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Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

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Do not support any

Tell us why

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Support all

Tell us why

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All good - just easier for everyone

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Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

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For me personally waters my only intension

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Looking after Aucklands natural areas streams. Coastal zones and Cultural heritage reducing waste and supporting community led environmental projects. Personal thoughts - because our water are our heritage its our source of food chain and can help us in the long run. Water is our main source and we drink it and we need to make sure it's clean. If we look after our waters we will have a continuous supply of food and our baby's and family's are able to enjoy our waters. Put the rubbish in the bin.

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

Better connections | Events and city life | Getting around | Māori identity and culture |

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I feel like there should be more water fountains and clean toilets for the kids. And i feel like the parks should be more safer and more fun and bigger. Look after the parks.

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Im not really sure what rates and it keeps going up but will be nice for the rates to come down.

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Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

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Local parks so it's safe for families to be there.

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Better connections | Events and city life | Safety | Streets and public spaces |

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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?

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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5	**Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries.

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

The parks should have more lights. Less stop lights because it causes traffic. Speed bumps should be placed 15 metres apart.

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

Events and city life | Getting around | Streets and public spaces |

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Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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?

More toilets at parks and having more alley ways to get to places faster. Also more trash cans in certain areas in Mangere because at Mangere town centre a lot of people litter and it makes our community look messy

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

Events and city life | Getting around | Streets and public spaces | Supporting businesses |

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

Support most

Tell us why

i personally support

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Dont understand, only 11 years old

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

because they help a lot for example they prevent floods from happening.

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?

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

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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?

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?

Better connections | Events and city life | Getting around | Supporting businesses |

Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Tell us why

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N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Events and city life | Getting around | Māori identity and culture | Safety |

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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

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N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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Public transport, support young people, support daily life.

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

Events and city life | Getting around | Māori identity and culture | Streets and public spaces |

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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?

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board Feedback:

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Support all

Tell us why

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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?

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?

Public transport, support young people, support daily life, state community spaces,and environmental sustainability because these support communities and build future

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

Events and city life | Getting around | Māori identity and culture | Streets and public spaces |

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

Support most

Tell us why

Due to the fact that increasing the rate may cause financial struggles to families, also families have difficult time to continue paying the increase rate. Also this plan may benefit our community with improved services or activities.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

These proposed changes are a very difficult change especially for families with a limited income. This increase doesn't affect myself as a youth but being informed is very crucial and can teach us many lessons and knowledge in our council and the communities financial difficulties.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

Many decisions or options by council, overall do benefit the community but others dont help us nor fit us. (Time,money,availability etc)

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

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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?

Question 4: Other feedback

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Cleaner facilities/services, More shelters or benches for the needed.

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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?

Prioritise youth wellbeing, public transport, safe community spaces, and environmental sustainability because these support our young people, improve daily life, strengthen communities and build futures.

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 | Getting around | Safety | Streets and public spaces |

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Support most

Tell us why

Going through with this proposed annual plan has its certain but the cost of increasing rate prices even as they already seem high or hard enough for most households especially our Pacifica communities would take a toll.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I believe all these changes result in shifts within the community that would force us to adopt to them despite the difficult circumstances. The cost of living, food and gas are already high so innovating new prices with these changes would cause misconception, disagreement or disengagement.

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Tell us why

as a youth we ain't very aware nor informed as much as we should be only through certain and rare opportunities at church, school, extra curricular are we informed and educated.

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This annual plan has its benefits, its strengths and weaknesses but what highlights more is how much sacrifices are taken in order for this proposed to be more.

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Additionally, i think what would be helpful is more youth workshops, meetings or events that would include useful information about the Auckland Council that we as a youth weren't taught in schools. I think taking the initiative to involve youth more would bring us together as well as new insights.

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Better connections | Getting around | Safety | Streets and public spaces |

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Do not support any

Tell us why

I thinks thats a waste of money.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I dont think yous are thinking. I do not support residential parks permit fees.

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Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

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Tell us why

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Parks with BBQ, Water parks in South Auckland. Walk ways and exercise locations.

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

Better connections | Events and city life |

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Support all

Tell us why

For a better future in Mangere

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Because my benefit is low but the rates is still rising every year. But the benefit is still down.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board Feedback:

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Tell us why

to decrease the price of fruits at dairy shops , 3B - Support All

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Can i have any help from housing and my disability.

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

The last 2 years my house was affected by flood and a lot was damaged by the flood and so need the Council activities to work hard for the people in Mangere that was affected.

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Tell us why

strengthening or investing into helping local boards is a good plan prioritising transport.

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Waste of time for residential parking permits, causing families to pay for their parking whilst at residential home.

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Investing into new local parks in the Otahuhu area upgrading a few local parks as there is not much features at local parks, plain and simple investing into new ones, making it more interesting for the suburb/communities. Invest into the local schools, providing them with extra needs. Improve on road usage, pot holes to be filled, gravelled roads. No need for residential parking permits. More doctors to be provided for the community for free.

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

I don't know

Tell us why

N/A

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Make fees cheaper

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Leave security guards and cameras on Auckland transport because it makes me and maybe other people safer.

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Getting around | Māori identity and culture | Safety | Streets and public spaces |

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Tell us why

too expensive for our community

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No good, too much money.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board Feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Hardship for pacific families

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Playgrounds and public toilets. Free car park.

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Safety | Other (please specify):Free carpark

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Unaffordable, make it affordable due to poverty.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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As long as it is suitable for the people if Auckland then it must be good enough to do.

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7.9% thats crazy

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Tell us why

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Roads to increase the flow of traffic and minimize damage to vehicles.

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

Better connections | Events and city life | Getting around | Streets and public spaces |

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#6698

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Local Board: Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

Your feedback:

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

Do not support any

Tell us why

Too many increases. Our economy pay rates cannot keep up will the current rates.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Decrease fees to suit our community

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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Just think about how these increases will affect our community and if it is suitable for our community.

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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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Tourism Spots - Tourism brings money into our country which could help the communities in supporting those in need. Housing/Rentals - Rental prices are horrific causing homelessness for a lot of families. Roads- They should stop building irrelevant traffic lights that are placed right before round about that cause build ups at round about and off ramps, also too many pot holes. Add free roadside rubbish collection to keep our community cleaner.

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Getting around | Māori identity and culture | Safety | Streets and public spaces |

Annual Plan 2026-2027

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I don't know

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?

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

Flood resilience because it's a hard thing to go through. One of my family members houses got flooded and they struggled a lot.

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

Better connections | Getting around | Safety | Streets and public spaces |

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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?

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu 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. 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?

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.

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to chemical application, cease infill planting and mulching in amenity gardens and reclassify re-vegetation areas to bush areas.

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

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

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).

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?

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?

Events and city life | Māori identity and culture | Safety | Supporting businesses |

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#6703

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Do not support any

Tell us why

N/A

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Waste of time

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu 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 taxpayer money. I personally think money would be better suited elsewhere like schools, hospitals, and the homeless. Maybe find solutions and or help those who are unemployed into work.

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Health and wellbeing fitness in communities, Employment assistance. Have free access to workshops eg drivers license, fork-hoist work ready.

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

Safety | Streets and public spaces | Supporting businesses |

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#6844

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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 a disciplined review of wasteful spending prior to any further rate rises.Key concerns and recommendations:- Rates affordability: a 7.9% average increase is well above inflation and places a heavier burden on households already struggling with cost pressures. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 with a real increase of around 30% since 2022. I support capping rate rises to around 3% by delivering substantial savings elsewhere.- Expenditure reductions: I call on the Council to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to

restrain consultancy and professional services which have grown rapidly and represent poor value for ratepayers.- Specific cuts: cancel the Food Scraps Programme (estimated $36 million/year) which in my view costs more in emissions than it saves. freeze staffing or reduce payroll by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Māori outcomes: I disagree with allocating $10 million per year to the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae). I believe these functions are not a required local government remit and should be redirected to statutory and essential services.- Alternative budget: I support the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by about $150 million (2%) thereby keeping the average rate rise closer to 3%. This includes $50 million saved from personnel costs via organisational review and hiring freezes $50 million from capping consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.People first: council spending decisions should prioritise essential services and accountability. If waste or poor decisions occur responsibility must sit with those responsible not the public.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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Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#6846

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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 evidence-based manner to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for significant reductions in wasteful Council spending.Key points- The proposed 7.9% average residential rates rise equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2010 rates have increased by 85% far outstripping inflation and population growth. The breakdown shows 2% for existing assets 1.5% for growth in new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs; this is not sustainable without demonstrable efficiency gains.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office

functions across the Council and CCOs and cut consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these costs. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing highlights $126 million per year in consultant spend across the group with average consultants earning around $200k.- I support cancelling wasteful programmes such as 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 vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- A necessary reduction in Māori-specific spending is warranted; the $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) should be reassessed as a core local government function.Additional considerations- I urge cutting spending at the heart of the city and on Auckland transport until priorities align with what makes Auckland better for residents.- Consider introducing free tip days to reduce rubbish dumping costs as a practical measure to support waste reduction without increasing rates.Budget alternativeThe Ratepayers' Alliance proposes a modest 3% cap on rates by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) achieved through personnel cost reductions capping consultant spend contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.In closing I 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

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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 most

Tell us why

I submit in opposition to the proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase and in favour of reducing wasteful Council spending. The rate rise of 7.9% equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a long-running pattern of rising costs that outpace inflation and population growth. Since 2010 rates have increased 85% well above inflation and population change and the current plan does not adequately prioritise essential services over non-core expenditure.I support the following positions:1) Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9% until Council demonstrates genuine spending restraint. The proposed split 2% for maintaining existing

assets 1.5% for new assets with growth and 4.4% for CRL operating costs shows that growth and project costs are being funded before delivering value to ratepayers.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. A substantial portion of spending on consultants and contractors is equivalent to unnecessary overhead. A focus on core services and streamlined operations should be prioritised.3) Curb consultancy and professional services spending rather than continuing to grow these items. The current trajectory of outsourcing work drives up costs without guaranteeing proportionate outcomes for ratepayers.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year which reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. Redirect funds to essential municipal services with clear verifiable environmental benefit.5) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. Fiscal discipline here would directly moderate rate increases.6) Cut 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. Reallocate to statutory responsibilities and essential services.Additional point: I oppose unelected councilors or similar seats having voting rights within the council.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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N/A

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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consultancy spend would lower costs across the Council and CCOs.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to save about $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and non-essential programmes.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Reduce Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this role is not a core local government responsibility.The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget proposes a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (a 2% cut) to cap residential rate increases at about 3%. This aligns with ratepayers' need for affordability and prudent stewardship. To fund essential services while avoiding punitive rate hikes I urge the Council to adopt this approach.Additional points include that ratepayers have already tightened budgets to the bone and rates should fund necessary services that benefit the majority not 'nice-to-haves.' Wages should be aligned with the median Kiwi income and overall waste should be cut.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Tell us why

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7066

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Tell us why

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N/A

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Do not support most

Tell us why

1. The proposed 7.9% average increase is not affordable for households. The estimated cost to the average home is about $320 yet residents already face a 30% real increase since 2022 well above cumulative inflation. I urge Council to aim for a rates outcome closer to or below inflation and where possible to align with the Ratepayers' Alliance view of capping rate increases.2. Expenditure reductions are essential. The Council must reduce corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services spending rather than continuing to grow these areas. The current annual consultancy spend of $126 million (including $60 million

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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 current plan would add approximately $320 to the average household bill on top of a 30 percent real increase since 2022 (well above cumulative inflation). This is unsustainable for households facing cost pressures and for the efficient governance Auckland deserves.I support the following positions:- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9 percent. A more prudent approach is required aligned with inflation and essential service delivery.- The Council needs to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council needs to reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continue

to increase these expenditure items.- The Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million 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 immediately.- The Council should cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a role of local government.Rationale and alternative budget:- Since 2010 rates have risen 85% outpacing inflation and population growth. A tighter cap on non-essential spending would help bring rates increases closer to or below inflation.- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance's plan suggests reducing new spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the rates rise at around 3 percent achieved through targeted personnel cost reductions limiting consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.In closing I urge the Council to adopt a fiscally disciplined budget that protects essential services while cutting wasteful expenditure. 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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We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7162

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Local Board: Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

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 as a ratepayer who wants responsible budgeting that protects essential services while avoiding further cost burdens on households.Key concerns and requests:1) Oppose the 7.9% average residential rates rise. The plan implies an increase of about $320 for the average household yet residents have faced a real 30% increase since 2022 in the context of 12% inflation. It is essential to align rate changes with inflation and actual community needs not perpetuate higher charges year after year.2) Target wasteful off-budget spending. The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and

professional services. Current spend on consultants is about $126 million per year with the average external advisor earning about $200k. A credible alternative budget would cap these costs and reallocate to core services.3) Prefer prioritising essential services over discretionary items. Cancel or pause non-essential programmes such as the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and in this assessment emits more carbon than it saves.4) Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs. Not hiring for vacant non-essential roles could save at least $17 million immediately. The Council should also pause any non-essential wage growth and review personnel costs to ensure frontline and statutory services are protected.5) Reconsider targeted Māori spending. The $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) should be reassessed as this is not a core local government function. Focus should be on statutory responsibilities and essential services.Alternative budget stance:If Council can reduce new spending by $150 million (2%) the average rate increase could be capped at 3%. This requires disciplined procurement vendor consolidation and a tighter cap on staff and consultants as outlined above.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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N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7350

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Local Board: Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I write to formally submit my opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and to advocate for substantial reductions in wasteful Council spending.I oppose the average residential rates rise of 7.9 percent. By keeping rate increases aligned with inflation or lower the burden on households would be fairer and more affordable. The current ratethat is an average bill of about $4069 and a real increase of roughly 30 percent since 2022needs to be rolled back not entrenched given the Council's spending patterns.Key spending areas must be addressed. 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 continue to increase these items. The recorded level of consultants$126 million per year across the Council group with $60 million at the parent Councilfor many roles at high pay is unsustainable. A freeze on non-essential staffing and vacancy management would deliver immediate savings with the Alliance's plan noting that freezing vacant non-essential roles could save at least $17 million promptly.Specific programmes warrant urgent reconsideration. The Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million annually and reportedly emitting more carbon than it saves should be cancelled. In addition offshore or targeted Māori-specific spending should be reviewed; the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) should be examined in light of local government's statutory responsibilities with possible reallocation to essential services if appropriate.An overall approach is needed: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent) to cap the rate rise at around 3 percent. This would involve $50 million saved from personnel costs through organisational changes $50 million from capping consultants $30 million through renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising 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?

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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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

#7373

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Submitter details:

Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

The burden of a 7.9% rise equating to about $320 for the average household sits on households already facing elevated rates since the 2010 Super City merger (an 85% increase) while inflation has run lower (around 34% since 2010). It is essential that rates increases be aligned with real growth in services and population not entrenched by ongoing high expenditure.My positions are as follows:1) Oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase. A more targeted approach is needed to stabilise costs for households and to keep rates growth in line with inflation and essential service delivery.2) Reduce corporate and backroom spending across the Council and CCOs. The current

level of consultants and professional services is unsustainable.3) Cut the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these expenditure items.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (£36 million/year) which consumes funding 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 such as the $10 million/year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) noting it is not a core local government function.7) Support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% cut) to cap rates at around 3% achieved through personnel cost reductions cap on consultants contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Additional point: Aucklanders are disillusioned with being treated as cash-cows; prudent restraint on non-essential programs is both fair and necessary.I request that the Council consider these measures and the stated talking points to bring rates in line with real needs and fiscal discipline.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

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit strong opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase which equates to about $320 for the average household. Rates have risen 85 percent since the 2010 Super City amalgamation far outpacing inflation and population growth and this proposed rise is unacceptable given the ongoing maintenance failures I and many in my neighbourhood have experienced.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have surged well above inflation while the public perceives and experiences

under-delivery in essential services. In particular I call for a freeze on non-essential staffing and vacant roles to deliver immediate savings (the Alliance estimate: at least $17 million). The Council should also cap spending on consultants and professional services (the Alliance's $50 million target) and renegotiate contracts to consolidate vendors where possible ($30 million).I oppose the ongoing cost of the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and as claimed emits more carbon than it saves. Given the priority to deliver statutory and essential services this discretionary programme should be cancelled.Additionally I urge reductions in Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' department. Local government should not fund statutory responsibilities beyond its remit and savings here would contribute materially to capping rate increases.Practical concerns I've faced including neglected roads and drainage problems in my area illustrate a broader failure to hold the Council to account for ratepayer-funded maintenance. Our rate payments must translate into visible reliable maintenance and improved infrastructure not further cost escalations for non-core activities.In summary: oppose the 7.9% increase; reduce consultant corporate and backroom spending; cancel non-essential programmes; and prioritise essential services and maintenance over discretionary grants.I would like the opportunity to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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N/A

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9%. The impact on my household (approximately $320 more per year) is substantial and I note that since 2010 rates have risen 85% while population growth has only 22% and inflation has run higher than the growth in real value. A more prudent financial approach is required.Key positions:1) Expenditure reductions are essential. The Council should curb spending on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than permitting further increases. The combined figure for consultants and related services remains an area with

measurable potential for savings.2) Wasteful or non-core programmes should be scrutinised. I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and as claimed emits more carbon than it saves. Expenditure on statutory and essential services should take precedence over discretionary programmes.3) Payroll and staffing controls. I 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. In addition personnel costs and other expenses should be restrained to align with inflation and population growth realities.4) Targeted restraint on Māori-specific spend. I oppose the ongoing $10 million per year spent on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). Local government has limited scope for such targeted spend; reallocation toward core Council responsibilities should be considered.An alternative budget approach as proposed by Ratepayers' Alliance would reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap average residential rates at about 3% through targeted cuts including caps on consultants ($50 million) and contract renegotiations ($30 million) with a focus on essential services and prudent vendor management.I request the opportunity to present at hearings to detail these points if possible. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

The proposed 7.9 percent increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2012 rates have risen by 85 percent in real terms well above inflation. The breakdown shows 2 percent for maintaining existing assets 1.5 percent for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs. A more affordable path is required. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes an alternative budget to cap rate increases at 3 percent by reducing new spending and crucially cutting wasteful expenditures identified across the Council and its CCOs.I support the following positions:- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at

least 7.9 percent; seek a cut in overall expenditure to bring rates closer to inflation.- 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 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 which could save at least $17 million promptly.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year for the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) noting this is not a core local government responsibility.The Alliance's view is that a disciplined reduction in personnel costs capped consultancy spending and renegotiated contracts can deliver meaningful savings. The proposed $150 million in reductions (2 percent) would cap rate increases to around 3 percent and prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.I request that the Council consider these reductions as a core component of the 2026/27 plan and implement a transparent time-bound savings programme alongside public consultation.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

The current average residential rates bill is $4069 and the real increase since 2022 is 30 percent in 2022 dollars far outpacing overall inflation. I urge the Council to align rate increases with inflation and focus on cutting wasteful expenditure rather than passing costs onto households.Key positions:1) Oppose the 7.9 percent average rate rise. The proposed mix of increases2 percent to maintain assets 1.5 percent for new assets and 4.4 percent for CRL operating costsshould be revisited to reflect prudent outcome-focused budgeting.2) Reduce corporate and backroom spending across the Council and CCOs. Total consultant spend is about $126 million per year with

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Tell us why

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Tell us why

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expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut spend on consultancy and professional services. Current figures show consultants costing around $126 million per year across the group with the parent council alone spending about $60 million and each consultant averaging $200k. Direct operating expenditure and staff costs have risen far faster than inflation eroding the value delivered to ratepayers.Specific policy priorities I support (Agrees):- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not 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) which I believe is not a core local government function.Additional notes: It is essential to prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and to pursue contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to realise substantial savings. Do not join in unnecessary expansions of non-core projects that inflate costs and services beyond what residents can sustain. Focus on core services and deliver value for ratepayers.Closing: I would like the opportunity to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

For the average household this equates to about $320 extra per year on top of significant rate rises since 2022. The real increase since 2022 is already about 30 percent well above cumulative inflation. A more prudent approach is needed that keeps rates in line with inflation and focuses on essential services.I support reducing wasteful expenditure across the Council and CCOs in particular:- Cutting spending on corporate and backroom office functions.- Reducing spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.- Canceling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and based on available data emits more carbon than

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Question 4: Other feedback

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a reset of Council spending to align with a tighter more accountable approach.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% average increase is not affordable for households already facing rising living costs. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of about 30% (versus 12% cumulative inflation). A higher rate rise worsens that gap.- The breakdown of the increase shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs on top of 2% for existing assets and 1.5% for growth. Without significant savings elsewhere this compounds wasteful spending rather than delivering essential

services efficiently.- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget is a reasonable path to cap rates at 3% by cutting wasteful expenditure: reduce personnel costs cap consultants renegotiate contracts and prioritise statutory services over discretionary grants.- Specific wasteful spending must be tackled first: cut consultants and backroom office functions cut or pause non-essential Māori outcomes spending (Ngā Mātārae) and freeze non-essential hiringpolicies that would save substantial sums immediately. The plan should not rely on expensive non-core programmes such as the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and has questionable carbon savings.- A responsible shift would require a deliberate organisational change hiring freezes for vacant non-essential roles and vendor consolidationthese measures alone could deliver meaningful relief to households.Additional perspectiveAs a business owner I have had to tighten costs across the board. The cost-plus mentality of Council spending on 'nice to have' programmes is unacceptable when households and businesses are contending with tight margins. If Council does not adjust a further shock could be inevitable.ClosingI request that my submission be considered in light of the need to reduce wasteful Council spending and constrain rate increases to align with inflation and essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge Council to cut wasteful spending and align rates with inflation.- The current average residential rates bill is $4069 with a proposed increase estimate of about $320 for the average household. Since 2022 rates have risen by 30% in real terms well above cumulative inflation (12%) and overall rates since the Super City amalgamation are 85% higher.- The 7.9% lift breaks down into 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This structure compounds the burden on households while failing to demonstrate proportional value.I urge Council to

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I support a more affordable rate path and accountability for public spending. In my view the rate rise should be limited to inflation plus minimal growth not a near 8% uplift.In detail I propose the following positions and actions:1) Oppose the 7.9% increase as unjustified for households already facing high living costs. The current average rates bill is $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of 30% (versus 12% inflation). The breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. These pressures should be addressed first through efficiency not higher bills.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office

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N/A

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Tell us why

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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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 most

Tell us why

While I recognise the Council faces significant infrastructure needs I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. For the average household this would equate to about $320 on top of a current average bill of $4069. The ratepayer should not bear the burden of a cost that far exceeds inflation and I urge a more prudent approach to budgeting.I support a targeted plan to reduce wasteful expenditure and prioritise essential services. In particular I urge the Council and CCOs to reduce spending on corporate and backroom office functions and to curb the growth of consultancy and professional services. The current level of consultant expenditure (approximately

$126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant around $200000) is excessive and unwarranted in the current climate.I also oppose ongoing funding for discretionary programmes with questionable value. I request the immediate cancellation of the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. I further request a freeze on staffing growth; hiring freezes for vacant non-essential roles would save at least $17 million immediately.Additionally I oppose current levels of Māori-specific spending within Ngā Mātārae (Maori outcomes). The Alliance's position is to cap or reroute this spend notably the $10 million per year allocated to that programme to reflect the role of local government in delivering statutory and essential services rather than discretionary programmes.To align with a responsible budget I support the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping average rates increases at around 3 percent. This includes adjustments to personnel costs consultant budgets contract renegotiations and prioritising essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.Thank you for considering this submission. I am {name redacted} {address redacted}. Email: {email redacted}.

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N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit in personal and sincere terms to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and to advocate for significant spending restraint across the Council and its CCOs.I oppose a rates rise of this magnitude and its impact on households already stretched by inflation. The proposed 7.9% increase represents roughly $320 more per average household bill on top of a real rates rise since 2022 of 30% while consumer prices have risen about 12%. I understand part of the increase is for maintaining assets growing assets and CRL operating costs but the scale is disproportionate to the needs and the benefits delivered to front-line services.I support the

Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance plan to cap rate increases by reducing Council expenditure on corporate and backroom functions consulting spend and non-essential payroll costs. Specifically:- Freeze staffing 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 and renegotiate contracts to deliver substantial savings.- Implement vendor consolidation and routine cost controls to reduce overall operating costs.I also support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs around $36 million per year and in the Alliance's assessment emits more carbon than it saves. Without sacrificing essential services or environmental outcomes redirect those funds to core Council priorities.I oppose continuing or expanding spending on Māori-specific programmes such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' department at about $10 million per year. In my view the core duties of local government should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary spend.Given the above I urge the Council to pursue the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) enabling a maximum 3% rate rise through targeted savings as outlined.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I understand the plan includes a 7.9% rate rise with about $320 extra per average household. In the current environment ratepayers cannot be expected to fund continued growth in overheads and discretionary projects. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance has highlighted that the combined impact of personnel costs consultant fees and backroom functions is excessive. To keep rates in line with inflation and to protect essential services I urge the Council to adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget reducing new spending by $150 million (about 2%) which would cap the rate increase to around 3%.Specific areas for urgent action:1) Reduce personnel costs and freeze

hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.2) Curb spending on consultants and professional services because this area has grown unsustainably and is a clear target for savings.3) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million annually and according to the Alliance briefing emits more carbon than it saves.4) Cut Māori-specific expenditure such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) recognising that core local government functions must be prioritised over niche programmes.5) Curb broader corporate and back-office expenditures across the Council and CCOs including procurement and vendor consolidation where possible.Context for these requests: since 2010 rates have risen substantially while operating costs and staff levels have increased faster than inflation. A targeted reallocation of funds toward essential services and statutory duties is both prudent and fair to ratepayers.In closing I request that the Council prioritise restraint on non-essential expenditure and implement the above measures to keep rates closer to inflation and protect essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Tell us why

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I urge the Council to prioritise spending reductions and a more prudent approach to budgeting before imposing higher bills on households.The proposed 7.9 percent increase translates to about $320 extra per year for the average household on top of a long-running rise in rates that now sits at an approximate 30 percent real increase since 2022. This is unsustainable for many ratepayers including pensioners who are being hit hardest by price pressures. While I recognise the need to fund essential services the current trajectory shows a heavy burden on households without clear evidence of proportional gains in outcomes.I support targeted measures to reduce wasteful

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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 advocate for restraint on Council spending and a reallocation of resources toward core services.1. Opposition to rates increase- I oppose the average residential rates rise of 7.9 percent. This would equate to an approximate $320 increase for the average household and represents a real burden on households already paying higher prices in a time of cost pressures.- Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% well above inflation and population growth. The proposed increase should be subject to tighter scrutiny to align with essential services not a broad inflationary uplift.2. Spending reductions and

efficiency- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Limit or freeze staffing growth and avoid hiring for vacant non-essential roles to secure immediate savings (at least $17 million).- Reduce spending on consultants and professional services; curb contract costs and vendor fragmentation to achieve meaningful savings (targeting at least $50 million).3. Specific programmes to reconsider- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Reassess Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a traditional local government remit.4. Alternative budget direction- Adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance position: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap average rates at around 3% through targeted cuts in personnel consultants renegotiations and priority setting for statutory services over discretionary grants.- Prioritise statutory and essential services ensuring money is spent on core functions that support all residents rather than on growth-driven or non-essential programmes.Additional pointPlease stop wasteful council spending and budget blowouts.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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N/A

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Do not support most

Tell us why

The council proposes an average 7.9% rise (about $320 for the average household on a current bill of $4069). This represents a real-terms blow to households given that rates have risen 85% since 2010 while inflation over the period has been markedly lower. I therefore urge the council to cap rate increases at a far lower level by prioritising savings in non-essential and discretionary spend.I support the {address redacted} Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget which would reduce new council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) to cap rates at about 3%. Key measures include:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational changes and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles

saving $50 million.- Capping spending on consultants and professional services at $50 million.- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation expected to save $30 million.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving $20 million.Specific reform measures I urge include:- Reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Cutting the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing these items to grow.- Cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and in my view emits more carbon than it saves.- Freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a move that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cutting Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) recognising that this role is not a core local government responsibility.These measures are consistent with seeking essential services while resisting a rate increase that outpaces households' ability to pay.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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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 most

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expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to curb consultancy and professional services spend. The Council should also cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. Additional savings can be realised by freezing staffing and not filling vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately. I also oppose continued high spend on Māori-specific programmes including the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' department which amounts to around $10 million per year as this is not a core local government responsibility.Specific savings proposed align with the Alliance's Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (approximately 2%) to cap rates increases at around 3% by:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change 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 millionI request that the Council adopt these prudential measures and refrain from imposing an unacceptably high rates rise that burdens households while allowing wasteful spending to continue.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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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.
	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?