 in 2022 to a current average of $4069. In real terms rates have risen 30% since 2022 far exceeding general inflation (12%) and far exceeding population growth (22%) since amalgamation.2) reduce corporate and backroom spending across the Council and CCOs. Total spent on consultants is $126 million per year with the {address redacted} Council

parent alone at $60 million and an average consultant earning about $200k. There is a clear opportunity to streamline operations and cut unnecessary overhead.3) curb consultants and professional services spending. The spending on external advisors and contracts has grown faster than inflation; this must slow to protect ratepayers.4) cancel the Food Scraps Programme. At $36 million per year and with carbon emissions not aligned to savings this programme should be terminated or redirected.5) freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs by not hiring for non-essential vacant roles. This could save at least $17 million immediately.6) cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) since this is not a core local government function.Alternative Budget alignment:The Ratepayers' Alliance suggests reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the rate increase to about 3% by addressing personnel costs consultants contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Closing:I request careful consideration of these reductions and a revision of the draft plan to align with revenue growth that reflects inflation and efficiency gains.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

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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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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8910**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Key concerns and positions:- Oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% (about $320 for the average household) and recognise that this would add to a real increase in rates since 2022 of about 30% while inflation has been 12%. A more prudent path is needed.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have grown well beyond inflation driving higher rates.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to expand these items. The current level of $126 million per year for consultants across the Council group is

excessive and unsustainable.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a move that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year for the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.- The proposed alternative budget from the Ratepayers' Alliance suggests reducing new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) to cap rates increases at around 3%. This includes: $50 million by freezing personnel costs $50 million by capping consultants $30 million via contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services.Additional point: it is time for fiscal prudence to ease the cost of living crisis as excessive rate rises contribute to the burden on Auckland households.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

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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?

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8911**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose that level of increase and urge the Council to prioritise prudent expenditure reductions to keep rates closer to inflation and protect household' budgets.Key points for consideration:- The proposed 7.9% average residential increase equates to about $320 more per household on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% far outstripping inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). It is reasonable to expect the Council to curb wasteful spending before asking ratepayers to shoulder larger bills.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and notably curb spending

on consultancy and professional services. The Alliance's analysis shows consultant spending at approximately $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant earning around $200000.- The Food Scraps Programme represents a significant ongoing cost ($36 million per year) and its carbon savings are not evidently justified. I support cancelling this programme to reallocate funds to essential services.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which would deliver immediate savings of at least $17 million.- Consider direct savings from reforming Maori-specific spending. The current figure cited is around $10 million per year for the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). If this is not a necessary local-government function reallocate to core statutory services.In alignment with the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget I urge the Council to reduce new spending by $150 million (2%) capping the rate rise to around 3 percent by:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze.- Capping spending on consultants.- Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.I request that this submission be considered in full before any final decision on the 2026/27 annual plan.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## 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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**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?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8927**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in a personal and sincere tone to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for restraint on wasteful Council spending.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% average rates rise is excessive especially given the real increases since 2022 and the cumulative inflation pressures on households. The allocation breakdown (2% for existing assets 1.5% for new growth assets 4.4% for CRL operating costs) indicates much of the rise goes to ongoing operating costs and large-scale projects rather than essential services alone.- There is pervasive spend on consultants and backroom functions. Total Council group consulting costs amount to

about $126 million per year with substantial six-figure salaries across staff and a payroll of around $1.3 billion. This is a prime area for savings.- I support reducing Māori-specific expenditure such as the $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which I believe falls outside the core remit of local government.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**

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N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#8977

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. This rise equivalent to about $320 for the average household is well above both inflation and reasonable growth in service delivery. Since 2010 rates have increased by 85% far exceeding cumulative inflation (about 34%) and population growth (22%). The current plan would compound this burden on households already facing tight budgets.I urge Auckland Council to implement a disciplined cost-saving package that prioritises essential services and genuine efficiency. The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce spend on

consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these items. In particular I support a targeted reduction of $150 million in new spending to cap the rate rise to about 3 percent funded by:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles: $50 million- Capping spending on consultants: $50 million- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionI also urge the Council to halt or reevaluate discretionary programmes with substantial cost and limited measurable benefit. The Food Scraps Programme costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves; cancelling it would deliver immediate savings with no impact on essential waste services. I agree with reducing Māori-specific spend including the $10 million per year allocated to the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' department on the basis that local government should prioritise statutory obligations and essential services.Other efficiency measures include freezing staffing and not filling vacant non-essential roles which alone could save at least $17 million immediately. The Council should renegotiate contracts and explore vendor consolidation to ensure value for money in all major spending.The government should have introduced a rates rise at the national level rather than pushing costs onto ratepayers locally. My MP Simon Watts had the opportunity to do this and has now promised that this will be done in the future. However with rising inflation in every aspect of expenditure the council has to set an absolute priority on expenditure restraint. Unfortunately people who are old like me at 85 are finding it increasingly difficult to manage normal increases in the cost of living. And living is costly but it is made much worse by unfettered rates rises. Clearly with huge problems in the Energy sector with the enormous increase in petrol prices everything that is transported is going to increase in costs. Please remember the people who elected you. I am one of them and I cannot afford the rates rises you are proposing.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

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## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**

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# Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

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## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8992**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

1) Rates increase and fairness. I oppose the average 7.9% rise which equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a real rate increases of 30% since 2012 in the face of only 12% cumulative inflation. Such increases are unaffordable for many households and do not reflect prudent value-for-money government at the local level.2) Wasteful spending and backroom costs. I urge the Council to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to curb spending on consultancy and professional services rather than letting these items grow. The current pattern of high external advice and bloated payroll undermines public

trust and diverts funds from essential services.3) Specific programmes and cost-cutting measures. I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves. I also support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which would deliver immediate savings of at least $17 million.4) Maori outcomes spending. I oppose continuing high Maori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). As a local government entity funding should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary spending ensuring value for all residents.5) Alternative budget and affordability. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget shows that reducing new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% cut) could cap the rate rise at around 3%. Implementing targeted cuts in personnel consultants contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services would deliver this outcome.Closing: I urge the Council to adopt these savings measures and to refund residents by keeping rates well below inflation while delivering core services efficiently.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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### 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?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#9020**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and urge a substantial review of Council spending. The proposed increase would be approximately $320 for the average household and is not justified when measured against inflation and population growth.1) The rate rise is too high. The current average residential rates bill is about $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of around 30% while general inflation sits near 12%. The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs 2% for maintaining assets and 1.5% for new assets. This structure is not acceptable when it compounds wasteful expenditure elsewhere.2) Reduce corporate and

backroom costs. The Council and CCOs spend heavily on corporate and business support functions consultants and contractors. Total consultant spend runs at about $126 million per year across the Council group with average consultants earning around $200k. A significant reduction in backroom costs is essential to bring the rates increase into a more affordable range.3) Curb consultancy and professional services. The briefing shows substantial ongoing expenditure in consultancy and professional services which must be restrained to avoid ratepayer burden.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme. The Food Scraps Programme costs about $36 million per year and emissions savings are not proven to justify continued spend. It should be cancelled.5) Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs. Halting vacancies or freezing non-essential hires would save at least $17 million immediately easing pressure on rates.6) Cut Māori-specific spending. The $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) should be reviewed as this is not a core local government function.7) CRL is a white elephant. If any rates are used to upkeep the CRL it should be targeted to those living and working on the travel corridor and ideally funded by user pays not all ratepayers.I support the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget approach: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping average residential rates increase at about 3% by prioritising statutory and essential services and reducing discretionary grants.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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N/A

# Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

# Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#9025**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The proposed increase outpaces inflation and is unjustified given evidence of persistently high operating costs and extravagant backroom expenditure.1) Rates and value for money- The proposed 7.9% average rise (about $320 for the average household) is excessive. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% in real terms far exceeding both inflation (about 34%) and population growth (22%). A rates cap aligned with inflation and modest population growth is reasonable and fair.2) Spending reductions to fund the rate cut- The Council must cut wasteful spend before asking households to pay more. The evidence shows high reliance on consultants (roughly $126 million annually across

the Council group) and high personnel costs with many six-figure salaries. A 2% reduction in new spending could fund meaningful cuts.- Specifically need to reduce personnel costs (hiring freezes and vacancy management could save at least $17 million immediately) cap consultancy spending by 50 million renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors (30 million) and prioritise statutory services over discretionary grants (20 million).3) Targeted program reductions- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year which emits more carbon than it saves. The Council should redirect these funds to essential services with clearer benefits.- Freeze or reduce Māori-specific spending such as the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) at about $10 million per year on the basis that this is not a core local government function.4) Transparency and accountability- Increase spending transparency to improve ratepayer accountability. Public visibility of all major contracts consulting and payroll is essential to restore trust.ConclusionI oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a disciplined transparent approach to reduce wasteful expenditure. An alternative budget that prioritises essential services and caps discretionary spending would better reflect ratepayer interests.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**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?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#9031**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent and urge a substantial reduction in wasteful Council spending. The current context shows a real rate burden rising far faster than inflation with average rates bills up about 30 percent in real terms since 2022 while population growth and service demands do not justify another large uplift.Key concerns and why they matter:- The proposed 7.9% increase breaks a fairness boundary: 2% for maintaining assets 1.5% for new growth assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. A 7.9% rise impacts everyday households while the Council continues to expand its backroom footprint.- Spending on consultants and personnel is

excessive. The Alliance estimates $126 million per year on consultants across the Council group with $60 million by the Auckland Council parent and an average consultant pay around $200000. Simultaneously payroll costs and other expenses have risen faster than inflation while tasks that could be streamlined are left unchecked.- Wasteful or non-essential programmes should be reconsidered. In particular the Food Scraps Programme costs about $36 million per year and in the Alliance view emits more carbon than it saves. The Council should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary programmes.- Controlling personnel costs will directly lower rate increases. Freezing non-essential vacancies and reducing payroll costs would deliver immediate relief potentially saving at least $17 million.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions and curb spending on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to escalate these items.- Reassessing targeted Māori-specific spending (such as the Ngā Mātārae department at approximately $10 million per year) is warranted on the basis that these are not primary local government responsibilities.Proposed alternative budgeting approach (illustrative):- Reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap rates rises at around 3%: - $50 million from personnel costs via hiring freezes and organisational changes - $50 million from consultancy spend - $30 million from contract renegotiations - $20 million prioritising statutory services over discretionary grantsShort closing:I would like the opportunity to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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N/A

# Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#9047

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and urge a focus on reducing wasteful Council spending to ensure a more affordable and responsible budget for Auckland households.1) Opposition to the proposed rate rise- The proposed 7.9% increase amounts to about $320 extra for the average household taking the current average bill to around $4069. This is well above recent inflation and inconsistent with the needs of ratepayers who have faced rising living costs.- Since 2010 rates rises have outpaced inflation and population growth by a wide margin; further increases risk compounding cost burdens on households.2) Spending

reductions to enable a fairer rate path- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- It must curb consultancy and professional services spend rather than continuing to grow these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and in the Alliance view emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a move that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local-government obligation.3) Alternative budget path- Adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (about a 2% reduction) to cap the average residential rates increase at roughly 3%. This would entail targeted savings from personnel costs consultant spend contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.ClosingI urge Auckland Council to pursue a prudent budget by delivering tangible efficiency gains and spending restraint rather than another substantial rate increase. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

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## Question 4: Other feedback

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#9061**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the 7.9% increase as excessive particularly given the real rate of increase since 2022 and the sizable share of the proposed rise allocated to CRL operating costs. The ratepayer burden is already high with the current average residential bill at $4069 and a 30% real increase since 2022 (well above inflation). It is imperative that the Council improve efficiency before asking households to fund more services.I agree with the need to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions and to curb consultancy and professional services. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance budget proposal shows a path to keep rate increases modestreducing new spending by $150 million

(about 2%) capping consultant spend renegotiating contracts and prioritising essential services.Specific measures I support include:1) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.2) Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.3) Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million/year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a local-government core function.Additional context from the Council's spending patterns indicates personnel costs and other expenses have risen faster than inflation while consultants and contractors have grown to extensive levels. A leaner organisation focused on statutory and essential services will better reflect ratepayer expectations of prudent stewardship.In closing I respectfully request that the Council adopt an alternative budget approach that caps rates increases around 3% through targeted reductions in non-essential expenditure and staff costs before imposing higher charges on households.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

- **Introduction of a refuse bin/bag exchange fee**
- **Changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas**
- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland’s longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

- **Regional transport plans**
- **Water service strategies**
- **Auckland's spatial plan**
- **Our 2027–2037 long-term plan, which will set funding priorities for regional and local priorities listed below.**

**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

| Rank | Area |
|---|---|
| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
| | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
| | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

**Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#9063**

**Note:** This simplified version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed, and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.

## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

**Our Annual Plan 2026/2027 builds on the first two years of our Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP). It focuses on continuing to strengthen our finances and Auckland's physical resilience, while investing where it is needed most to meet the needs of our growing communities.**

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

- **Transport**
- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

**Individual rates increase will vary by property type and value. Use our online rates guide to find out the proposed rates for your property.**

### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I've read the briefing from the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance and base my submission on those findings.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% average increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a long trajectory of rising costs. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% far outpacing inflation and population growth. A more prudent path is needed that prioritises essential services and keeps rate rises aligned with inflation.- Wasteful spending and backroom costs are a core issue. Council and CCOs collectively employ thousands with large payrolls and six-figure salaries driving expenditure. Spending on consultants and professional services is high and direct operating

expenditure has risen well beyond inflation.- The Food Scraps Programme is a discretionary expense that should be reconsidered given its cost and carbon outcomes.- There is scope to save immediately through staffing controls: freezing non-essential vacancies and not filling roles that are not essential would deliver meaningful savings.- Targeted reductions in non-core expenditures including a cap on consultant spend and renegotiation of contracts would help stabilise rates while maintaining statutory services.Agreed positions (as requested)- 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 needs to reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services.- The Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- The Council should freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles (that alone would save at least $17 million right away).- The Council should cut Māori-specific spending â€“ such as the $10 million per year spent on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a role of local government.ClosingI urge the Council to adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget to cap rate rises and prioritise essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a
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9072,336998,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit my views respectfully and solution-focused in opposition to the proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase.1. Core position- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% which equates to about $320 for the average household. This is a real-terms burden on households especially when rates have risen 85% since 2010 far outpacing inflation and population growth.2. Spending and efficiency- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council should reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to lift these items.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- The Council should cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government role.3. Wasteful or non-essential programs- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. Resources are better directed to essential services that protect ratepayer interests.4. Overall budget approach- Ratepayers' needs to see a responsible fiscal approach: reduce new spending by at least $150 million (2%) which would cap the rate rise to around 3% through targeted reforms: - $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes - $50 million from capping consultancy spending - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million from prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grantsAdditional point- As a pensioner relying on superannuation I already face financial pressures and have had to enter payment plans to manage bills. This plan must reflect prudence and fairness for all ratepayers not burden those on fixed incomes.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9076,336994,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I write to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to urge a decisive reduction in wasteful Council spending before approving any rise.Key positions- Oppose the average residential rates by at least 7.9%. The current rate rising 7.9% on average adds about $320 per household while the real increase since 2022 far exceeds inflation. This level of increase is not acceptable given the Council's expenditure patterns.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and sharply reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; such a freeze would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core function of local government.- The Council should implement the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap on rate increases) via: $50 million from personnel costs through organisational change and hiring freeze; $50 million from restricting consultants; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Additional contextBrown was elected on restraint but current spending patterns and surging payroll/consultancy costs threaten to outpace any moderate rate relief. I like many others am struggling to meet bills and I urge a prudent targeted approach to spending before any rate increase is approved.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9090,336976,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,The council must reflect that residents are already bearing a real inflated cost burden with current average rates around $4069 and a real increase since 2022 of about 30% in 2022 dollars against 12% inflation. The proposed 7.9% rise is not affordable for many households and is not justified by core service needs alone.Agreed positions and recommended actions:1) Oppose the 7.9% increase and cap average residential rates at a much lower level aligning with a 3% target by cutting non-essential expenditure.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.3) Limit spending on consultancy and professional services and halt continual growth in these items.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme estimated at $36 million per year which reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.5) Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could deliver at least $17 million in savings immediately.6) Cut Maori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to Ngā Mātārae (Māori outcomes) on the basis that this is not a function of local government.7) Support leadership from the front by reducing top-level costs where feasible; Len Brown should consider a pay cut to demonstrate commitment to ratepayers.Additional points:- The ratepayer perspective is that personnel costs consultants and other expenses have risen well beyond inflation; a disciplined reallocation toward essential services is warranted.- The overall aim is to preserve core Auckland services while avoiding unnecessary growth in overheads.I request the council to adopt a responsible transparent budget that prioritises statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and backroom expenditure.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9092,336974,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I am writing to oppose Auckland Council's proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase and to urge a program of cost reductions focused on wasteful or non-core spending.Key concerns and positions:- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. This would amount to about $320 for the average household while real household costs have risen substantially since 2022. Rates increases should align with inflation and essential service delivery not outpace them.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves to prioritise efficient waste management rather than costly pilot schemes.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government role and should be redirected to essential services.In addition the Council should implement the Ratepayers' Alliance recommended budget approach:- Reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap rates rises at around 3 percent through targeted savings:  - $50 million by reducing personnel costs via organisational reform and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles  - $50 million by capping consultants  - $30 million through contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation  - $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grantsWay too expensive for people to bear these rates as proposed. I urge practical immediate steps to rein in non-essential spend and protect household budgets.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9098,336968,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,The case for rate restraint rests on verifiable trends in council expenditure and on a credible plan to deliver essential services without rate shocks.Key points:- The proposed 7.9% average increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) despite 12% cumulative inflation. This is unaffordable for many ratepayers and unsustainable over time.- Structure of the increase includes 4.4% for CRL operating costs in addition to 2% for existing assets and 1.5% for new assets. The scale of operating costs warrants scrutiny and reduction where possible.- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance modelling shows potential to cap rate rises at around 3% by reducing new and ongoing spend by about $150 million including: $50 million from personnel cost reductions and a hiring freeze; $50 million from capping consultants; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.- There is clear opportunity to cut back on corporate/backroom functions and significantly reduce consultancy spend (directly addressing $126 million/year across the Council group and $60 million for the Council parent). The average consultant cost of $200k highlights wasteful expenditure that must be cut.- The approved programmes such as the Food Scraps Programme (costing $36 million/year) should be cancelled as it emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles could save at least $17 million immediately.- The council's Māori-focused spend including the $10 million/year on the Māori outcomes department should be reviewed as to appropriate roles for local government.Additional note: Stop planting and watering trees we don't need; debate has overextended this programme.I urge you to adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget and prioritise essential services while

delivering much-needed cost controls.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9107,336958,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,The proposed rise equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a 30 percent real increase since 2022 when inflation is accounted for. In short rates increases must be aligned with price pressures and value delivered.Agreed positions1) Oppose the average residential rates increase of at least 7.9%. The current average bill is $4069 and with the CRL operating costs maintaining existing assets and growth-related spending the burden on ratepayers is unsustainable without meaningful efficiency gains.2) The Council needs to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.3) The Council needs to reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continue to increase these expenditure items.4) The Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.5) The Council should freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million right away.Additional context- The breakdown of the 7.9% rise includes 4.4% for CRL operating costs which magnifies pressures on households. Since 2010 rates have risen substantially outpacing inflation and population growth underscoring the need for a tighter fiscal approach.- A Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget proposes a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (2%) capping the rate increase at 3% through targeted reductions in personnel costs consultants contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.I urge the Council to adopt a fiscally responsible plan that delivers essential services while significantly curbing wasteful spending.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9155,336905,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit this submission to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to urge restraint on wasteful council expenditure.1) Rates increase and affordability- I object to an average 7.9% rise in residential rates which equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022. This increase far exceeds both inflation and population growth over the period.- The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs with the remainder split between asset maintenance and new assets. A more prudent approach is required focusing on core statutory services and essential investments only.2) Wasteful spending and cost reductions- The Council should aggressively reduce spending on consultants and backroom corporate functions. The Alliance reports $126 million per year across the Council group including $60 million by the Auckland Council parent with average consultants earning around $200k.- Staffing costs are unsustainably high: payroll of $1.3 billion and 6123 staff paid six-figure salaries including 72 staff paid more than the mayor. Consider freezing vacancies and prioritising essential roles to save at least $17 million immediately.- Direct operating expenditure and 'other expenses' have risen faster than inflation; the Council must tighten discretionary expenditure including reviewing six-figure staff incentives and non-essential programmes.3) Spending on Māori outcomes- The council should wind back non-essential Māori-specific spending (Ngā Mātārae) including the $10 million per year allocated to Māori outcomes which I do not believe is a statutory local-government function.4) Specific programme and policy changes- Cancel the

Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and reduce payroll by not hiring for non-essential vacant positions as noted above.- Cap and renegotiate vendor contracts consolidate suppliers and prioritise statutory and essential services.Additional point- Reassess the wastewater charges for households on tank water ensuring charges are fair and reflective of service usage.ClosingI request the council to consider these measures to cap rates increases and curb wasteful spending. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9166,336894,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,Key concerns and positions:1) Rate increase and affordability. The proposed average residential rates rise of 7.9% (about $320 for the average household) is well above inflation and undermines household budgets. The current average rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 representing a real increase of around 30% since 2022 versus 12% cumulative inflation. The breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This pattern worsens affordability without delivering commensurate service gains.2) Wasteful expenditure and staffing. The Council must reduce spending on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services that have risen despite inflation. Direct operating expenditure rose 78% from 2013 to 2023 while payroll costs are a major driver. Cutting non-essential hires and freezing vacancies would immediately save at least $17 million.3) Prioritisation and better value. The Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costs $36 million/year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves) and focus on essential statutory services. A comprehensive review of vendor contracts consolidation and renegotiation can yield substantial savings.4) Targeted reductions in discretionary spend. The Council should freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs by not filling non-essential roles and cap spending on consultants by $50 million as part of an alternative budget that would cap rate increases at approximately 3 percent.5) Māori outcomes funding. The Alliance's position is to reduce Māori-specific spending such as the roughly $10 million/year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing that this is not a core local government function.I support reallocating funds toward core services reducing waste and delivering responsible affordable rates for households.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9188,336869,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase for 2026/27 and urge a reset of Council spending to protect households.Key points- The proposed 7.9 percent rise is too high. The average residential bill is already $4069 with real rate increases since 2022 of 30 percent against 12 percent inflation. I oppose any increase that outpaces inflation and household affordability.- Spending reform is essential. The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services rather than allow these costs to continue rising.- Payroll containment is needed. Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Targeted savings

should include Māori-focused spending. The $171 million over 10 years for Māori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) represents a sectoral expenditure that should be reconsidered in favour of essential local government functions.- Ratepayers face an unsustainable path: since 2010 rates have risen by 85% while population grew 22% and inflation was 34%. A reset is overdue.Specific proposals (per Ratepayers' Alliance) to cap the rate rise to around 3 percent- Reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%): 50 million from personnel costs 50 million from consultants 30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and 20 million from prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.- Prioritise core statutory services reduce discretionary grants and stop non-essential spending including reducing upper management roles eliminating catered lunches for meetings and stopping pay rises for councillors and the mayor.Additional points- Stop non-essential spending and avoid further increases in payroll or consultancy costs.Please consider these positions and the above budget approach as a basis to reduce rates and reallocate funds to essential council services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0 ,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9196,336861,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,Since 2022 residential rates have risen by about 30% in real terms far outstripping cumulative inflation of 12%. The proposed split of the 7.9% increase2% for existing assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costsdemonstrates a pattern of ongoing cost growth without delivering commensurate value to ratepayers.I support a plan to reduce Council expenditure especially in corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to curb consultancy and professional services spending. The current level of consultants and contractors (approximately $590 million) and the high payroll costs (staffing six-figure salaries and notable pay above the mayor's) are unsustainable at a time of ratepayers' financial strain. The Council should implement a freeze on non-essential vacancies and pursue organisational changes to lower personnel costs which could deliver meaningful upfront savings.I urge cancellation of the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. In addition cap and reallocate discretionary spending toward essential services.I call for prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and a comprehensive re-examination of Māori-specific spending. The $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) programme should be reviewed in the context of local government's core responsibilities and the need for value-for-money for ratepayers.An alternative budget framework is needed: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) delivering a cap on average rates increases closer to 3%. This should be achieved via: reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze ($50 million) capping consultancy spend ($50 million) renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors ($30 million) and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants ($20 million).I request to address hearings only if invited; I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0 ,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9203,336854,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% which equates to about $320 for the average household and I urge councillors to pursue significant cost reductions to keep rates in line with or below inflation. Since 2010 rates have risen

85% far above inflation and population growth. A more fiscally disciplined approach is required.Key areas for reduction and reform:1) Corporate and backroom office functions: cut unnecessary overhead across the Council and CCOs. Target reductions should be achieved without compromising essential services.2) Consultants and professional services: reduce expenditure in this area rather than allowing continued growth. The current pattern is unsustainable and inflates operating costs.3) Food Scraps Programme: cancel this initiative which costs about $36 million per year and based on available analyses emits more carbon than it saves.4) Staffing costs: freeze non-essential vacancies and halt recruitment for non-critical roles to save at least $17 million per year immediately.5) Māori-specific spending: reassess and scale back the Ngā Mātārae (Māori outcomes) budget cited as about $10 million per year recognising that this is not a core local government function.I also support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget approach: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (â‰ˆ2%) which would cap average residential rate increases to around 3%. This would involve organisational change and hiring freezes capping consultant spend renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors and prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.In summary a pragmatic transparent review of operating costs and project expenditure is required to restore rate affordability and focus on core local government duties. I urge councillors to adopt these savings measures and to tighten financial management in the upcoming budget cycle.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9204,336853,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,To Auckland CouncilI am {name redacted} of {address redacted}. I submit this objection to the proposed average 7.9% residential rates increase and urge a substantial reduction in wasteful Council spending.1) Opposition to the rate increase- The proposed 7.9% average residential rates rise is excessive with a typical household facing about $320 more per year atop a sustained 30% real increase since 2022 (vs. 12% cumulative inflation). I support keeping rates more closely aligned with inflation and economic reality.2) Spending reform to enable lower rates- The Council must 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 items where average consultant pay remains high and external contracting dominates cost growth.- The Council must cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and in my view emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would deliver immediate savings of at least $17 million.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core function of local government.3) Alternative budget approach- I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the rate rise at around 3%: - $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze - $50 million from caps on consultants - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million by prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grantsClosingI urge Auckland Council to prioritise savings and reallocate funds toward essential services not higher rates. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9221,336836,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,A 7.9% rates rise is well above inflation and exceeds the level many households can sustainably manage. The proposed increase equates to approximately $320 more per year for the average household pushing the current average residential bill from about $4069 higher in real terms than in 2022. Since the Super City amalgamation in 2010 rates have risen by 85%outpacing inflation by a wide margin and outpacing population growth by almost fourfold. This pattern undermines affordability and faith in ratepayer value.The council's stated breakdown of the 7.9% rise2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costshighlights that a significant portion of the increase is driven by carrying current obligations and major project operating costs rather than genuine efficiency gains. With real household incomes under pressure ratepayers deserve clear demonstrations of value-for-money and cost containment.I support a rigorous examination of council expenditure with the aim of reducing wasteful spending and improving efficiency so that any rate rise is justified by real improvements in essential services rather than escalated costs. While I understand the council faces rising costs it is essential to prioritise statutory and essential services and to scrutinise non-essential discretionary spending that does not directly benefit residents.I request the opportunity to speak at hearings to explain why a significant restraint on rates is warranted and to highlight practical steps for responsible budgeting and value-focused service delivery.I would like the opportunity to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9225,336832,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent for 2026/27 which equates to about $320 for the average household and a real burden on households already facing elevated costs.Key concerns and positions:1) Rates levy and affordability. The proposed 7.9 percent rise is not affordable for Auckland families and is out of step with recent inflation. Since 2022 rates have risen by 30 percent in real terms far exceeding consumer price inflation (12 percent) and crowding out essential household priorities.2) Waste and backroom overheads. The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb spending on consultants and professional services. Direct operating expenditure has grown far faster than inflation; consultants account for substantial annual spend.3) Spending reform and staffing. Freeze non-essential staffing and reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles. This would deliver immediate savings and reduce reliance on continual increases in staff costs.4) Specific programme savings. Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. Reprioritise funding to essential statutory services over discretionary grants.5) Māori outcomes funding. I oppose continuing the $10 million per year spent on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis cited that this is not a local government function. Redirect funds to core services.6) Budget framework. I support the Ratepayers' Alliance's approach: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent) to cap the average residential rates increase at around 3 percent including: $50 million through personnel changes $50 million by capping consultants $30 million through contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million by prioritising statutory services.Additional note: Remove the policy of chip-sealing suburban streets which creates an endless cycle of re-sealing and higher costs; in Auckland's climate seal should be durable without repeat cycles.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent

residential rates increase for 2026/27.Key points- The proposed 7.9% increase is excessive and should be capped at inflation. The Alliance identifies an alternative budget reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would allow an average residential rates increase of about 3%. This is a fairer approach given ongoing cost pressures on households.- Resource allocation must prioritise essential services and curb wasteful expenditure. Specifically reduce personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze where roles are non-essential saving at least $50 million; cap consultant and professional services at $50 million; pursue contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation for $30 million; prioritise statutory services over discretionary grants for $20 million.- There is clear over-expenditure in corporate and back-office functions including high consultant fees and rising payroll. The Alliance notes consultants cost about $126 million annually across the Council group with the average consultant earning about $200k and payroll and related expenses rising faster than inflation.- Specific spending concerns: the $36 million/year Food Scraps Programme which reportedly emits more carbon than it saves should be cancelled. The Māori outcomes spend (Ngā Mātārae) of about $10 million per year is not a core local-government responsibility and should be scaled back. Freezing staffing and reducing payroll by not filling vacant non-essential roles would deliver immediate savings estimated at $17 million.- Other reform priorities include stopping the chip-sealing approach to suburban streets and reconsidering the pace and design of 3-storey developments which place greater strain on infrastructure and transport networks.ConclusionThe Council must cut wasteful and non-essential spending to control rate increases and protect households. By prioritising essential services reducing consultancy and payroll costs and cancelling non-core programmes it is feasible to keep rates closer to inflation and support sustainable city services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9226,336831,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit this formal submission in opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and in support of reducing wasteful Council spending. I note the proposal would raise the average residential rates bill by about $320 for the average household on top of a real rates increase that has far outpaced inflation since 2022.Position and supporting points1) I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. The mix of the increase2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costsreflects a heavy burden on households. Rates since the 2010 Super City amalgamation have risen 85% well above inflation and population growth.2) I call for significant reduction in Council and CCO expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions and for a reduction in spending on consultants and professional services. A long-term freeze or downward adjustment of personnel costs and external contracting is essential to re-align costs with service delivery.3) I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme costing around $36 million per year and reportedly emitting more carbon than it saves.4) I urge freezing staffing and reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.5) I oppose continuing or expanding Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). I believe this is not a core local government function and should be reviewed.Alternative budget and concrete savings- Implement a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (2% reduction) to cap average rates increase at about 3% prioritising essential services over discretionary grants.- Target savings from personnel costs consultants contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation as outlined in the Alliance

plan.ClosingI request your consideration of these measures and a revised budget that delivers essential services while keeping rates increases in line with inflation and real family affordability.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,
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9235,336822,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit in a strong and direct voice against the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 which equates to about $320 for the average household. The current average bill is $4069 and the real increase since 2022 has already reached 30% in real terms far outstripping inflation. A rates rise this highdriven largely by CRL operating costs and new asset expenditurewill place a disproportionate burden on households.I urge the Council to implement substantial reductions in wasteful corporate and backroom spending across the Council and CCOs. Key measures include reducing personnel costs by freezing non-essential vacancies and avoiding further recruitment which would save at least $17 million immediately. In addition spending on consultants and professional services must be curtailed; the current level is unsustainable and diverts funds from essential services.Specific cost-savings I support and request be implemented now include:1) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and based on available analysis emits more carbon than it saves.2) Freeze staffing growth and/or reduce payroll by not filling vacant non-essential roles.3) Curb spend on consultants and professional services and pursue contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to deliver meaningful savings.4) Critically review Māori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year on Ngā Mātārae (the Māori outcomes department) to ensure funding aligns with the responsibilities of local government.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance's Alternative Budget: cut new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap the average residential rates increase at around 3% achieved through the measures above and prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Closing note: I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,
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9239,336818,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,This rise would amount to about $320 for the average household and in real terms continues to outpace inflation while not delivering proportionate value for ratepayers. The current average rates bill is $4069 and since 2012 the cumulative increases far exceed population growth and inflation. I support holding rates increases to no more than 3 percent and propose concrete savings to deliver this outcome.I agree the Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb spending on consultancy and professional services. The Council's spending on consultants totals about $126 million per year with the average consultant earning around $200k and payroll and related costs rising faster than inflation. I also agree that a major efficiency gain would come from renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors which would reduce operating costs.I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. I also insist on freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. In line with a cautious value-for-money approach I further agree to reduce Māori-specific spend such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori

outcomes' department (approximately $10 million per year) on the basis that this is not a core local government function.An alternative budget framework as proposed by the Ratepayers' Alliance suggests a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (2%) enabling an average rates increase capped at 3%. 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 from prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.Additional point: reduce overpaid backroom staff where possible to improve alignment of resources with frontline service delivery.I would prefer not to speak at hearings. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9267,336789,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit herewith in strong opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and to the continued growth in wasteful council spending. The ratepayers deserve a council that prioritises core services and fiscal responsibility over expansive discretionary programmes.Key points:- The proposed 7.9% average increase translates to around $320 more per household on top of a real increase in rates of 30% since 2022 (vs. 12% inflation). This burden falls hardest on households already stretched by cost of living pressures.- The Council's spending patterns are not aligned with ratepayer interests. Total consultants' costs sit at $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant earning about $200k while payroll and related expenses have risen faster than inflation.- A substantial portion of spending is in corporate and backroom functions six-figure salaries and non-essential staff costs. Direct operating expenditure has grown well ahead of inflation and there is little evidence of proportional productivity gains.- Wasteful programmes far from essential include the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million a year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves. It should be cancelled to free up funds for essential services.- The Council should freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that would save at least $17 million immediately.- Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year allocated to the Māori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) department should be re-evaluated as not a core local government function.- The proposed 2% of new asset funding for growth and 4.4% for CRL operating costs in addition to maintenance of existing assets compounds pressure on ratepayers without delivering commensurate value.Advocated course:- The Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) allowing a cap of 3% on average residential rates. This would be achieved through: reducing personnel costs via organisational changes and hiring freezes ($50m) capping consultants ($50m) contract renegotiations/vendor consolidation ($30m) and prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants ($20m).Closing:I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9268,336788,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,1) Rates and overall cost drivers- The proposed average increase of 7.9% translates to about $320 for the average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) despite only 12% cumulative inflation. This is unaffordable for ratepayers and out of step with household income growth.- The breakdown includes 4.4% for CRL

operating costs with 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows. A sustained large uplift in operating costs is not acceptable without clear efficiency savings.2) Budget priorities and efficiency- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council should reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these items.- A prudent targeted approach is needed to bring costs down to a sustainable level for households.3) Specific spending reductions proposed- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that would save at least $17 million immediately.- Curb Māori-specific spending including the Ngā Mātārae 'Maori outcomes' department cited at about $10 million per year as this is not a core local government function.4) Alternative budget and impact- The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (roughly 2%) to cap the average residential rates increase at 3% through: cutting personnel costs capping consultancy spend renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.ClosingI request that Auckland Council seriously consider these efficiency measures and oppose any rate increase beyond inflation. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9285,336770,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I appreciate the opportunity to submit on the proposed 2026/27 annual plan. I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and I urge Council to reset spending to align with a more responsible inflation-aware path.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position that the Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut spending on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these items. The current plan assigns 4.4% of the increase to CRL operating costs which compounds the burden on households already facing high living costs. Rates have risen 85% since 2010 far outstripping both inflation (34%) and population growth (22%).I support the proposal to implement an Alternative Budget that reduces new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping average residential rates increases at 3%. Specifically I advocate for: (a) freezing or reducing payroll by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately; (b) capping spending on consultants to reduce $50 million; (c) renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors for $30 million; and (d) prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants for $20 million. These measures would ensure a more prudent use of ratepayer funds.I also oppose spending that I believe does not deliver value for residents. In particular I question the Â£36 million/year Food Scraps Programme which I understand costs significant funds and may emit more carbon than it saves. I support reducing or cancelling such projects in favour of essential services. I oppose Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as I believe local government should prioritise core responsibilities over targeted programmes.Rates are out of control and Council must act now to curb wasteful spending and protect households from unaffordable increases.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9306,336747,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed 7.9% rise. The current rate path has already delivered a real increase well above inflation since 2022 (approximately 30% in 2022 dollars vs. 12% cumulative inflation). The breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Given this and the scale of Council waste and overheads highlighted in the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing I urge reducing total expenditure to cap the rate rise at around 3%.I support concrete reductions to backroom and non-essential costs including:- Reducing personnel costs via organisational change and freezing non-essential vacancies which the Alliance estimates could save at least $17 million immediately.- Curbing consultancy and professional services expenditure which on current data runs at about $126 million per year across the Council group (with $60 million by the Auckland Council parent) and a typical consultant average of $200k.- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to save at least $30 million.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.I also support eliminating programmes that do not deliver net climate or social benefits and undermine budgetary discipline. Specifically cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and according to the Alliance briefing emits more carbon than it saves. I also oppose expanding or continuing high-cost Māori-specific programmes such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Ngā Mātārae/'Māori outcomes' department arguing that this is not a core local government function.A targeted reduction in operating costs combined with a freeze on non-essential payroll and a re-prioritisation of statutory services would allow a responsible rate path while preserving essential services and infrastructure.I request to speak at hearings to present these points in person. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9307,336746,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,This level is not affordable for households when real gains in services have not kept pace with past rate rises. The average household would face about $320 more per year pushing the current average bill well above where it should be given inflation and population trends.The Council must curb wasteful expenditure before asking ratepayers to fund growth and operating costs. Key areas needing restraint include:- Corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. A leaner organisational structure is required.- Consultancy and professional services. Proposed increases in these areas should be halted and reduced not expanded.- The Food Scraps Programme at $36 million per year should be cancelled as it costs more in carbon and rarely delivers net savings.- Staffing costs. Freeze hiring for non-essential roles and implement a controlled voluntary or natural attrition approach to reduce payroll costs immediately; I believe freezing or cutting vacancies would save at least $17 million right away.- Māori-specific spending such as the about $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) function should be re-evaluated given that this is a local government budget not a stand-alone mandate.If expenditure is not trimmed rates will continue to exceed prudent limits. The Ratepayers' Alliance constellates an alternative budget that caps rate rises to around 3 percent by prioritising essential services and cutting non-core spending:- Reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) prioritising essential services over discretionary grants.- Implement a $50 million reduction in personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze.- Cap consultant spending at $50 million.- Tighten contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to save $30 million.- Reallocate funds from discretionary items to statutory obligations and core service delivery.I request that my submission be considered and I do not wish to speak to my submission at a

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9315,336738,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I write in strong and direct terms to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to outline concrete reductions in wasteful Council spending that will deliver lower rates while protecting essential services.Key concerns and proposed actions1) Expenditure reductions across the Council and CCOs. The Council should urgently review corporate and backroom office functions and cut non-essential overheads. This aligns with the need to tighten operating costs rather than repeatedly raising bills on hard-working households.2) Reduce consultancy and professional services. Spending on external advisers has been excessive with $126 million per year across the Council group and an average consultant salary well over $200k. A disciplined reduction in consultancy will lower operating costs and support a lower rates outcome.3) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme. The programme costs $36 million per year and is claimed to save less carbon than it emits. Redirect those funds to essential services with proven local benefit.4) Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs. Not hiring for vacant non-essential roles can save at least $17 million immediately curbing ongoing payroll growth that outpaces inflation.5) Cut Māori-specific spend. The $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) is not a core local government role and should be reallocated to statutory and essential services.Rational budgeting frameworkThe Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) achieving an average rate increase closer to 3%. This would come from: $50 million saving from personnel $50 million from cap on consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million from prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.ClosingThis submission reflects a clear preference for cost discipline and prioritisation of essential services over new spending programmes.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9318,336735,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,The Council must align rate increases with inflation and reprioritise spending to protect households already bearing substantial rate rises since 2010.Key concerns and demands:- Oppose the 7.9% average increase. The rate burden since 2022 is a real 30% increase far above general inflation (12%) while services and value remain uncertain. The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs and 2% for asset maintenance with growth-Driven assets pushing bills higher.- Reduce corporate and backroom spending. Total spending on consultants is excessive$126 million across the Council group with the average consultant earning about $200k. A prudent reallocation would prioritise ratepayer-facing services.- Curb consultancy and professional services. The Budget should prioritise essential functions and reduce reliance on external contractors as historical expenditure has risen well ahead of inflation.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme. At $36 million per year it costs more in emissions than it saves; funds should be redirected to essential services.- Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs. Not hiring for vacant non-essential roles as a start would save at least $17 million immediately and slow aggressive payroll growth.- Cut Māori-specific spending. The $10 million/year for the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) is not an appropriate local-government function; reallocate to core statutory duties.Alternative Budget alignment:- A $150 million reduction in new Council spending

(2%) would cap rates increases at around 3%: - $50 million from personnel costs via organisational changes and a hiring freeze - $50 million from caps on consultants - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million from prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9320,336733,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I am submitting my views on the proposed 2026/27 annual plan and the advertised average residential rates increase of 7.9%. I oppose this level of increase and urge a stronger focus on reducing wasteful spending rather than piling costs onto ratepayers.Key points I wish to raise are as follows:- The proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase is excessive. It would add approximately $320 per year to the average household bill on top of a real increase in rates since 2022 of 30% (in 2022 dollars) while inflation has run about 12% over that period.- The Council must curb wasteful and non-essential spending. Spending on consultants amounts to about $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant receiving around $200k and the payroll and other staff-related costs rising much faster than inflation. Reducing corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs should be a priority.- I support cutting spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items. Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors could save substantial sums.- The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled. It costs about $36 million per year and according to our briefing emits more carbon than it saves.- A payroll freeze and reduction of staffing for vacant non-essential roles would deliver immediate savings; the briefing suggests this could save at least $17 million right away.- I oppose continuing or expanding Maori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). As a local government body Council should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary programmes.If possible I would like to see a plan that reduces new Council spending by at least $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap the rate rise closer to 3% with concrete steps including personnel cost reductions consultant caps contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation while preserving core statutory functions.Closing: I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9323,336730,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit to oppose the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase and to advocate for substantial reductions in wasteful council spending.1) Opposition to rates increase- I oppose the 7.9% average residential rates rise. The current average bill is $4069 with real increases since 2022 at 30% (versus 12% inflation). A 7.9% rise roughly $320 for the average household is unacceptable while wasteful expenditure continues.2) Spending reductions essential- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across Council and CCOs.- Cap and reduce consultancy and professional services; it is unsustainable to see $126 million per year in consulting across the group.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million per year which emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this alone would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.3)

Budgeting reality and alternative approach- A disciplined alternative budget is required. The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the average rate rise at 3%. The components include: $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes $50 million from consulting $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.ClosingAuckland Council should prioritise essential services deliver tighter financial controls and significantly curb discretionary and backroom spending before increasing rates on ratepayers.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9325,336728,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a reallocation of funds toward essential services while cutting wasteful spending.1) Rate increase and spending priorities- The proposed 7.9% rise represents an average increase of about $320 for the typical household on top of rates that have risen 85% since 2010. This outpaces inflation and population growth placing Aucklanders under sustained financial pressure.- The rate path should be capped at or near 3% by prioritising savings in council operations rather than imposing higher charges on households.2) Reducing waste and backroom costs- The Council should cut spend on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these lines of expenditure.- A freeze on hiring for non-essential roles or vacancies would deliver immediate savings; I support stopping payroll expansion and reducing personnel costs where roles are not critical.3) Specific savings and policy positions- Freeze or reduce payroll costs and not hiring for non-essential vacancies could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cap and renegotiate external contracts reduce vendor spend and consolidate services to lower direct operating costs.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants; reduce or reallocate non-core programmes to ensure core functions remain funded.4) Maori-focused spending- The Council should cut expenditures allocated to Maori outcomes such as the Ngā Mātārae programme amounting to about $10 million per year as this is not a core local government function.Additional context- The ratepayer perspective is that much of the growth in operating costs (including CRL) and personnel costs has outpaced inflation and population growth warranting fundamental efficiency reforms.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9326,336727,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I oppose the average residential rates rise by at least 7.9% and urge Council to constrain rate increases to align with inflation and the value delivered to ratepayers. The current plan embeds a 7.9% uplift with 4.4% of the increase tied to CRL operating costs and the real burden on households has grown substantially since 2022 (up 30% in real terms in that period). Ratepayers deserve a calmer evidence-based trajectory that prioritises core statutory services over discretionary projects.Agreed positions and accompanying requests:1) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The scale of payroll and back-office costsover $1.3 billion in payroll and $590 million on consultantsneeds aggressive pruning before asking households to pay more.2) Curb consultancy

and professional services. Council and CCOs collectively spend about $126 million per year on consultants; this is unsustainable while households face financial pressures.3) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme at $36 million per year. There is no net carbon saving proven to justify the ongoing cost.4) Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles. This measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately.5) Cut Māori-specific spending such as the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) clocking around $10 million per year. Local government should prioritise statutory essential services over such discretionary programmes.6) Adhere to the principle that money spent is taxpayers' money. Eliminating pet projects and protecting essential services must be the priority.Alternative budget stance:- Propose a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (2%) delivering a maximum cap of around 3% for residential rates through targeted savings in personnel consultants vendor negotiations and prioritising statutory services.I respectfully request to be heard at hearings to present these points; however I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9333,336720,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit in a personal and sincere tone to oppose the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase and to urge a stronger focus on reducing wasteful Council spending and improving value for ratepayers.1) Opposition to the rates rise and emphasis on efficiency- The proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase equating to about $320 for the typical household is excessive given how costs have risen for households since 2022. The real increase since 2022 is around 30% while inflation has run around 12%. Rates increases must be aligned with inflation and core service delivery not costly new programmes and bloated backroom functions.2) Wasteful spending and back-office reductions- The Alliance brief shows Council spending on consultants at about $126 million per year across the group with the Auckland Council parent alone accounting for $60 million and an average consultant earning around $200000. There is substantial room to cut this cost through organisational change hiring freezes and vendor consolidation.- Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have risen well beyond inflation with payroll at about $1.3 billion and consultants/contractors at $590 million. Reducing non-essential roles and freezing vacancies would deliver immediate savings.3) Targeted savings and spending priorities- The proposed plan allocates 4.4% to CRL operating costs a significant ongoing expense. I support refocusing on core statutory services and essential functions while curbing discretionary spend.- I oppose expanding or continuing high-spend Māori-focused programmes not clearly aligned with core local government responsibilities such as the stated $10 million/year for Māori outcomes (Ngā Mātārae). Ratepayer funds should be directed to essential services and value-for-money projects.4) Specific proposed savings plan (aligned with Ratepayers' Alliance)- Freeze non-essential staffing and reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles.- Cap consultant spend and renegotiate contracts to achieve broader vendor consolidation.- Prioritise essential statutory services over discretionary grants to residents.ClosingI respectfully request the Council to consider reducing new spending by at least $150 million which would cap the average rate rise at around 3% by implementing the proposed savings measures and refocusing on core services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9372,336680,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I am writing to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to urge the Council to cut wasteful spending and slow the growth of rates.I understand the proposed increase is 7.9 percent on average (about $320 for the average household) with a current average rates bill of $4069. Since 2022 rates have risen by about 30 percent in real terms well ahead of inflation. I ask the Council to align its budget with residents' ability to pay particularly those like me on fixed incomes including pensioners in their 80s who fear losing their homes.I support the following measures to reduce the rates burden:- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Curb spending on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and in my view emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.I note the broader spending patterns cited in ratepayer briefings including elevated personnel costs and high consultancy expenses and I urge prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants. A targeted reduction of new Council spending by about $150 million could cap the rate rise at around 3 percent protecting households from unreasonable increases while maintaining basic services.Additional points: I am concerned about the real-world impact of rate increases on households like mine and I worry about leaving my family home due to unaffordable rates. Wayne Brown's leadership has increased concern for those on fixed incomes.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9374,336678,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit in a constructive and solutionâ€‘focused manner to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to outline a path toward more prudent council spending.1) Opposition to the rate increase and rationale- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. This rate rise far outpaces inflation and daily living cost pressures and the Council must prioritise essential services while restoring affordability for households.2) Agreed measures to reduce expenditure- The Council needs to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council should reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.- The Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- The Council should freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million right away.- The Council should cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a defined local government role.3) Alternative budget approach- Adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the average residential rates increase at 3 percent. This should be achieved through: a) reducing personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze; b) capping spending on consultants; c) contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; d) prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.4) Additional point from submitter- Allow fireworks outside of backyards.ClosingI request to present at hearings to further explain these positions. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,

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9394,336658,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,The current reality is that rates have risen 85% since 2010 far exceeding both inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). A 7.9% uplift is not acceptable when inflation and household costs continue to bite.I endorse the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget and call on the Council to return to responsible budgeting by cutting wasteful spending rather than increasing rates. In particular:1) Reduce corporate and backroom spending across the Council and CCOs. The scale of direct operating expenditure and personnel costs requires substantial restraint. A targeted reduction is essential to keep bills affordable.2) Curb consultancy and professional services. The Alliance reports $126 million per year in consultancy across the Council group with the average consultant around $200k. Freeze or cap these expenditures and refocus on core statutory duties.3) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (Â£36 million/year) which prior analyses indicate emits more carbon than it saves. Reallocate funds to essential services with demonstrable value.4) Freeze staffing or reduce payroll by not filling vacant non-essential roles. The Alliance cites potential immediate savings of at least $17 million if vacancies are held.5) Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). Local government should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary programmes.I emphasise the objective to keep rates growth within inflation. The Alliance's alternative budget suggests reducing new spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap the average residential rates increase to about 3%. Achieving this requires organisational change hiring freezes contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation.Additional point: re-evaluate every dollar spent against core community needs and mandate transparency in how funds are allocated. You were elected on a mandate to cut spending; honour that by delivering restraint and a sustainable rates path not another high rise.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9395,336657,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,1. I oppose the proposed 7.9% increase in average residential rates. The expected impact of approximately $320 per household on the current average bill ($4069) is excessive particularly given the measured value received from ratepayer funds over recent years.2. Expenditure control is essential. I urge the Council to reduce spending on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to curb consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these cost lines. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing highlights annual consultancy spend of around $126 million across the Council group with the average consultant receiving about $200000. Reducing these costs would lessen the need for higher rate increases.3. Specific program spend should be reconsidered. I support canceling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves as well as freezing staffing or reducing payroll through non-essential role vacancies which could save at least $17 million immediately.4. Reprioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants. I oppose continuing high-level Māori-focused expenditure such as the $10 million per year on the Ngā Mātārae (Māori Outcomes) department arguing that this is not a core local government function and should be reconsidered within the broader budget.5. The overall impact per the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal is a more prudent approach: reduce new Council

spending by about $150 million (2%) capping the rate rise to around 3% by freezing hires capping consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising essential services. I support these measures as a more responsible path for Auckland.Additional point: there is currently no public transport servicing Huia which highlights the need for efficiency and targeted investment rather than broad rate increases.I respectfully request that the Council consider these points and pursue an alternative budget that prioritises essential services reduces wasteful expenditure and moderates rate increases.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9404,336646,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit in strong and direct terms to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to urge a thorough program of expenditure restraint and reform across the Council and CCOs.The proposed 7.9% increase is excessive equating to about $320 for the average household on top of a real rates rise of 30 percent since 2022 while inflation has run about 12 percent. The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs with only 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets tied to growth. This level of rate uplift is not acceptable when many New Zealand households face tight budgets.I urge the Council to implement the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance's alternative budget: cut new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap the average increase at around 3 percent. Specific measures include:- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles saving at least $17 million immediately.- Reduce personnel costs and eliminate unnecessary back-room positions; review organisational needs to streamline functions.- Cap spending on consultants and professional services by $50 million while renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors to gain better value.- Curb discretionary spend by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving $20 million.- Reduce Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing that these are not core local government responsibilities.Additional priorities to protect households include getting back to basics: ensure reliable rubbish collection maintain urban roads and manage berm maintenance so residents can move around safely and efficiently.I also remind Council that historical expenditure pressures include rising staff costs consultants and overall operating expenses; the current trajectory far outstrips inflation and undermines household affordability. A disciplined savings plan focused on core services would still meet statutory obligations while delivering more affordable rates.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9418,336632,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% which equates to about $320 for the average household. This level is well above inflation and unaffordable for many ratepayers.2. The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Administrative overheads have grown substantially and current spending is not sustainable alongside necessary frontline services.3. The Council should reduce spend on consultancy and professional services. Auckland Council and its CCOs collectively spend about $126 million per year on consultancy with the average consultant earning around $200000. This is excessive given competing needs and should be capped or

redirected to essential services.4. Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and has not demonstrated net carbon savings. Redirect resources to core services that protect ratepayer value.5. Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. Stopping or deferring non-essential recruitment would save at least $17 million immediately and help bring expenditure in line with ratepayer expectations.6. Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae). Local government has a statutory role to provide essential services to all residents; this specific spending should be reviewed for alignment with core Council responsibilities.7. Additional points: Council administrative overheads rose 78% from 2013 to 2023 outpacing inflation; payroll of $1.3 billion and $590 million on consultants/contractors represent about half of direct operating expenditure. A further $510 million in 'other expenses' adds to the overall cost burden. A targeted reduction of the above areas as outlined in the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget would cap the rate increase to around 3%.Closing: I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9422,336628,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,1. General positionI oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% (approximately $320 for the average household). The current average residential rates bill is about $4069 and the real increase since 2022 is already 30% far outpacing cumulative inflation of around 12%. Rates increases should be aligned with inflation and essential service needs not with expanding back-office spending.2. Wasteful spending and reform Priorities- I urge the Council to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- I urge a reduction in consultancy and professional services spending.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (Â£36 million/year) on the grounds it costs more in emissions than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this action alone would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a role of local government.3. Alternative budget approachI support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance view to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) which would cap the average rate rise at about 3%. This should be achieved through:- A $50 million reduction in personnel costs via organisational changes and a hiring freeze.- A $50 million cap on spending on consultants.- $30 million through contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation.- $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.4. Context and accountabilitySince the 2010 amalgamation rates have risen 85% materially exceeding inflation and population growth. The council's spending on six-figure salaries consultants and other operating costs has outpaced the population and inflation trends challenging affordability for households.In summary I urge a reversal toward restraint and prioritisation of core council functions with substantial cuts to non-essential spending and a slower rate increase.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9449,336601,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a reallocation of Council spending to protect households from unaffordable bills.1) Rates and affordability- The proposed 7.9% increase is out of step with inflation and household

budgets. The current average rates bill of about $4069 has risen 30% in real terms since 2022 while inflation has run higher in aggregate. A targeted cap of 3% on average residential rates is reasonable and achievable with sensible savings outlined below.2) Wasteful expenditure and backroom costs- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Spend on consultants and professional services should be reduced rather than permitted to rise further. The Auckland Council group spends roughly $126 million per year on consultants with the parent alone about $60 million; typical consultant pay is high and unsustainable without clear measurable outcomes.3) Specific spending reforms- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a core local-government function.4) Alternative budgeting approach- Implement the Ratepayers Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) to cap the rate rise at 3%. This plan focuses on: - $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze - $50 million from capping consultant spend - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million from prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grantsAdditional point- Ensure CRL funding is used efficiently; pay for it with results not as ongoing consumption by those unlikely to use the service.ClosingI request opportunities to speak at hearings to elaborate these points. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9450,336600,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit in formal opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 which would add approximately $320 for the average household. The current average rates bill is $4069 and the real increase since 2022 is already 30% in 2022 dollars well above inflation. I request that Council cap rate increases and prioritise essential services.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position that the Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut spending on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing these costs to rise. The suggested reduction should be achieved by a targeted budget approach that focuses on efficiency and value for money not rate hikes on households.Specific measures I urge Council to adopt include:- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a step that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cap and reduce spend on consultants by $50 million and pursue contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to save a further $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and pursue structural changes to align spending with core Council responsibilities.I also call for reductions in targeted Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a function of local government.The alternative budget proposed by the Ratepayers' Alliance demonstrates that reducing new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) can cap the average residential rate rise at around 3%. These are realistic savings from personnel cost containment reduced consulting renegotiated contracts and a refocusing on essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,

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9454,336596,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,1) Opposition to the proposed increase- I oppose an average residential rates rise of 7.9% which equates to roughly $320 for the average household. This comes after a real increase of 30 percent since 2022 far outpacing cumulative inflation and local population growth.- The proposed split of the increase (2% for maintaining assets 1.5% for growth-related new assets 4.4% for CRL operating costs) signals ongoing cost pressures that are not justified by core local government duties.2) Wasteful spending and reform proposals- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services which total high sums each year.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costs about $36 million/year) due to questionable carbon savings and opportunity costs.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling non-essential vacant roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million/year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing for focus on core local government functions.3) Alternative budget to cap rate increases- I support the Ratepayers' Alliance position to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (approximately 2%) which would cap the average rate increase at around 3 percent.- This would be achieved by: - Reducing personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze: about $50 million - Capping spending on consultants: about $50 million - Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: about $30 million - Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: about $20 million4) Additional considerations- Prioritise core statutory functions and essential services; resist new non-essential or politically driven programmes dressed as equity or outcomes.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,
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9457,336593,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,This level of increase is not acceptable when rates have already risen 85% since 2010 and real increases far exceed inflation and population growth.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% average increase translates to about $320 more per household on top of a current average bill of $4069. The real increase since 2022 amounts to 30% while overall inflation has been 12%. This is unsustainable for households including pensioners and low-income ratepayers.- A substantial portion of the increase funds CRL operating costs (4.4%) while new asset costs (1.5%) and asset maintenance (2%) do not align with prudent restraint during a period of tight household budgets.- The Council's spending on consultants and backroom functions is excessive. The Alliance estimates $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant earning around $200k. This is a prime target for reduction to protect ratepayers.- Payroll and contract costs have risen sharply. Payroll is about $1.3 billion with consultants/contractors at $590 million; 6123 staff earn six-figure salaries and 72 staff earn more than the mayor's $306741.- I support a focused targeted review: freeze non-essential hires cap consultant spend renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to deliver essential services without waste.Agreed actions (preferred by submitter)- Oppose the 7.9% average rate rise; seek a cap closer to 3% by cutting inefficient spending.- Reduce personnel costs through an organisational change and hiring freeze; save at least $17 million immediately.- Curb consultant and professional services spend by at least $50 million.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to save around $30 million.- Prioritise

statutory and essential services limiting discretionary grants and non-core programmes.Additional points- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year) as it emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze or reduce Māori-specific spend on Ngā Mātārae (Maori outcomes) perceived as beyond local-government responsibilities.- Focus ratepayer funds on essential services and avoid wasteful expenditure.ClosingI request to speak at hearings to present these concerns and recommendations in more detail. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9477,336572,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,The average household would pay about $320 more than this year on top of a 30 percent real increase since 2022 while cumulative inflation sits around 12 percent. The breakdown shows 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This rate rise is excessive given the Council's track record of rapid cost growth and the scale of perceived inefficiency in spending.I call on the Council to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Current data show substantial spending on consultants six-figure salaries and corporate support functions that do not reflect prudent stewardship of ratepayer funds. A targeted consolidation of backroom operations and a hiring freeze for vacant non-essential roles would deliver immediate relief. In particular freezing staffing and not filling non-essential vacancies would save at least $17 million right away.I also request the Council cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. This is an example of a discretionary project that does not align with core local government priorities and undermines budget discipline.Additionally I urge the Council to cut Māori-specific spending such as the roughly $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department Ngā Mātārae. This is a function I do not believe falls within the core responsibilities of local government and redirecting these funds toward essential services would improve value for ratepayers.The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget demonstrates what can be achieved by prudent reform: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap the average rate rise at around 3 percent by prioritising essential services over discretionary grants cutting personnel costs capping consultancy expenditure renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors.Stop spending our money on BS projects. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9479,336570,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit in formal opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and urge a reduction in overall Council spending so that ratepayers are not required to bear costs well above inflation.Key points- The proposed 7.9% average residential increase amounts to about $320 for the average household on top of a real growth in rates of around 30% since 2022 (vs. 12% general inflation). The breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for growth and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This level of increase is not affordable for many households.- The Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the rate rise at 3%. This is achievable through: a) freezing non-essential staffing and reducing payroll costs; b) capping consultant and professional services; c) contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; d) prioritising statutory

and essential services over discretionary grants.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and cut spend on consultants and professional services rather than allowing continual growth in these areas.- Specific line items should be reconsidered including the $36 million annual Food Scraps Programme which is claimed to emit more carbon than it saves. The Council should freeze or redeploy staffing for vacant non-essential roles to realise immediate savings (the submission notes this could save at least $17 million).- I also urge a pause or rollback of Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a core local government responsibility.Additional points- Eliminate vanity projects and reduce non-essential expenditure including excessive road cones and unnecessary workforce for temporary tasks; assess bike lanes for actual usage and cost-benefit.In closing I request that the Council seriously consider the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget and implement substantial efficiency measures to limit the rate increase to a more affordable level.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9482,336566,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,1) Rate increase and spending discipline- The proposed 7.9% average residential increase is excessive effectively adding about $320 per household on top of already high bills (current average $4069). Since 2010 rates have risen 85% far outpacing inflation and population growth. Urgent restraint is required.- I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and cutting the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.2) Specific cost-cutting measures aligned with Council priorities- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a necessary local government function.3) Broad financial recalibration- The Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the rate rise at about 3%. This is achievable through: - $50 million by reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze - $50 million by capping consultants - $30 million via contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants4) Call for accountability and evidence- The Council should demonstrate how each proposed expenditure supports statutory duties and essential services and provide transparent evidence of cost-benefit for discretionary programmes.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9492,336554,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit my views on the proposed 2026/27 annual plan.I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% (about $320 for the average household). Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% far exceeding inflation and population growth. The current plan distributes 4.4% of the uplift to CRL operating costs with 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets. This level of growth is not affordable for households in a tight cost

of living environment.Auckland Council should implement substantial efficiency gains before asking ratepayers to fund higher bills. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget is a practical path: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping by targeting a 3% total rate rise. Specific priorities include:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles saving at least $50 million.- Capping spending on consultants and professional services at $50 million.- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation at $30 million.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants at $20 million.The following specific expenditures must be cut or re-prioritised:- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which should save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Maori-specific spending including the Ngā Mātārae (Maori Outcomes) department funded at about $10 million per year as this is not a function of local government.- Trim all managerial roles dramatically and reduce spending on consultants and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs as current expenditure levels are unsustainable.These steps would deliver meaningful relief to ratepayers while preserving essential services.Wayne Brown promised to reduce costs - he hasn't tried !!I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0 ,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9494,336552,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,Key concerns and context- The proposed 7.9% increase translates to about $320 more per average household on top of a long-term trend where rates have risen 85% since 2010 far outpacing both inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). - A significant portion of the increase is driven by CRL operating costs (4.4%) rather than direct maintenance of existing assets (2%) or growth-related assets (1.5%). This demonstrates the need to review operating structures and vendor spend.Proposed expenditure reductions (agreed positions)- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spending on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing these costs to rise further.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core function of local government.Additional context and aims- The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget suggests reducing new council spending by $150 million (about 2%) enabling a cap of around 3% for average residential rate increases. This would be achieved through personnel cost reductions capping consultancy spend contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.- Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have grown well beyond inflation in recent years; a pause and reset on staffing contracts and external consultants is prudent.ConclusionI urge the Council to adopt these cost-saving measures and constrain the rates rise to reflect inflation and essential services. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0 ,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9498,336548,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,The rate rise is projected to add about $320 to the average household bill on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 when adjusted to 2022 dollars far outpacing inflation and population growth.I support the following positions:- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9%.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continue to increase these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government role.Rationale:- The majority of the proposed increase (4.4%) is allocated to CRL operating costs with other components contributing to a cumulative impact well above inflation. Since the 2010 amalgamation rates increases have outpaced inflation and population growth suggesting a need to re-balance priorities toward essential services.- The Council's current expenditure pattern shows substantial growth in personnel costs and external contracts. In particular consultant spending across the Council group totals about $126 million annually and payroll expenditure is around $1.3 billion. Reducing non-essential roles consolidating vendors and tightening contracts would help keep rates affordable.- A targeted reduction plansuch as stopping discretionary programs like Food Scraps and prioritising statutory serviceswould deliver meaningful savings without compromising essential infrastructure and services.Additional points:- The rates on my property in Browns Bay have increased 450% of the rate of inflation and wage increases since 1979. Services have decreased and I have received insufficient explanations for these rises.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9500,336546,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I believe the Council must reduce wasteful spending instead of raising rates for households already stretched by high living costs.Key concerns and positions- Oppose the 7.9% average increase; ratepayers cannot absorb another above-inflation rise while many services are not prioritised.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs which drive costs without clear public benefit.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these items; $126 million per year across the Council group is unsustainable.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which I believe is not a core local-government responsibility.RationaleSince 2010 rates have risen 85% while inflation has climbed about 34% and population growth 22% far outpacing growth in residents' ability to pay. The proposed 2% for maintaining assets and 1.5% for new assets plus 4.4% for CRL operating costs does not address wasteful expenditure. A disciplined budget that prioritises statutory and essential servicesand caps discretionary spendingwould better serve ratepayers and maintain core City functions.Alternative budget approachAdopt Ratepayers' Alliance proposal: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the rate rise to around 3% through targeted cuts in personnel consultancy contract renegotiations and prioritising essential services.I urge open consideration of these measures to protect household budgets and ensure funds are directed to truly essential

services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9504,336542,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a program of responsible savings to bring rates increases closer to inflation and aligned with essential services.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% rise equates to roughly $320 more per average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 (relative to 2022 dollars) with rates now averaging $4069. This level is not affordable for households and far outstrips the rate of inflation.- The breakdown of the increase (2% for maintaining assets 1.5% for new assets 4.4% for CRL operating costs) highlights that the bulk supports capital and operational costs rather than vital services to residents.- Since the Super City amalgamation rates have risen 85% well above inflation and population growth indicating a need for structural savings rather than further hikes.Proposed savings and policy positions- I support reducing Council and CCO backroom and corporate spending. Total consultant expense is $126 million annually; cutting this and renegotiating contracts would relieve the pressure on rates.- I support freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose ongoing high spend on consultancy and professional services; a greater emphasis on core municipal functions is warranted.- I oppose the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- I request capping or redirecting discretionary funding toward statutory services. I further urge reductions in Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' department which is not a core local government responsibility.- The Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget suggests reducing new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% cut) achieving a 3% rate rise cap. This would be achieved through: $50 million in personnel cost reductions $50 million in consultant spend $30 million in contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Additional points- Encourage mid-management accountability: incentivise reductions in staff under management rather than automatic pay increases for managers who increase headcount.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9551,336495,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit in a constructive solution-focused manner to oppose the proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase and to advocate for meaningful reductions in wasteful Council spending.Key points- I oppose the proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase which equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a real increase in rates of 30% since 2022 (versus 12% cumulative inflation). The current average residential rates bill is $4069.- The rate rise is structured as 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This shows a heavy tilt toward ongoing operating costs not demonstrated savings or productivity gains for households.- I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cutting spend on consultancy and professional services which are escalating while essential services experience funding pressures.- I strongly support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and according to available assessments emits more carbon than it saves.-

I urge freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose continuing or expanding Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not the role of local government.Alternative budget proposal- Implement a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (2% cap on rates rise) by: - Reducing personnel costs through organisational changes and a hiring freeze: $50 million - Capping spending on consultants: $50 million - Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million - Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionConclusionA 3% or lower rates uplift is achievable with prudent cost management tighter procurement and a focus on essential local government functions. I request that the Council consider these savings measures and publish a transparent deliverable plan to achieve them.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9561,336485,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I submit in strong and direct terms to oppose the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase and to advocate for substantial reductions in wasteful Council spending.The case against a 7.9% rise is clear. The proposed increase would add about $320 to the average residential bill on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 (vs. 12% total inflation). The cost drivers are disproportionate: 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Rates have increased 85% since 2010 far outstripping inflation and population growth. In this context a near-8% rise is unacceptable when practical savings are achievable.I urge the Council to adopt the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget and reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the average residential rates increase at around 3% through targeted savings:- Reduce personnel costs via organisational changes and a hiring freeze for nonâ€‘essential roles saving $50 million.- Cap spending on consultants and professional services at $50 million.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to save $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving $20 million.Specific spending areas to review and reduce immediately include:- Corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs where current spend is excessive.- Consultancy and professional services which have grown while outcomes remain uncertain.- Food Scraps Programme at $36 million per year which costs more in emissions than it saves.- Payroll and staffing levels: freezing vacancies and avoiding non-essential hires would save at least $17 million right away.- Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which I believe is not the core function of local government.While I recognise some services are statutory every dollar should be spent wisely and with demonstrable benefit. I request that the Council publicly present a transparent deliverable plan to reduce waste and protect essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9572,336474,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,Based on the Alliance briefing this would add roughly $320 to the average household bill on top of a current average of $4069 and represents a real increase of 30 percent since 2022 (versus 12 percent overall inflation). I cannot support a rate rise that continues to outpace inflation and population growth.I urge the Council to reduce expenditure

on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to curb consultancy and professional services which have grown aggressively in recent years. The Alliance notes $126 million per year in consultants across the Council group with the average consultant paid around $200000. This is unsustainable when essential services must be protected.I also oppose continuing or expanding discretionary spending with little apparent local impact. In particular I oppose the Food Scraps Programme which the Alliance estimates costs around $36 million per year and reportedly delivers limited carbon savings. Consideration should be given to ceasing this programme and redirecting funds to front-line services.A practical path to relief is a freeze on staffing and payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. Additionally I support the Alliance's proposed result to reduce Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year attributed to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) if this is not a defined municipal function.In total the Ratepayers' Alliance suggests a prudent alternative budget to cap the rate rise at around 3 percent by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent). This would be achieved through: (1) personnel cost reductions via organisational change and hiring freezes; (2) capping consultancy spend; (3) renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors; (4) prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.I request that my submission be considered in full and I respectfully ask that the council prioritises affordability efficiency and core municipal functions in its deliberations.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9589,336457,,Ōrākei,Do not support most,I respectfully submit my concerns about the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and urge a focus on reducing wasteful spending and improving efficiency.The proposed 7.9 percent rise equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a real rates increase since 2022 of 30 percent. With the Council spending on consultants ($126 million per year) and high personnel costs the rate rise is not affordable for households while funds are directed to backroom functions and external advice rather than core services. Direct operating expenditure has grown well ahead of inflation (78% 2013â€“2023) and six-figure salaries for staff and the mayor's office continue to rise. These trends call into question the justification for a near-8 percent increase.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position to cap rates by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%). This can be achieved by:- Freezing staffing and not hiring for non-essential roles delivering substantial upfront savings (at least $17 million);- Reducing personnel costs and capping consultancy spend (at least $50 million);- Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors (about $30 million);- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants (about $20 million).I also oppose ongoing wasteful programmes and spend. Specifically:- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme reportedly costing $36 million per year and emitting more carbon than it saves.- Reduce Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) which I understand is not a core local government function.Given these savings the rates increase could be limited to around 3 percent improving affordability for households while maintaining essential services. The opportunity to reinvest efficiently should be seized rather than continuing a pattern of rising rates alongside expanding backroom costs and expensive consultancy arrangements.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

- **Introduction of a refuse bin/bag exchange fee**
- **Changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas**
- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

- **Regional transport plans**
- **Water service strategies**
- **Auckland's spatial plan**
- **Our 2027–2037 long-term plan, which will set funding priorities for regional and local priorities listed below.**

**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**

(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

| Rank | Area |
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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
| | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
| | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

**Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#9598**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

**Our Annual Plan 2026/2027 builds on the first two years of our Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP). It focuses on continuing to strengthen our finances and Auckland's physical resilience, while investing where it is needed most to meet the needs of our growing communities.**

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

- **Transport**
- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

**Individual rates increase will vary by property type and value. Use our online rates guide to find out the proposed rates for your property.**

### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I am writing as a ratepayer who is strongly opposed to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase for 2026/27 and who seeks substantial reform of Council spending to protect households from unaffordable bills.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% rise is excessive relative to inflation and household budgets. The current average rates bill is about $4069 and the real increase since 2022 is 30 percent well above the 12 percent cumulative inflation. The breakdown of the 7.9% rise2% to maintain assets 1.5% for growth and 4.4% for CRL operating costspoints to ongoing costs that should be scrutinised before any new rate burden is approved.- Wasteful spend is driving the

need for higher rates. The Alliance highlights consultant spend of $126 million annually extensive six-figure salaries and high payroll and discretionary costs. Direct operating expenditure has risen far faster than inflation calling into question value for money.- Specific cost-cutting measures are practical and fair. I support the Alliance's proposed saving allocations: reducing personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze capping consultant spend renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Agreed positions- Oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9%.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll by not filling vacant non-essential roles saving at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million/year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which I believe is not a core local government function.Alternative funding approachI support the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by about $150 million to cap rates at roughly 3 percent through targeted reductions listed above.ClosingI urge careful consideration of these measures and request that the Council sets a more affordable rate path while delivering essential services efficiently.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#9617

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### Tell us why

Key context- The proposed 7.9% increase equates to about $320 for the average household on current average rates of $4069. Since 2012 rates have risen 85% in real terms far outpacing inflation and population growth.- The breakdown shows 4.4% of the increase goes to CRL operating costs with 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets as growth continues.- Total council and CCO expenditure on consultants is $126 million per year with the average consultant around $200k; payroll and related costs have grown markedly while many ratepayers struggle with cost-of-living pressures.Agreed positions (key actions to reduce the rates burden)- Oppose the average

residential rates increase by at least 7.9% and press for a cap near 3% by cutting back non-essential spend.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing continued growth in these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a move that would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that such roles are not functions of local government.Alternative budget framingRatepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) enabling an average rate rise around 3% through targeted reductions:- $50 million from personnel costs via organisational changes and hiring freezes- $50 million from capping consultancy spend- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation- $20 million from prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grantsClosingI urge careful scrutiny of all proposed items and a focus on core municipal services that serve households and businesses.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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| | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#9645**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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- **Water**
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**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit this formal submission to oppose the proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase and to urge real cuts in wasteful Council spending.1. Rate increase and spending drivers- The proposed average residential rates rise of 7.9% is excessive given the Council's spending growth. The plan allocates 4.4% for CRL operating costs 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows while households face a real increase far above inflation.- Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have risen 85%well ahead of inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). An increased rate burden of this scale is unsustainable for ratepayers.2. Reducing waste and

backroom costs- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Spending on consultants and professional services should be capped; current figures show $126 million per year across the Council group with substantial staff costs and six-figure salaries. A freeze on non-essential hires and a hiring pause would save at least $17 million immediately.- Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have outpaced inflation for years; the payroll bill ($1.3 billion) and contractor spend ($590 million) demand significant restraint.3. Specific programme and budgetary adjustments- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles delivering immediate savings.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the Ngā Mātārae (Māori outcomes) department funded at around $10 million per year on the premise that such functions fall outside core local government responsibilities.4. Alternative budget approach- I support the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the average rates increase at around 3%. This would come from: $50 million via personnel cost controls $50 million by capping consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising statutory and essential services.ClosingI urge Auckland Council to prioritise essential services pause non-essential growth and deliver meaningful rate relief for residents.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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N/A

# Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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| | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

# Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#9648**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in strong and direct terms to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and to advocate for substantial reductions in wasteful Council spending. The rate rise would impose about $320 more per average household while real spending pressures and growth are not matched by corresponding cuts in non-essential spend.Positively I support the Council to manage a fairer more efficient budget. The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these lines. The current

pattern of elevated consultants and six-figure salaries is not sustainable and undermines trust in local governance. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have grown far faster than inflation while services that residents rely on must be safeguarded.I oppose the present plan to fund the CRL operating costs and associated assets entirely through rates without corresponding efficiency. The Council should pursue measures to cancel or rephase the Food Scraps Programme which is claimed to cost $36 million per year and based on the Alliance briefing emits more carbon than it saves. A reduction in payroll including freezing vacancies for non-essential roles would deliver immediate savingsarguably at least $17 millionwithout sacrificing essential services.In alignment with the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget I support reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) delivering a cap of around 3% on residential rates. This includes: $50 million from personnel cost reductions via organisational change and a hiring freeze $50 million from capping consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants. I also support reducing Māori-specific spending (such as Ngā Mātārae) where it represents a local-government funding mismatch.Additional points: consider improving bus services for off-peak hours to relieve traffic and address building compliance costs and inspections that burden business.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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N/A

# Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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### 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?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#9657

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the average 7.9% increase. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 with a real increase of 30% since 2022 (versus 12% cumulative inflation). A targeted approach to cost control is warranted rather than shifting the burden onto ratepayers who are already under financial pressure.I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing highlights substantial costs in payroll six-figure salaries (6123 staff across Council group 464 over $200k; 72 staff paid more than the mayor) and high spending on consultants and contractors ($590 million).

Cutting these backroom costs will directly lower the rate burden without compromising essential services.I urge reducing spending on consultancy and professional services. The Council should prioritise building internal capability and renegotiate vendor arrangements to achieve meaningful savings rather than continual increases in external advisory costs.I advocate cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs around $36 million per year and according to the briefing emits more carbon than it saves. This is a clear wasteful expenditure that should be reviewed in favour of programs with demonstrable value.I support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. This measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately reducing pressure on rates.I oppose continuing the current level of Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). This is not a core local government function and diverting such funds to essential services better serves the community.Additional context: as a small business owner every rate rise compounds pressures on rents and operating costs. Before increasing rates the Council should pursue all reasonable efficiency measures and reallocate funds to essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## 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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**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?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#9659**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge the Council to prioritise belt-tightening and value-for-money across the organisation.Key concerns and asks:1) Rates affordability and target. The proposed 7.9% increase equating to about $320 for the average household surpasses inflation and adds a heavy burden on households already stressed by costs of living. I support a rate rise aligned with inflation or lower funded by genuine efficiency gains.2) Expenditure reform across the organisation. The Council must drastically reduce spending on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Blanket cost reductions are

essential to protect essential services.3) Consultancy and professional services. The Council should reduce spend on consultants and professional services rather than allowing these items to continue rising. This aligns with the Ratepayers' Alliance position to cap and renegotiate external contractor costs.4) Food Scraps Programme. Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. Redirect resources to essential evidence-based initiatives with clear community benefit.5) Staffing and payroll. Freeze hiring for vacant non-essential roles and/or reduce payroll costs which could save at least $17 million immediately. A leaner workforce focused on core statutory responsibilities is appropriate for council operations.6) Maori outcomes funding. Cut Maori-specific spending including the $10 million per year spent on the Ngā Mātārae (Maori outcomes) department as this is not a role of local government. Reallocate to essential services that benefit the broad ratepayer base.7) Budget framing. I support the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget which proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping rate increases at about 3% through targeted savings in personnel consultants contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Closing:I call on Auckland Council to deliver a sustainable affordable budget that prioritises core services and demonstrable community benefit with the above measures implemented.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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N/A

# Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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### 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?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#9662**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The Alliance's briefing shows the increase equates to around $320 for the average household with a current average rates bill of $4069 and a real increase since 2022 of about 30 percent well above cumulative inflation. The breakdown indicates 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs 2 percent to maintain existing assets and 1.5 percent for new assets as Auckland grows. This level of growth is unacceptable given the historic context of rapid rate increases since the Super City amalgamation.I support as stated reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cutting the spend on consultancy and professional services. The Alliance

highlights consultant spending at $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant earning about $200k and payroll/consultant costs rising far faster than inflation. I advocate for capping non-essential spending and prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.I also support cancelling or discontinuing the Food Scraps Programme which the Alliance notes costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. In addition freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles could save at least $17 million immediately a measure the Alliance endorses.I further support reducing Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as the Alliance argues this is not a local government function. Given the need to contain rate increases these changes align with a leaner more value-focused council.As a practical path the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget proposes a $150 million reduction in new Council spending bringing the average rates increase down to around 3 percent. I request consideration of these measures in the final plan.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

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- **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?

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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

(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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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#9686**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

**Our Annual Plan 2026/2027 builds on the first two years of our Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP). It focuses on continuing to strengthen our finances and Auckland's physical resilience, while investing where it is needed most to meet the needs of our growing communities.**

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

- **Transport**
- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

**Individual rates increase will vary by property type and value. Use our online rates guide to find out the proposed rates for your property.**

### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The proposed increase averaging about $320 for the typical household is well above inflation and far beyond what Aucklanders can reasonably absorb while services are prioritised.The Council should cut back on backroom costs and consultant fees. Current data show consultant spending of about $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant paid around $200000. Payroll and personnel costs have risen sharply and direct operating expenditure has grown well ahead of inflation. A more prudent approach would be to reduce personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles which could deliver substantial

savings immediately (the Alliance argues for freeze/cuts that would save at least $17 million right away).I agree with reducing spend on consultancy and professional services and I urge renegotiation of contracts and vendor consolidation to deliver better value. The proposed allocation for new assets and CRL operating costs should be scrutinised to ensure effectiveness and avoid unnecessary cost escalation. The Council must prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants to protect core public services.I also oppose the Food Scraps Programme as a costly and questionable initiative costing about $36 million per year and reportedly emitting more carbon than it saves. There is a case for cancelling or refocusing this programme in favour of genuinely essential services.The Alliance's alternative budget framework suggests reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent) to cap rates increases at about 3 percent. This includes $50 million saved from personnel costs $50 million from consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and $20 million from prioritising statutory services over discretionary programmes.I also request strong scrutiny of Māori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae). I believe this is not a function of local government and should be redirected to essential services.Closing: I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

# Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

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- **Auckland's spatial plan**
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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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| | **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?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#9708**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I am submitting to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent and to urge a substantial reduction in wasteful Council spending. With the current average residential rates bill at $4069 and the real increase since 2022 at about 30 percent (versus 12 percent inflation) the proposed rise is excessive. The breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. The ratepayer burden should not be amplified to subsidise inefficiency or over-spending.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance's position to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and

CCOs and to cut spending on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these lines. In particular I oppose continuing the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and in my view emits more carbon than it saves. I also urge freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.Furthermore I request a reallocation away from what I consider non-essential Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae). Local government should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and this spending should be reassessed accordingly. The Council's broader costssuch as high consultant and contractor fees and elevated payrollappear to be driving rates well above inflation. A targeted reduction of personnel costs Vendor consolidation and renegotiations could help cap rate increases to around 3 percent as proposed by the Alliance.Additional concerns include a lack of visible accountability for overspending and monitoring of work. I have observed instances of inefficiency such as workers appearing unproductive. A tighter governance and performance framework is essential to ensure ratepayer funds are spent effectively.I would like to speak at hearings to present these concerns in person. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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N/A

# 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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### 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?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#9734**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I write as a resident concerned about the proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase and the overall trajectory of council spending. My submission is informed by the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing and focuses on practical savings and accountable budgeting.1. Oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase. The proposed rise translates to about $320 for the average household in the context of a 30% real increase since 2022 (vs. 12% cumulative inflation). Rates increases should better align with inflation and service priorities not escalate entrenched costs.2. Reduce backroom and corporate spending. The Alliance highlights $126 million per year on

consultants across the Council group with the parent council alone spending $60 million and average consultants earning around $200k. I support a reduction of expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs.3. Curb consultancy and professional services. The Council should dampen growth in consultancy and professional services not continue to push these expenditure items higher.4. Cancel the Food Scraps Programme. At $36 million per year this programme should be reviewed and halted if it does not clearly deliver net emissions reductions or cost savings.5. Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs. Non-essential vacancies should be frozen to achieve immediate savings; the Alliance suggests that not filling vacant roles could save at least $17 million now.6. Reform Māori-specific spending. The proposal to fund the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) at about $10 million per year should be reconsidered recognising that such functions fall outside core local government responsibilities.7. Alternative budget target. I support reducing new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) enabling an average rates cap around 3%. This should come from: $50 million via personnel cost reductions $50 million by capping consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million by prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.Closing: I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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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?

N/A

# Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#9743**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The current average rates bill is $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of 30 percent far outpacing cumulative inflation. The breakdown of the 7.9 percent rise2% for maintaining assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costsdisproportionately burdens ratepayers while much of the expenditure remains discretionary or excessive.I agree with the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance that the Council must cut wasteful spending especially in corporate and back-room functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce consultancy and professional services rather than perpetually increasing these lines. The proposed 7.9% increase should be replaced by a responsible affordable

plan that prioritises essential services over non-core activities.I support the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget to cap average residential rates growth at around 3 percent by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%). Specific steps include:- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles saving at least $17 million immediately.- Curb spending on personnel costs and cap consultants targeting $50 million in savings.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to save a further $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services reducing discretionary grants and avoid funding that is not core to local government duties.This approach would allow a more modest rate rise while preserving essential services for Aucklanders.Additional points I wish to emphasise include the need for better accountability and scrutiny of public spending including improvements in road works delivered by Auckland Transport and a tighter focus on spending on parks walkways and other areas where spending has grown without clear benefit to ratepayers.Closing: I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#9753**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit my formal objection to Auckland Council's proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent for 2026/27 and to the broader pattern of expenditure that drives such increases.Key points- The proposed 7.9% average rise translates to about $320 more per household on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% far outpacing both inflation (34%) and population growth (22%) and the real burden on households has grown markedly.- The rate increase is not solely for essential service delivery. It comprises 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. In effect a large portion

funds capital programmes and project costs that should be scrutinised for efficiency and necessity.- I oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9% and urge consideration of substantial savings. The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.Substantive savings and policy recommendations- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could produce immediate savings of at least $17 million.- Reduce Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a local-government core function.- Cap overall spending by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) equating to an average rate increase near 3%. This can be achieved through: freezing personnel costs capping consultants contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.ClosingI request the Council to prioritise efficiency and restraint in this budget cycle and adopt the above measures to limit rate increases while preserving essential services and accountability.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#9781

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit my opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and urge a substantial reduction in wasteful Council spending. The council must curb cost growth before asking ratepayers to shoulder higher bills.1) Rates increase and affordability- The proposed 7.9% rise translates to about $320 extra per average household on top of a real rates rise of 30% since 2022 (versus 12% overall inflation). This is unaffordable for many households and I oppose such an uplift.2) Spending reductions necessary- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Curb spending on consultancy and professional services

rather than continuing to increase these items.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles; this alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million/year spent on the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a local government remit.3) Alternative budget approach- The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes cutting new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the average rate rise at about 3%. Primary savings would come from personnel cost controls cap on consultants renegotiated contracts and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.4) Context and fairness- Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have risen 85% well above inflation and population growth. A more restrained path is essential to maintain trust and ensure essential services remain affordable.Additional point- I am going into debt because of how high these rates are.ClosingI request that Auckland Council seriously reconsider the proposed 7.9% rate increase and urgently implement the outlined cost-saving measures to protect household affordability.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#9826**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit this formal objection to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% (approximately $320 for the average household) as part of the 2026/27 Annual Plan.1) Opposition to the rate rise. The proposed 7.9% increase represents a real burden on households already facing elevated costs. Since 2022 residential rates have risen by 30% in real terms far outpacing 12% cumulative inflation. The current average bill of $4069 has grown markedly and a further 7.9% increase will compound hardship for many ratepayers.2) Wasteful and excessive spending must be curtailed. The Council-wide expenditure on consultants is excessive at about $126 million per year

with the average consultant earning roughly $200000. Direct payroll and related costs have soared with 6123 employees on six-figure salaries across the Council group including 72 staff paid more than the mayor. Staffing and non-salary expenses rose faster than inflation between 2022 and 2025. These items must be targeted to control the rate burden.3) Concrete savings through a focused reduction plan. The Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the rate rise at about 3%. This includes: freezing non-essential vacancies to save at least $17 million; capping consultancy spending at $50 million; renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors for $30 million; and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants for $20 million. These measures address fundamental cost drivers without compromising core services.4) Specific programmes to re-evaluate. The Food Scraps Programme costs about $36 million per year and according to the Alliance briefing emits more carbon than it saves. It should be cancelled. There is also a call to reduce Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae (Maori outcomes) programmealigned with the view that this is not a core local-government function.5) Priorities and accountability. The Council must demonstrate value for money focusing on essential statutory services and transparent governance not expanding discretionary spend that drives hikes in rates.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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# Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#9827**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

1) Rate increase and fiscal discipline- The proposed 7.9% average residential rates rise equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) and well above cumulative inflation. The current average rates bill is $4069.- I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance approach to cap rate rises by constraining new and ongoing expenditure. The Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% cut) which would bring the average increase down to around 3% and more closely align with inflation and service needs.2) Spending reductions to fund a lower rates rise- Reduce personnel costs through organisational

change and a hiring freeze targeting at least $50 million.- Cap spending on consultants and professional services at $50 million.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to save $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants with $20 million in savings.- These measures mirror the Alliance's alternative budget and would help deliver a more affordable rates path.3) Specific expenditure areas for savings- Eliminate the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could immediately save at least $17 million.- Reduce Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) noting local government should prioritise core/core statutory functions.4) Careful approach to service delivery- The structural costs driving rates increases include 4.4% for CRL operating costs 2% for existing assets and 1.5% for growth. A focus on efficiency and reprioritisation is essential prior to approving higher rate rises.ClosingI request that the Council consider these reductions and a lower rates path and that funding priorities reflect core statutory duties and affordable essential services for Aucklanders.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#9876**

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### Tell us why

The current context shows rates have risen 85% since 2010 far exceeding inflation while essential services face mounting pressure. A more restrained approach is both fair and prudent for households especially those on fixed or limited incomes.Key concerns and positions:- I oppose the 7.9% average increase. A rate rise linked to inflation or below would be more responsible while still maintaining essential services.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Wasteful overhead costs inflate the rate burden without improving services to residents.- Spending on consultancy and professional services should

be reduced. The current level contributes significantly to ratepayer costs without commensurate service gains.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. If the Council implements a hiring freeze or reallocates non-critical roles at least $17 million could be saved immediately.- Ratepayers face real burdens; for example the average residential bill is already substantial and many households are stretched. My own family budget and that of my mother an elderly pensioner are strained. It is not acceptable for pensioners to be forced to relocate due to affordability concerns.Additional context from ratepayer analysis:- The breakdown of the proposed increase includes 4.4% for CRL operating costs and 2% for existing asset maintenance with 1.5% for new assets. A focus on efficiency and cost containment should precede any further rate increases.- Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have risen far faster than inflation underscoring the need for reform of internal cost structures and vendor arrangements.I request that the Council present an alternative budget with substantial efficiency improvements and show how rates can be kept to a maximum of around 3% through targeted savings and reform.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#9877**

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Key points- Oppose the 7.9% rise: This would amount to about $320 more per year for the average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 far surpassing general inflation. The proposed increase is not justified by current asset maintenance needs alone and would heighten cost pressures on households especially retirees and those on fixed incomes.- Reduce corporate and backroom costs: Spending on corporate and back-office functions across the Council and CCOs should be trimmed as these costs have risen well beyond inflation and population growth.- Curb consultancy and professional services: The Council's reliance on consultants is excessive with

about $126 million per year across the Council group and average consultant fees in the hundreds of thousands. A reduction would meaningfully lower rate increases.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme: The programme costs about $36 million per year and according to analysis emits more carbon than it saves. It should be discontinued.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll: Not hiring for vacant non-essential roles could save at least $17 million immediately contributing to a more modest rates outcome.- Cut Māori-specific spending: The roughly $10 million per year spent on the Ngā Mātārae/'Māori outcomes' department should be reconsidered as it is not a core local government function.- Refer to a responsible alternative budget: A net reduction in new Council spending of about $150 million (2%) could cap the rate rise to around 3% if implemented via targeted payroll restraint consultant caps contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services.Additional point- For our ageing population continuing rate increases will force many including elderly residents to relocate. This is a consequence that should be avoided through prudent savings and prioritisation.I request that the Council consider these measures seriously and present a transparent pathway to a lower rates outcome aligned with essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

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## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#9881

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit my opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and I urge a substantial reduction in wasteful Council spending before any rate increases are considered.Key points:- The proposed 7.9% average residential rates rise is excessive given historical increases and inflation. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 with a real increase of 30% since 2022 after adjusting for inflation. I support capping rate increases to reflect prudent budgeting and to prioritise essential services.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. This includes limiting

wasteful spending on consultants and professional services which total approximately $126 million per year across the group.- The Food Scraps Programme costs $36 million per year and in my view emits more carbon than it saves. I support cancelling this programme to redirect funds to essential services.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. I understand that freezing vacancies could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the roughly $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). Local government should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary allocations.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget approach: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% saving) to cap the average residential rates increase at about 3%. This would be achieved through:- Reducing personnel costs via organisational changes and a hiring freeze.- Capping spending on consultants.- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.In summary I request that the Council reconsider the proposed 7.9% rise in light of wasteful expenditure and inequitable fiscal priorities. A more disciplined approach to budgeting with clear cuts to consultants backroom functions and non-essential programmes is necessary before any further rate increases are approved.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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# Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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# Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#9891

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

On current information this equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a history of rising costs that far outpace inflation. Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have risen by ~85% far exceeding inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). The proposed split2% to maintain assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costsplaces the burden squarely on households while not addressing wasteful spending.I urge the Council to adopt the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce total new spending by $150 million (2%) to cap rates increases at around 3 percent. Specifically I support:- Reducing personnel costs through

organisational change and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles which could save about $50 million.- Capping spending on consultants and professional services at $50 million.- Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors to save $30 million.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving $20 million.Key cost drivers that warrant scrutiny include:- Corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs where spending is disproportionately high.- Consultant and contractor expenses which have grown while residents shoulder higher rates.- The Food Scraps Programme a $36 million/year initiative that reportedly emits more carbon than it saves; its continuation appears inconsistent with a prudent financial strategy.- Payroll growth including over 6000 staff on six-figure salaries and significant increases in personnel costs and other expenses outpacing inflation.I also oppose further spend on Māori outcomes as a sectoral focus not defined as a core local government duty noting the $10 million/year allocation is not aligned with the Council's statutory responsibilities.I request that the Council present a revised plan that prioritises essential services reduces wasteful expenditure and aligns rates with inflation and financial prudence.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#9900**

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The increase is not affordable for many households and represents a real continuing rise in rates that far outpaces inflation and population growth. The proposed 7.9% breakdown (2% for asset maintenance 1.5% for new assets 4.4% for CRL operating costs) signals a persistent escalation of core costs that should be restrained rather than expanded.I urge the Council to implement substantial cost reductions rather than further rate hikes. Specifically I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The current level of consultancy and professional services is unsustainable and should be cut rather than grown;

the Alliance's programme demonstrates a path to lowering rates while preserving essential services.I oppose continuing the Food Scraps Programme which costs around $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves. This project should be cancelled and funds redirected toward essential services that deliver clear verifiable benefits to residents.A payroll freeze and a halt to hiring for vacant non-essential roles would produce immediate savings. The Alliance notes that freezing staffing could save at least $17 million right away a practical step to temper rate increases.I also oppose continuing or expanding Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae (Maori Outcomes) budget of roughly $10 million per year. In my view this is not a role of local government and funds should be redirected toward statutory and essential services.In total I endorse the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap) to keep average residential rates increases to about 3%. This includes $50 million savings from personnel costs $50 million from limiting consultants $30 million from renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million toward statutory services over discretionary grants.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

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## Question 4: Other feedback

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

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## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#9909**

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I am submitting in a detailed and evidence-based manner to express strong opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to advocate for reducing wasteful Council spending.Key positions1) Oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 representing a real increase of 30 percent since 2022 well above cumulative inflation. A more prudent cap is required.2) Reduce discretionary and backroom spending. The Alliance notes annual consultant costs of about $126 million across the Council group and substantial six-figure salaries with payroll and related

expenses rising far faster than inflation. The Council should prioritise core statutory services over discretionary functions and reduce corporate and backroom expenditure across the Council and CCOs.3) Cut consultancy and professional services. Spending on consultants and contractors is excessive and should be capped with funds redirected to essential services.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme. The programme costs about $36 million per year and in the Alliance view emits more carbon than it saves. It should be cancelled in favour of more effective waste reduction strategies.5) Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs. Implement a hiring freeze or trim vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.6) Cut Māori-specific spending. The Alliance proposes reducing the $10 million per year allocated to the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a function of local government.Alternative budget approachIf rates are to be limited to a sustainable level the Alliance recommends reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) achieving roughly a 3% average rate increase. This would involve:- $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes- $50 million from capping consultants- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation- $20 million from prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grantsClosingI request that the Council consider these measures to curb excessive rate increases and wasteful spending prioritising core services and evidence-based savings.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#9923**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in a personal sincere tone to oppose the proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase and to advocate for substantial reductions in wasteful Council spending. I urge the Council to prioritise core services and affordability for households.1) Rates and affordability- I oppose the average 7.9% residential rates increase (about $320 for the average household) and support capping the increase to around 3% consistent with a reduction plan of about $150 million in new spending. This would help keep rates aligned with inflation and household budgets.2) Spending reductions and efficiency- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office

functions across the Council and CCOs.- It should reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to lift these costs.- A programme of organisational change and a freeze on non-essential hires could save at least $17 million immediately.- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation should be pursued to realise further savings.3) Specific programmes and equity concerns- The Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and is claimed to emit more carbon than it saves should be cancelled.- I support reducing Māori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year spent on the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) given that this role is not a function of local government.4) Additional priorities- Get core infrastructure in place: roads rubbish and parks. Clean well-maintained parks and public spaces are essential for community well-being including in Waiuku where better-maintained spaces are appreciated.ClosingI request that the Council reflect these positions in the consultation prioritise essential services and consider the proposed $150 million reduction plan as the basis for limiting rate increases.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#9932**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The breakdown shows 4.4 percent of the rise goes to CRL operating costs on top of 2 percent for maintaining existing assets and 1.5 percent for new assets. A more modest approach is needed that limits increases to essential services and inflation.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs. Current spending on consultants is a major driver of cost with about $126 million per year across the Council group and average consultants earning around $200k. Reducing these lines would directly lower rates burden.- There should be a freeze or reduction of payroll costs by not filling non-essential vacancies as proposed

by a prudent reallocation of staff. This would save at least $17 million immediately and help stabilise operating costs.- Spending on consultancy and professional services must be capped and reduced; continued growth in these areas is not sustainable and simply inflates rates.- I oppose funding for discretionary programmes that do not deliver essential local-government outcomes. In particular cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Māori-specific spending should be scrutinised. The $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) should be reassessed as this is not a core local-government function and diverts scarce resources from essential services.Additional context: for those on limited incomes including pensioners on the North Shore rates rises erode living standards. We pay for many services we do not use. Focus on fixing essential infrastructure first stop non-essential frills and keep rate increases reasonable and aligned with core service delivery.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

(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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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#9938**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

This rise equates to approximately $320 for the average household and comes after a 30% real increase since 2022 far exceeding general inflation. I urge a more responsible approach to Council budgeting.Key concerns and positions:- Oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase. Cap increases closer to or below inflation by reforming spending not by transferring costs to ratepayers.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The current structure features high payroll extensive six-figure salaries and substantial back-office costs that inflate operating totals without clear public benefit.- Cut spending on consultancy and

professional services. The Alliance's figures show $126 million per year on consultants across the Council group with the average consultant earning around $200000.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million per year and reportedly delivering less carbon savings than claimed.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll by avoiding hires for non-essential roles; halting new hires in non-essential areas would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million/year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). Local government should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary programmes.Alternative budget approach:- Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) thereby capping residential rate increases at around 3%. - $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze - $50 million from limiting consultants - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million by prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grantsIn summary I request a credible reduction in wasteful spend and a clearly affordable rate path for households with transparent reporting on progress. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**

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## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#9942**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The current average rates bill is $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of about 30 percent well above cumulative inflation. The proposed breakdown2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costsraises concerns about how funds are allocated.I urge the Council to adopt substantial savings from wasteful backroom and corporate expenditure. In particular:1) Reduce personnel costs by freezing non-essential hiring and cutting payroll where vacant roles are not filled which could save at least $17 million immediately.2) Curb spending on consultants and professional services; current annual consultant spend across the Council group is

about $126 million with the average consultant around $200000.3) Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to achieve further savings targeting a meaningful reduction in outsourced costs.Additionally scaling back discretionary programmes is warranted:- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Reconsider the $10 million per year allocated to the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae); many ratepayers view this as beyond the core remit of local government.The Council should also aim to cap the rate rise at a more modest level. The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget proposes a $150 million reduction in new spending (2%) which would allow a rate rise of about 3%. This would be achieved by the measures above and by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.I recognise Auckland's growth and obligations but rates increases must reflect value for money and prudent stewardship. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85%far above inflation and population growth. A leaner Council with disciplined control of personnel consultants and non-core programmes can protect essential services while delivering fairer rates for households.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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N/A

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### 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?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#9948**

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The current average residential rates bill is approximately $4069 up from about $2781 in 2022 a 30% real increase since 2022 well above cumulative inflation of 12%. The proposed 7.9% breakdown2% to maintain assets 1.5% for growth-related new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costsadds to households already squeezed by rising living costs.To achieve a more affordable rate path I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance's alternative budget to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (roughly 2%) capping average rates to about 3% and preserving essential services. Specific measures I endorse include:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational

change and a hiring freeze saving about $50 million.- Capping spending on consultants and professional services at $50 million.- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to save $30 million.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants at $20 million.I also urge cancellation of programmes that do not deliver measurable net benefits. In particular:- The Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year should be discontinued if it emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze or substantially reduce staffing/payroll by not filling non-essential vacancies which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Reconsider or reframe Māori-specific spending including the $10 million/year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which in my view as a ratepayer should be a scarce priority for local government.Additional concerns include reducing corporate and backroom spending and cutting consultancy and contractor spend. I oppose funding for environmental or community initiatives funded through discretionary grants when basic statutory services are under threat. I also question the value of costly consultations such as projects like Sacred Grove at Takapuna.I would welcome opportunities to present at hearings to expand on these points. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

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## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#9952**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in formal opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent for 2026/27 and urge a complete rethink of Council and CCO spending focusing on core statutory services and genuine value for ratepayers.1. Opposition to the 7.9% increase- The proposed rise equates to an average increase of about $320 per household on a current average rate bill of $4069. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% far outstripping both inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). A continued pattern of higher-than-inflation increases is unsustainable for households.2. Reducing non-core and backroom spending- The Council must cut expenditure on corporate and backroom

functions across the Council and CCOs.- Cap or reduce spending on consultants and professional services; this category is disproportionately large and growing yet delivers limited accountability to ratepayers.- A total reduction target of at least $150 million is consistent with the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to cap rate increases to about 3% by focusing on payroll restraint vendor consolidation and renegotiations.3. Specific programme and staffing controls- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year which burns more carbon than it saves and is not a clear net benefit to residents.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately.- Reduce Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae (Māori Outcomes) allocation of around $10 million per year arguing this is not a statutory local government function.4. Priorities for essential services- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants. Reining in discretionary spending and renegotiating contracts should be a primary lever before any further rate increases are considered.ClosingI would like the opportunity to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#9975**

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**Local Board:** Ōrākei

## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the 7.9% increase and urge the Council to cap rate rises in line with or below inflation. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 and the real increase since 2022 is already around 30% (in 2022 dollars) against 12% cumulative inflation. The 7.9% uplift is not affordable for households and is not justified by the mix of costs identified in the plan.I support a programme of reducing wasteful Council spending particularly in corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance analysis shows substantial ongoing expenditure on consultants ($126 million per year) and high payroll costs. I urge

reductions in this area including a freeze on non-essential hiring and a review of consultant usage to focus on essential services only.I oppose continuing to expand consultancy and professional services; instead I call for renegotiated contracts and vendor consolidation to achieve savings. The plan should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants with a clear cap on spending that does not directly serve residents.I call for canceling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. This is an area where funds could be redirected to essential services with clearer benefits to local communities.I support freezing staffing and reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. I also oppose expanding Māori-specific spend such as the $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae); this is not a function of local government.I propose the Council implement the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget approach: reduce new spending by $150 million to cap rates increases at 3% prioritise essential services and deliver targeted efficiency.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#9991

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### Tell us why

Key context and expectations- The proposed increase translates to about $320 more per average household on top of an already high base: current average residential rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022.- Since 2022 real rates have risen by about 30 percent far outstripping cumulative inflation of 12 percent.- The 7.9 percent increase comprises 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This allocation does not reflect the restraint required by households facing rising living costs.Position and recommendations- I oppose the 7.9% increase and demand a cap on rates increases to around 3% by funding reductions

not new revenue aligned with the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget.- I urge cutting back on wasteful expenditure across the Council and CCOs especially in corporate and backroom functions and in consultancy and professional services instead of continuing to expand these areas.- I support canceling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- I call for freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose expanding Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' department noted as about $10 million per year as this is not a core local government function.Funding plan and feasibility- A prudent path is to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to keep the overall rate rise to roughly 3% while preserving essential services. This includes $50 million from personnel cost reductions $50 million from capping consultancy spend $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.ClosingI request the opportunity to present my submission at hearings to provide further context and answer questions.Sincerely{name redacted}{address redacted}{email redacted}I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#10001

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I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase for 2026/27 and to the accompanying trajectory of wasteful Council spending.Key concerns:- The proposed 7.9% average increase is excessive given the real rate of increase since 2022 and the cumulative inflation that far outpaces population growth. The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets tied to growth. This burden falls on households already strained by high living costs.- A substantial portion of spending appears misaligned with core statutory duties. In particular the council's reliance on consultants

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**#10008**

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