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Local Board Plans 2026

Thank you for the opportunity for the National Public Health Service – Northern Region, Health New Zealand I Te Whatu Ora, to provide technical advice on Auckland Council's Local Board Plans 2026.



1. Introduction and overview

This technical advice is provided on behalf of the National Public Health Service - Northern Region (**NPHS-NR**), Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora. NPHS-NR has statutory responsibilities to improve, promote and protect the health and wellbeing of people and communities under the Healthy Futures (Pae Ora) Act 2022,[1] and local authorities have duties to improve, promote and protect public health under the Health Act 1956. The Local Board Plans 2026 (**the Plans**) will influence the conditions in which people live, learn, work, travel and connect across Tāmaki Makaurau. For that reason, NPHS-NR welcomes the opportunity to provide advice that supports healthy, safe, resilient and equitable local communities.

Our overarching and plan-specific feedback relates to four of the five focus areas in the Plans and reflects NPHS-NR's priorities for community health:

- Safe, accessible and active transport.
- Reducing alcohol, tobacco and vaping harm.
- Food security and nutrition.
- Improving air quality and heat resilience.
- Equitable and inclusive communities.

Across all Focus Areas in the Plans, NPHS-NR recommends that Local Boards uphold initiatives and objectives that contribute to equitable health outcomes and focus on those with the greatest need. This includes prioritising actions that benefit Māori, Pacific peoples, disabled people, children and young people, older people, migrant communities and communities experiencing higher deprivation.

[1] s3a Health NZ is mandated to 'protect, promote and improve the health of all New Zealanders'
s13(c) Health NZ is to 'promote health and prevent… ill health, including by collaborating with other agencies and organisations'
s14(1)(k) Health NZ is to 'collaborate with other agencies and organisations… to address the wider determinants of health'

It also includes working in ways that uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi, support meaningful engagement with mana whenua and mataawaka, and enable communities to shape local solutions. Areas where this is particularly relevant in a health context have been highlighted in the body of our advice.

Where NPHS-NR has not made a specific comment on a focus area, objective or priority within a Local Board Plan, this should be read as general support for the direction of that content. **Appendix 1** summarises the specific amendments NPHS-NR recommends for individual Local Board Plans. Recommendations about harmful commodities in Part Two: General Comments should also be taken as suggested amendments to all Plans.

2. General comments

NPHS-NR values the role Local Boards play in supporting community wellbeing and local action on the wider determinants of health.

In the Northern Region (Auckland and Northland), around 15% of adults reported hazardous drinking in 2024/25, a slight increase from 13% in the previous year.[2] An estimated 7% of adults in the region smoke tobacco daily, trending upwards slightly over the last three years.[3] Daily vaping is more common, with 10% of adults in the region reporting daily vape use - almost double the rate observed in 2020/2021 (6%).[4]

Physical activity and food security indicators also highlight areas where local action can support better health outcomes. Only 40% of adult Aucklanders are sufficiently physically active, and only 38% of children use active transport to and from school, an important proxy for physical activity.[5] For fruit and vegetable intake, only 4% and 6% of Auckland adults meet the guidelines, respectively, while 15% of children are missing breakfast more than 3 times during the week.[6]

NPHS-NR encourages the inclusion of clear objectives and initiatives in Local Board Plans to reduce harm from alcohol, tobacco and vaping products; improve active and public transport options; and increase access to nourishing food environments.

[2] 2024/25 NZ Health Survey. https://minhealthnz.shinyapps.io/nz-health-survey-2024-25-annual-data-explorer/_w_9a4a831f8ccc4040a80cc15c9d98d87f/#!/explore-topics
[3] 2024/25 NZ Health Survey. https://minhealthnz.shinyapps.io/nz-health-survey-2024-25-annual-data-explorer/_w_9a4a831f8ccc4040a80cc15c9d98d87f/#!/explore-topics
[4] 2024/25 NZ Health Survey. https://minhealthnz.shinyapps.io/nz-health-survey-2024-25-annual-data-explorer/_w_9a4a831f8ccc4040a80cc15c9d98d87f/#!/explore-topics
[5] NZ Healthy Survey Data. https://www.health.govt.nz/publications/regional-data-release-new-zealand-health-survey
[6] See 6

The following suggested objectives and initiatives are intended to be practical options that sit within Local Board influence, partnership and advocacy roles. Suggested objectives and initiatives include:

Support community-led aspirations to reduce harm from alcohol, tobacco and vaping products. For example:

- Providing clear mechanisms for communities to raise concerns about alcohol harm, and ensuring those concerns can inform alcohol licensing processes and any future review of Auckland Council's Local Alcohol Policy.
- Supporting community members to navigate the process of applying for an alcohol ban area.
- Seeking feedback on community concerns about public areas that should be smokefree or vapefree.
- Collaborating with local community organisations and partners with shared goals to reduce harm.
- Engaging with public health organisations, including NPHS-NR, to share information, strengthen local evidence and support community-led harm reduction initiatives.

Support community participation in decisions about how alcohol is sold and supplied locally. For example:

- Objecting to alcohol licence applications of concern and supporting community members or groups if they wish to object through this process. This process can also involve recommending stronger conditions on licences that can mitigate alcohol harm.
- Reflecting community preferences in any future review of Auckland Council's Local Alcohol Policy (LAP).

Promote safe, inclusive and healthy public spaces. For example:

- Prioritising provision of public events that are free from alcohol, tobacco and vapes.
- Ensuring signage is clear and visible in public smoke-free and vape-free designated areas.
- Reporting non-compliance of tobacco, vape or alcohol retailers through relevant channels.
- Raising community awareness of available mechanisms to make complaints about non-compliance. In the case of tobacco and vape retailers, this includes our smoking and vaping complaints toolkit.
- Support community provision of healthy food and drink, including urban agriculture, community gardens and well-located public drinking fountains.
- Support and invest in a comprehensive approach to play opportunities, including formal play infrastructure and initiatives that integrate play into public spaces and community settings, enabling participation by people of all ages, abilities, and cultural backgrounds.
- Improving road safety through evidence-informed measures such as lower speeds in high-pedestrian areas and on local roads, raised crossings, safer school travel environments, and other measures that support active transport and accessible local streets.
    - NPHS-NR strongly endorses the holistic framing used in Papakura's Plan under Focus Areas Three (Built Environment) and Five (Transport). This framing takes a determinants-of-health-based approach, and as a result NPHS-NR supports the use of this language across all other Plans.

3. Local Board Plans: Individual Technical Advice

Alongside this overarching advice, NPHS-NR provides targeted feedback for seven Local Boards: Henderson-Massey, Waitematā, Māngere-Ōtāhuhu, Ōtara-Papatoetoe, Manurewa, Papakura and Whau. These Local Boards were prioritised based on the higher numbers of alcohol, tobacco, and vape retailers in their areas, as well as the proportion of priority populations within Local Board Areas, including Māori and Pacific communities.

3.1 Henderson-Massey

NPHS-NR supports the plan from the Henderson-Massey Local Board. In particular, NPHS-NR supports:

- Focus Area One: Community

NPHS-NR supports objectives associated with community aspirations to reduce harm from alcohol, tobacco and vapes. Smoking data in the Henderson-Massey Local Board area reflects the efforts being made to decrease smoking-related harm, with 8% of adults smoking regularly in 2023, down from 15% in the Census five years prior.[7] We particularly endorse the initiative to support community safety approaches, specifically including alcohol harm reduction, and encourage the strengthening of this by collaborating with local community organisations and partners with shared goals to reduce harm.

- Focus Area Three: Built Environment

[7] Tobacco Control Data Repository. https://www.tcdata.org.nz/new-zealand-census/cigarette-smoking-behaviour-prevalence-maps-2013-2018-2023/?name=Territorial+Authority+and+Auckland+local+board&x=-369170&y=1749118&zoom=10.

Objectives one, two and three support accessibility to active and public transport, which can contribute to improved physical activity, mental wellbeing, social connection and access to local services.[8]

NPHS-NR supports, in part, objective three of Focus Area Five: Transport. We recommend that road-calming measures, raised crossings and lower speed environments be explicitly referenced, as these measures can reduce injury risk and improve safety for people walking, cycling, using mobility aids or accessing schools and community facilities.

3.2 Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

NPHS-NR supports the Plan from the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board. In particular, NPHS-NR supports objective three of Focus Area Two: Natural Environment. NPHS-NR also supports initiative five, objective three from Focus Area One: Community as this contributes to local food security and equitable access to nutritious foods. These measures can directly support improved health outcomes for local communities.

NPHS-NR supports in part:

- Focus Area One: Community

In the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area, 14% of adults smoked regularly in 2023, down from 20% in the Census five years prior.[9] We acknowledge the opportunity noted around having a culturally diverse range of active and established community groups that provide a strong platform for community-led transformation. NPHS-NR encourages the Local Board to support community participation in decisions about how alcohol, tobacco and vaping products are

[8] Sergio A. Useche, Francisco J. Llamazares, Cristina Marin (2024) Good for the planet… and for you too? Comparing five travel and health-related outcomes among active, motorized, and public transport commuters. Journal of Transport & Health, Volume 38, 101893.
[9] See 7.

sold, supplied and experienced in local neighbourhoods, including through local advocacy, community engagement and collaboration with public health partners.

- Focus Area Two: Natural Environment

NPHS-NR supports in part objective three and recommends that it explicitly include urban ngahere (forests) planting along road corridors and in high-heat areas. This would support efforts to improve air quality, reduce urban heat and strengthen wider health and wellbeing co-benefits.[10]

- Focus Area Five: Transport

NPHS-NR supports in part objectives one, two, and three. Road calming measures, raised crossings and lower speed limits are effective ways to improve safety and lower the risk of injury in local streets. As a result, NPHS-NR recommends that these measures be included as part of these objectives.

3.3 Manurewa

NPHS-NR supports the plan from the Manurewa Local Board. In particular, NPHS-NR supports:

- Focus Area One: Community

NPHS-NR supports the initiative focused on upstream measures to reduce harm related to smoking, vaping, alcohol and other community harms. In the Manurewa Local Board area, 12% of adults smoked regularly in 2023, down from 19% in the Census five years prior.[11] NPHS-NR strongly endorses the objectives and key initiatives to work with community partners to reduce harm and identify

[10] Iungman T, Caballe SV, Segura-Barrero R, Cirach M, et al,. Co-benefits of nature-based solutions: A health impact assessment of the Barcelon Green Corridor (*Eixos Verds)* plan. (2025). Environment International. 196: 109313
[11] See 7.

opportunities to increase community safety. NPHS-NR values the Manurewa Local Board's role in supporting community participation in decisions about how alcohol is sold and supplied locally. NPHS-NR also supports the objective to ensure community facilities are welcoming, accessible and designed so that everyone can use them.

- Focus Area Two: Natural Environment

NPHS-NR supports objective three, initiative one, as this measure mitigates the negative health impact of poor air quality and helps to improve heat resilience in the local area. NPHS-NR also supports objective four, as this objective contributes to positive health impacts associated with food security and access to nutritious foods.

- Focus Area Five: Transport

NPHS-NR supports objectives one to three as they contribute to increased opportunities for active travel, improved access to public transport, reduced transport barriers and broader health benefits associated with physical activity, social connection and access to essential services.

NPHS-NR supports in part initiative two, objective one of Focus Area Three: Built Environment. We recommend that people walking, cycling, using mobility aids and accessing public transport are explicitly reflected as part of encouraging people to stop, spend time and participate in community spaces.

3.4 Ōtara-Papatoetoe

NPHS-NR supports the Plan from the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board. In particular, NPHS-NR supports:

- Focus Area Two: Natural Environment

NPHS-NR supports objectives two and four (initiative one) in particular, as these priorities contribute to food security, education, and equitable access to nutritious foods locally. NPHS-NR also supports initiative two in objective four as it supports the ongoing efforts to mitigate negative health outcomes associated with poor air quality, as well as improving local heat resilience.

- Focus Area Five: Transport

NPHS-NR supports objectives one, two, three and five.

NPHS-NR supports in part initiative one, objective two of Focus Area Five. We recommend that road-calming measures, raised crossings and lower speed environments are explicitly included to improve safety for people walking, cycling, using mobility aids and accessing schools, services and public spaces.

NPHS-NR opposes in part the current framing of objective four of Focus Area Five because it may privilege general private vehicle access rather than the specific accessibility needs of people who have limited or no practical transport alternatives, particularly disabled people and their whānau. NPHS-NR recommends reframing the objective to focus on transport accessibility for disabled people, older people, whānau with mobility or access needs, and others who may need to use private motor vehicles. Suggested wording: "Provide safe and accessible transport options for people who need to use private motor vehicles, while continuing to support active, public and low-emissions transport choices."

We commend the initiative in Focus Area One: Community, and support the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board to continue engaging with alcohol licensing and local alcohol policy (LAP) processes and encourage supporting community participation in how alcohol is sold and supplied in the local area. NPHS-NR opposes, in part, the initiative, as there is not currently a process through which the Local Board can oppose new vape shops. However, we encourage the use and promotion of the smoking and vaping complaints toolkit to report retailers that are non-compliant with legislation.

3.5 Papakura

NPHS-NR supports the Plan from the Papakura Local Board. In particular, NPHS-NR supports:

- Focus Area One: Community

NPHS-NR strongly endorses the initiative to support community safety approaches, including alcohol harm reduction, and encourages the Local Board to strengthen this by collaborating with local community organisations and partners with shared harm reduction goals. In the Papakura Local Board area, 9% of adults smoked regularly in 2023, down from 18% in the Census five years prior.[12] NPHS-NR also encourages initiatives that support community aspirations to reduce harm from alcohol, tobacco and vaping products.

NPHS-NR also supports initiative two, objective two within Focus Area One, as it contributes to food security and local access to nutritious food.

- Focus Area Two: Natural Environment

NPHS-NR supports objective three within Focus Area Two. This objective will help improve local environmental conditions by mitigating the impacts of poor air

[12] See 7.

quality, supporting urban cooling and strengthening community resilience to increasing temperatures associated with climate change.

- Focus Area Three: Built Environment and Focus Area Five: Transport

NPHS-NR supports the Built Environment objectives in the Papakura Local Board Plan. We particularly note the Plan's positive approach to transport, including pedestrian safety and shaded areas. These measures can support active transport, improve local amenity and contribute to better air quality and heat resilience. NPHS-NR recommends that similar wording be considered for the transport and built environment sections of other Local Board Plans where appropriate.

3.6 Waitematā

NPHS-NR supports the Plan from the Waitematā Local Board. In particular, NPHS-NR supports:

- Focus Area One: Community

NPHS-NR supports initiative eight, objective two as it contributes to priorities related to food security and access to nutritious food. NPHS-NR also supports priorities related to minimising alcohol and tobacco related harm, including vaping. In the Waitematā Local Board area, 4% of adults smoked regularly in 2023, down from 9% in the Census five years prior.[13] We encourage the Waitematā Local Board to continue supporting initiatives that are focused on further decreasing local smoking prevalence.

- Focus Area Two: Natural Environment

NPHS-NR supports initiatives two and three within objective one, as these initiatives mitigate the negative health outcomes associated with poor air quality

[13] See 7.

and improves local heat resilience. NPHS-NR also supports initiative five, objective three, as it contributes to food security and local access to nutritious foods. NPHS-NR particularly supports initiative three of objective three, as it helps build community connection around active transport and can strengthen the population health benefits associated with walking, cycling and other active modes.

- Focus Area Three: Built Environment

NPHS-NR supports objectives one (all initiatives) and two (initiatives three, four and six) as they support the improvement of active transport and mitigate the negative health impact of poor air quality, respectively.

- Focus Area Five: Transport

NPHS-NR supports objectives one to five. These objectives support safer and more accessible transport options, encourage physical activity through active transport, improve access to employment, education and services, and contribute to reduced exposure to transport-related air pollution, which mitigates the negative health impacts associated with poor air quality.

There are no specific suggested amendments for Waitematā Local Board, other than the general comments in Part Two of this submission.

3.7 Whau

NPHS-NR supports the Plan from the Whau Local Board. In particular, NPHS-NR supports:

- Focus Area One: Community

NPHS-NR strongly supports the objective to collaborate with local community organisations, businesses and partners such as New Zealand Police to build safe local spaces. This objective could be strengthened by adding an initiative to

engage with public health organisations, including NPHS-NR, to share information, strengthen local evidence and support harm reduction initiatives. NPHS-NR also supports initiative three, objective one, as it contributes to healthy food environments and equitable access to nutritious food. NPHS-NR further supports initiative three, objective six, as it contributes to efforts to reduce the health impacts of poor air quality and urban heat.

- Focus Area Three: Built Environment

NPHS-NR also supports initiative two, objective one of Focus Area Three: Built Environment, as it contributes to reducing exposure to poor air quality and urban heat.

- Focus Area Five: Transport

NPHS-NR supports objectives one and three within the Whau Plan.

NPHS-NR supports in part objective two of Focus Area Five. We recommend including effective strategies such as lower speed environments, raised crossings and other road safety measures, particularly around schools and community facilities. These measures would support safer, more liveable streets and contribute to health and wellbeing objectives in Focus Area One: Community.

4. Conclusion

Thank you for the opportunity to provide technical advice on Auckland Council's Local Board Plans 2026. NPHS-NR values its ongoing relationship with Auckland Council and Local Boards, and welcomes continued engagement on actions that support healthy, safe, resilient and equitable communities across Tāmaki Makaurau

Appendix 1: Overview of Suggested Amendments to Local Board Plans

Table 1: Henderson-Massey

Focus Area	Stance	Detail
One	Support in part	Include support in the plan for community-led aspirations to reduce harm from alcohol, tobacco and vaping products. Include support in the plan for community participation in decisions about how alcohol is sold and supplied locally.
Five	Support in part	Objective three should explicitly include road-calming measures, raised crossings and lower speed environments to improve local street safety, particularly for children, pedestrians, cyclists and people using mobility aids

Table 2: Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

Focus Area	Stance	Detail
One	Support in part	Objective two should include ways that the Local Board can support community participation in decisions about how alcohol is sold and supplied locally. Include support in the plan for community-led aspirations to reduce harm from alcohol, tobacco and vaping products.
Two	Support in part	Objective three should include urban ngahere (forests) planting along road corridors and high-heat areas to support improved air quality, heat resilience and wider health co-benefits.
Five	Support in part	Objectives one to three should include road-calming measures, raised crossings and lower speed environments to improve road safety locally.

Table 3: Manurewa

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Table 4: Ōtara-Papatoetoe

Focus Area	Stance	Detail
One	Oppose in part	NPHS-NR opposes in part the initiative that seeks to oppose new vape shops, despite our support for harmful commodity reduction in communities. There is not currently a process through which the Local Board can oppose new vape shops. Instead, we encourage the use and promotion of the smoking and vaping complaints toolkit to report retailers that are non-compliant with legislation, and to include in the plan initiatives associated with community participation and engaging in future regulatory opportunities.
Five	Support in part	Objective two should include road calming measures, raised crossings and lower speed limits to effectively improve road safety locally.
	Oppose in part	Objective four should be reframed to focus on transport accessibility for disabled people, older people, whānau with mobility or access needs, and others who may need to use private motor vehicles, while continuing to support active, public and low-emissions transport choices.

		Suggested wording: "Provide safe and accessible transport options for people who need to use private motor vehicles, while continuing to support active, public and low-emissions transport choices."

Table 5: Papakura

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Three	Support in part	Objectives one and three should include lower speed environments, raised crossings and other road safety measures to improve local street safety, particularly around schools and community facilities.

Table 6: Whau

Focus Area	Stance	Detail
One	Support in part	Include support in the plan for community-led aspirations to reduce harm from alcohol, tobacco and vaping products. Include support in the plan for community participation in decisions about how alcohol is sold and supplied locally.
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July 2026

Submission on the Draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026

Tēnā koutou e te Poari Local o Waitākere Ranges,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026.

Pest Free Waitākere Ranges Alliance (PFWRA) is a network of 32 community-led environmental groups working across the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area. Together, our volunteers contribute many thousands of hours each year to protecting and restoring our forests, streams and coastlines through predator control, weed management, ecological restoration, community education and biodiversity monitoring.

We are pleased to see the draft Plan place a strong emphasis on protecting and restoring ecological areas, improving the health of waterways, building climate resilience, and recognising the significance of the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area. These priorities closely align with the work being undertaken by community conservation groups across the region.

Community-led conservation is one of the primary mechanisms by which the environmental aspirations of this Plan will be achieved. We encourage the Local Board to explicitly recognise and support volunteer-led conservation as *essential environmental infrastructure* within the Waitākere Ranges.

Community conservation is delivering measurable outcomes

For decades, volunteer groups have provided the on-the-ground effort that has made much of the ecological restoration across the Waitākere Ranges possible. Predator control, weed management, restoration planting and community engagement are all essential to protecting biodiversity and restoring ecosystem health.

As pressures from climate change, invasive species and urban growth continue to increase, the need for coordinated community conservation has never been greater. We encourage

the Local Board to explicitly acknowledge community-led conservation as a *key delivery partner* in achieving the environmental objectives of this Plan.

Predator control should be recognised as essential infrastructure for biodiversity

The draft Plan commits to protecting, restoring and enhancing ecological areas. Predator control is one of the most effective and proven tools for achieving this outcome.

Across the Waitākere Ranges, volunteers maintain extensive trapping and baiting networks that protect native birds, reptiles, invertebrates and ecosystems. Continued support for these programmes is fundamental to delivering the environmental aspirations of the Local Board Plan.

We recommend that the Plan explicitly recognises coordinated predator control as *essential infrastructure* of ecological restoration.

Weed management deserves greater recognition

Successful ecological restoration depends not only on predator control but also on sustained management of invasive weeds.

Many of our volunteer groups invest significant time controlling invasive species that threaten native forest regeneration, stream margins and coastal ecosystems. Without ongoing weed control, gains made through planting and restoration can quickly be lost.

We encourage the Local Board to specifically recognise *invasive weed management as an essential part* of protecting and restoring ecological areas.

Climate resilience must include ecological recovery after storm events

The Waitākere Ranges continue to experience the effects of severe weather events. Slips and storm-damaged areas have created ideal conditions for invasive weeds to establish and spread, threatening long-term ecological recovery.

While the draft Plan appropriately focuses on climate resilience and adaptation, we encourage the Board to recognise that ecological recovery following storm events requires *active intervention*. Managing invasive weeds on slips and supporting natural regeneration should form part of the area's long-term climate resilience response.

Responsible pet ownership contributes to biodiversity protection

Protecting native wildlife requires action beyond public reserves. We encourage the Local Board to support education that promotes responsible ownership of domestic cats and dogs and to advocate for policies that reduce the impacts of free-roaming domestic, stray, and feral animals on native wildlife. The Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area warrants a *biodiversity-first approach* to the management of unowned cats. This should include supporting evidence-based management that discourages the establishment or maintenance of cat colonies within or adjacent to sensitive ecological areas.

Support for community organisations

Community groups consistently deliver excellent environmental outcomes with modest financial investment. Small operational grants often leverage thousands of volunteer hours and substantial in-kind contributions, representing exceptional value for money and reducing long-term restoration costs.

As environmental challenges continue to grow, we encourage the Local Board to advocate for increased long-term investment in community-led conservation and restoration. Stable support enables volunteer organisations to retain knowledge, coordinate volunteers, maintain/renew equipment, respond to emerging threats and deliver programmes efficiently across the landscape.

Strengthening partnerships

We encourage the Local Board to continue to strengthen partnerships between Auckland Council, Watercare, mana whenua, community organisations, KiwiRail, Kordia, research institutions and government agencies. We request that the Board advocate for Auckland Council departments, Watercare, KiwiRail, Kordia and other major public landowners and infrastructure agencies to meet their obligations under the Auckland Regional Pest Management Plan, meaning effective weed and predator control across the land they own or manage.

Community restoration is most effective when all land managers contribute their fair share of pest management, rather than relying on volunteers to address unmanaged infestations. Coordinated planning and delivery will achieve better environmental outcomes and ensure limited resources are directed where they will have the greatest impact.

Summary of recommendations

PFWRA encourages the Waitākere Ranges Local Board to:

- Explicitly recognise community-led conservation groups as essential partners in delivering the environmental outcomes of the Local Board Plan.
- Recognise predator control as a fundamental component of ecological restoration, as essential infrastructure.
- Recognise invasive weed management as essential to protecting biodiversity and restoring ecosystems.
- Include ecological recovery of storm-damaged land, including weed management on slips and support for native regeneration, within climate resilience initiatives.
- Support education and awareness programmes that encourage responsible pet ownership and advocate for biodiversity-first management of unowned cats to reduce impacts on native wildlife.
- Advocate for increased long-term investment in community-led environmental restoration and biodiversity protection.
- Advocate for greater accountability from major public land managers to meet their obligations under the Auckland Regional Pest Management Plan, while continuing to strengthen partnerships that support coordinated conservation across the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area.

The Waitākere Ranges are internationally significant for their biodiversity, landscape and cultural values. Community conservation groups are proud to play a central role in protecting these values and look forward to continuing to work alongside the Local Board to achieve the vision outlined in this Plan.

Thank you for considering our submission.

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Organisation: Piha Ratepayers and Residents Association Inc.

Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

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   Strongly agree

   Tell us more

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   Support all

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Piha
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Submission to Waitakere Ranges Local Board

DRAFT WAITAKERE RANGES LOCAL BOARD PLAN 2026

Name of Submitter: Piha Ratepayers & Residents Association Inc ("the Submitter")

Introduction

1. This is a submission to the Waitakere Ranges Local Board regarding the Draft Waitakere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026.
2. The submitters intent is to respond to the WRLB and make comment on areas that the submitter believes that the Board has either neglected to address or has made inadequate provision within the Draft Plan.

Background

3. The Submitter has been actively representing property owners and residents in the Piha area since 1939. Members include property owners, business owners, permanent residents, holiday and weekend dwellers and property tenants. The Association owns and operates a community post office and owns the community library, has monthly meetings, an annual general meeting, special meetings when required, and has an informative website and facebook page with regular communications to members.

4. Many of the members have a long history in Piha and an intimate knowledge of Piha, it's history, the current and expected concerns for residents, property owners and visitors .

ISSUES

Community:

- Parks and Facilities contractor Green by Nature do not do a good job of maintaining parks at Pihas. Their focus should be on continuous IMPROVEMENT but sadly the parks at Piha are left to deteriorate.
- Piha has very few footpaths and that is the preference for many. However, we have been advocating for, and requesting advice on, slower speed limits and/or traffic calming for many years with no progress.
- Resilience support
    - Mobile phone tower backup power
    - Community gardens are advocated by Council for community resilience but remain unsupported in Piha.

- There are many properties in Piha, and soon to be more, that are vacant and unused following demolition as a result of Cyclone Gabrielle. These properties gave become overgrown with weeds and unsightly at a location marketed by Council to visitors and tourists. Please advocated to keep these properties clean and tidy while decisions are made for their future.

Natural Environment:

- Streams at Piha are NOT maintained and are blocked by storm borne debris that exacerbates the risk of flooding. Council undertook to keep these streams clear of debris but have not followed through with that commitment.
- Piha Stream has been polluted for more than three decades. AC healthy Waters has narrowed down the source of pollution but not mitigated the issue. This should be prioritised. All streams at Piha should be swimmable.
- Roadside weeds are not properly controlled, and any control does not extend to the boundary off the road corridor. Proper weed control, not blanket spraying, must be a priority
- Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Act – Protection. Continued advocacy for protection of the WHRA under the legislation that will replace the RMA is vital.
- Open Tracks. Popular visitor sites such as Mercer Bay Loop and Kitekite Falls are being overrun. Opening of mor tracks, particularly day loop tracks, is a must to relieve loading on popular sites and on road and parking infrastructure.

Built Environment:

- Storm water control relating to the roadways in Piha is woefully inadequate and not maintained. Stormwater drains and systems blocked as a result of Cyclone Gabrielle are still blocked despite continual approaches to Healthy Waters and Auckland Transport.
- Piha Domain development and use has been restricted under the Piha Parks Management Plan that has been scheduled for revision for many years. Completing a replacement Management Plan will allow planning for community desires such as a Skate Park facility.
- Footpaths - All we want is for the existing footpaths to be usable and maintained in order that their use does not present a danger to pedestrians.

Transport

- For more than ten years Piha R&R have requested that AT reduce the speed limit at Piha and also to engage with the Association on other speed reduction/traffic calming possibilities. We have had no support from AT and the safety of pedestrians is becoming a greater risk with increased visitor numbers.
- Roadside stormwater control has not been addressed by AT since Cyclone Gabrielle and drains remain blocked in many areas.
- Stormwater drains on the Piha hill continuously fill with debris and growing plants such as Agapanthus. This stormwater drain should be scheduled for annual clearance to protect downhill land slips and the flooding of septic tanks which results in over-land sewage flow.

- Public parking areas at Piha are poorly maintained:
    - Marine Parade parking areas have large “lakes” of water long after rains.
    - Potholes are prevalent in all public parking areas.
    - At South Piha the wooden barriers that separated the carpark from the road were removed and replaced with “temporary” plastic posts. There are now no posts and no delineation of the road from the parking area.
- Cyclists on Piha Road are a growing problem and safety risk. Please advocate for a cycleway, separate from the road, through the WRHA to Piha over time to mitigate the risks on Piha Road
- A public bus service to Piha was promised by AT almost ten years ago and budgets adjusted to provide funding, but the bus service never eventuated. A public bus service would serve both residents and visitors at the same time as reducing pressure in roading infrastructure.
- For safety, buses to Piha, including the current school buses, should be small sized buses to reduce the inevitable accidents caused by buses that cannot traverse the road without crossing the centre line.

The submitter requests that the Board include in the Plan language and funding to improve the pedestrian safety at Piha in a manner that compliments the unique character of the community and provides a unified and safe pedestrian network over time.



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   Somewhat disagree

   Tell us more

   2. Overall comment on plan Page 5

   Looking at the plan overall, it lacks visionary focus, and as the language is often vague, is often not specific as to what changes the community can expect in the three-years of the plan.

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   See attached Page 13- 15 Feedback

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Support most

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

See attached. Page 23-25 feedback

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Do not support most

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

See attached. Page 26 feedback

7. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?**

See attached file

Submission on Waitakere Ranges Draft Local Board Plan 2026

Protect Piha Heritage, incorporating Pest free Piha

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1. **Introduction**

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3. **Our contribution to positive outcomes for Auckland Page 8**

It was disappointing to see the environment was not seen as an explicit positive contribution. The Waitakere Ranges is the largest forested mainland area in Auckland, and makes a huge contribution to the water supply, climate change and biodiversity as well as providing Aucklanders with a multiplicity of recreational opportunities on the coast and in the forest.

There is no other city in New Zealand where this is the case, so the Waitakere Ranges provides an asset to Aucklanders that is accessible, nearby and unique. While the Heritage Area contributes to this, it does not replace the natural environment in its own right.

4. **Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Outcomes Page 11**

The plan should spell out how the WRLB intends to work with the WRHA Forum. What features of the planning framework and Unitary Plan need addressing and/or changing?

The WRLB has a key role in promoting the Forum and its workings. How will the Board do this? How will the Board communicate this to the local communities? How will local people be involved in the working of the Forum? How will the Forum be accountable to the communities within the Heritage Area?

There is a statement on page 12 about the uniqueness of the Waitakere Ranges, but this should be stated under WRHA Outcomes not “Community”.

This should justify more resource going into the area, especially for implementation of the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area and supporting the work of the new Forum. It does not seem that the budget for the WRHA is going up to any degree and is woefully inadequate especially since the Forum is to develop strategic plans.

We also wish to challenge the statement on page 12 that "Most people of the Waitakere Ranges however, live in the urban centres of Glen Eden, Sunnyvale, Swanson and Titirangi Village." It is not clear what this statement is saying, but it reads as incorrect. Glen Eden and Sunnyvale are not part of the Waitakere Ranges nor of the Heritage Area. It is also arguable to call Titirangi or even Swanson as "urban centres".

Page 13 Parks, recreation and activities

The Local Board plan should address not just local parks but how the Board will work with regional parks to provide benefits for the people of Auckland. There are clear benefits in addressing these in a coordinated way, for example, access and transport, programmes, habitat, eco-systems etc, especially in places such as Titirangi, Laingholm, Huia and the West Coast where local parks exist side-by-side with regional parks.

Page 13 Arts, creative sector and heritage

While it is good see the Heritage Conference in the work programme, there are far more heritage opportunities than those listed.

For example, there are many more heritage sites in the WRHA than the couple mentioned here. There are also sites which should be scheduled. For example, the Board has not nominated the Titirangi War Memorial Hall for scheduling, even though there is a conservation report. This should be carried out before the hall reopens.

There are also opportunities for providing signage, public information, and events related to our heritage places such as Waikumete Cemetery, parks, buildings and so on.

There could be a programme to "label" key heritage places eg Playhouse Theatre, cemeteries, Titirangi Soldiers' Church etc, to draw attention to their heritage and history.

Page 13 Climate Action

Another action would be to advocate for action on native tree forestry in the foothills that would contribute to climate change. There is the potential for land owners in the foothills participating through native forestry in the Emissions Trading Scheme and earning carbon credits.

Page 14

We are concerned at the mention of development in "the southern side of Waikumete Cemetery" and would wish to learn more about what is intended.

We are concerned at the upcoming investigation into new parks' maintenance contracts and would wish to be involved in this process.

Page 15

We support making space for and supporting a new surf clubhouse at Te Henga.

We also support a substantial Council contribution to the proposed marae at Te Henga. This will be an asset for the whole Coast.

We support all the listed advocacy points including a track and recreation plan for the regional park and plans for reopening tracks. We support the need for recreational use of Avondale Racecourse and a swimming pool in the west such as at New Lynn or Avondale.

Page 16-17 Natural Environment

We support the work of the Waitakere Ranges Pest Free Alliance and the Board's existing support for it. We agree that this is the vehicle for greater networking and coordination. We prefer the structure whereby this community-led umbrella group leads and coodinates volunteers in the community, rather than Council, as there is a greater possibility of continuity that way.

We would like to see some statement regarding the Hillary Trail here. This was once completely open, from Titirangi to Muriwai. While we appreciate that storm damage means the trail will now end at Swanson, it should be a priority to create the links that would enable it to open again. While we appreciate that this role sits with regional parks, the Local Board has a key role in advocacy.

Page 17 We support the "Opportunities" listed but think the Board is under-cooking the need for greater weed control in the heritage area. There is also a need for stepped-up pest animal control eg rabbits at Piha.

Pages 18 and 19 We generally support the actions and advocacy listed here.

We particularly want to highlight four:

1. Support oversight of septic tanks. We oppose the Council removing the targeted rate scheme in the WRHA. The only reason for dropping it, is because it is different from septic tank requirements in other parks of the region, not a good reason! We have seen no evidence that what happens in other parts of the region is superior to the West Auckland scheme. We are concerned that we will lose certainty that septic tanks are well managed, if it is left up to individual property owners' action.

2. We support the actions to improve the hydrology of the Piha Wetland. We have been promised this repeatedly, but Healthy Waters has not initiated the work. We

are members of the Piha Wetland Trust which was created by the community specifically to work with Council in restoring the wetland so that it functions better in storm events.

We are awaiting an MOU with the Board, and this has been outstanding for some years. The Board successfully advocated to the Governing Body that this purchase become a local park so a coordinated effort by the Board and the community could restore the hydrology and eco-system. We are very disheartened this has so far not occurred and are ready to get moving as soon as possible.

3. We wish to see all our land area controlled for plant and animal pests not just "our key ecological areas". Neither plant and animal pests stand still and unless you adopt a comprehensive approach you are doomed to perpetual control efforts. On page 19 it talks about "scaling up" management of "weed material" and we support this approach.

4. We support remediation and planting of landslide and storm affected properties. Some of this is happening at Piha at the Marawhara between Friends of Regional Parks, the community and regional parks. We had 100 people turn out for the first planting. The community is behind efforts like this and would like to see more happening on both public and private land. It would help to have grants for private properties affected by weather events. The Board could take more of a leadership role here.

Page 23-25 Economic development

We are interested in learning more about "growth of sustainable tourism" and point out that some places eg Mercer Bay Loop Walk and Kitekite Falls are already under huge pressure from visitors. We do not want to see our natural areas sanitised to make way for tourism. The Council needs to talk to local communities about what it proposes eg track reopenings, before going ahead.

Page 25 There is mention of Te Kawerau a Maki's "proposed tourism plan" and we would expect to take part in this before anything is adopted.

Page 26 Transport

We are disappointed that more priority is not given to the need for public transport to the West Coast beaches and the track network.

In fact, we are quite aggrieved that the rates are going up 7.9% in areas like ours where there is NO public transport provision at all. Piha is paying for the CRL and other public transport it cannot access.

Before amalgamation, rural and coastal area without public transport, or even limited public transport, paid transport rates that reflected that reality. That was under the Auckland Regional Council.

Auckland Council has several times considered providing public transport services to the outer areas of Auckland on the West Coast, but has never implemented them. Residents of Piha were consulted about this in 2016 and supported regular public transport services. Council/Auckland Transport said it could afford such services if some existing bus services from the Manukau Harbour villages terminated at New Lynn Rail Station, instead of continuing into the CBD. Indeed, the Council/AT did carry out these changes to existing services, but the savings gained were not applied to new services to coastal areas as promised.

After another decade, Piha has still not been provided with public transport services.

Indeed, Piha pays the same transport rates as people living in Grey Lynn or Kingsland. In other words, residents of Piha already subsidise the public transport services of urban dwellers and this proposal continues this inequity. Council provides no service to Piha or other West Coast villages that would enable them to reach the Western Rail line and benefit from the completion of the CRL.

A bus shuttle service would enable people in our coastal villages to access the main public transport network and the CRL/Western line, also regional park tracks.

This is mentioned on pages 27 and 28 and we would like to see this given the greatest urgency.

Because Piha receives no public transport, Protect Piha Heritage is opposed to the 7.9% rate increase being applied to Piha. Rates applying to transport development and services should be set so that they reflect the level of public transport service received in an area.

Page 32 Financial overview

This financial information is far too high level to be meaningful and worthy of comment.

Accordingly, we have obtained the Board's work programme and wish to offer particular support for the projects below.

Protect Piha Heritage and Pest free Piha support the following projects in the 2026/2027 year and two following years:

- **Hold a West Auckland Heritage Conference in the financial year 2026/2027 (4398) and then bi-annually**
- **Continue the Piha Weed Bin at the current level (1300)**

- **Continue providing a summer dog control officer on the West Coast beaches (3010)**
- **Continue Our Backyard (518) and Buffer Zone projects (1299)**
- **Continue to support Pest Free Waitakere Ranges Alliance Coordinator (613) and allied programmes such as 5993**
- **Continue to seek a Dark Sky Reserve in the Waitākere Ranges (4442)**
- **Continue to fund mana whenua engagement (5247)**

  Support increased financial support for Shadbolt House (439)
- **Continue to provide funding for rural libraries with additional support for Piha library (1046 and 1049)**
- **Continue operational grant to West Coast Gallery (435)**
- **Continue grant to Barnett Hall from Community Halls Partnership Fund (455)**
- **Continue WRLB Ecological Restoration Contract and Top-Up (988 and 5186). Note the comment re "no rabbit sites". There is a considerable rabbit problem at Piha especially in the dunes and at beachfront areas.**
- **Support Anzac grants (5542)**
- **Support Matariki (5951)**
- **Piha – support looking into options for wheeled play (5571)**
- **Continue Piha Domain/Piha Wetland Risk assessment (4642). This seems to be repeated at 56060, both with an amount of $40,000**
- **Develop ex-campground area at Les Waygood for recreation (46524 and 45858) following consultation with community. $210,000**
- **Refurbish amenity blocks at Piha and N Piha (45836) $244,505**
- **Refurbish community buildings (40052) $920,027**
- **Renew park structures (60429) Including Piha wetland**
- **Investigate solar on community buildings (60613) $320,000**
- **Continue grants to Piha and Waiatarua volunteer libraries (1046) and (1049)**
- **Complete new lease with United North Piha Lifeguard Service to allow camping at Les Waygood Park. (4376).**

Protect Piha Heritage and Pest free Piha wish to see the following projects, not listed in the work programme, funded:

- **Review and update the Waitākere Ranges Strategic Weed Management Plan 2015**
- **Create a Filming Framework for the Waitākere Ranges to protect wildlife from potentially harmful filming activities, such as drones and vehicles on beaches**
- **Create a MOU with Piha Wetland Trust to support community activities on the Piha Wetland. This has been stalled for several years.**
- **Undertake work at Piha Wetland to restore hydrology and improve functioning during flooding events**
- **Undertake work at Piha Wetland to address erosion especially by West Coast Gallery**
- **Investigate alternative locations for the gallery, in particular, the land to the west of the Piha Wetland which is currently in private ownership but which is on a higher level than current parkland**
- **Urgently, pursue a shuttle bus service to Piha**
- **Schedule Titirangi War Memorial Hall and Library as a Historic Heritage place in the Unitary Plan**
- **Schedule the cookhouse in the Piha Domain (former radar station building) as a Historic Heritage place in the Unitary Plan**
- **Remediate land at Piha Mill Camp which is a scheduled historic heritage site, by removing redundant buildings and fence**
- **Support the establishment of a Marae at Te Henga**
- **Investigate whether land owners in the foothills could participate in and earn carbon credits in the Emissions Trading Scheme through indigenous planting and forestry**
- **Support relocation and rebuild of Bethells Beach Surf Club.**

Do not fund Movies in Parks (1353) At $27,000 for one showing, this is outrageous.

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Local Board: Regional Organisation

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See attached feedback from 234 participants - Pacific community.

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Summary Report: Pasifika Community Feedback

Local Board Plan 2026 – Early Engagement (Rangatahi & Community Voices)

[redacted]

Overview

- **Total responses analysed: 234** *(survey and in-person workshops – talanoa)*
- **Primary audience:** Strong representation from **rangatahi (under 18)**
- **Ethnicity:** Predominantly **Pasifika**

Data Collection Methods

Feedback was gathered using a mixed-method, culturally grounded approach:

- **Online surveys**
- **Teacher-led talanoa in schools**
- **Youth-led talanoa with peers** (informal, relational engagement)
- **In-person community workshops (talanoa sessions)**

Insight:

This approach enabled depth + scale:

- Surveys provided breadth
- Talanoa provided rich, culturally grounded insights

Local Board Representation

Henderson-Massey Local Board (strongest representation)

- Ranui
- Massey
- Henderson
- Te Atatū South
- Glendene

Whau Local Board

- New Lynn
- Kelston
- Avondale

Waitākere Ranges Local Board

- Limited representation (e.g. Sturges area)

Key Insight

- **Henderson-Massey:** Strong engagement and reach
- **Whau:** Moderate participation
- **Waitākere Ranges:** Underrepresented

Recommendation:

Increase targeted engagement in **Waitākere Ranges communities** in upcoming phases.

Demographic Snapshot

Age Distribution

- Majority of responses from rangatahi (under 18)
- Additional input from adult community members and families

Insight:

Youth voice is central and highly influential in shaping priorities.

Ethnicity

- Majority: **Wider Pasifika communities**

  Tuvaluan, Cook Islands, Samoa, Tuvalu, Tokelau, Kiribati, Fiji, Tonga, Māori, and mixed identities.

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Key Themes from Feedback

What matters most

- Community connection and belonging
- Youth programmes and activities
- Parks, open spaces, recreation
- Culture, arts, and identity

"Being able to connect with people in my community and feel safe where I live."
"Having spaces where young people can hang out and do positive things."
"Our culture and events keep us together and strong."

What communities want more of

- More **youth opportunities and safe activities**
- More **community events and gatherings**
- Stronger **family and wellbeing support**
- Accessible **community spaces and facilities**

"More things for youth to do so they stay out of trouble."
"More events that bring everyone together."
"Support for families and places where we can go without worrying about money."

Key concerns

- Safety and crime
- Lack of youth activities
- Community disconnection
- Pressure on families

"There's not enough for young people, so they get into trouble."
"Safety is a big issue in our area, especially at night."
"Some families are struggling and need more support."

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Priority improvements

- Investment in **youth programmes**
- Improved **community spaces**
- Increased **support services**
- More **culturally grounded initiatives**

"More youth programmes would make a big difference."
"We need better parks and places to gather."
"Helping families will help the whole community."

Key Insights

Youth-led priorities are clear

Across 234 responses:

- Strong demand for **safe, engaging spaces**
- Clear link between **lack of activities and safety concerns**

Engagement method is effective

- Talanoa (teacher-led and youth-led) enabled:
    - Deeper, more honest insights
    - Higher participation
    - Stronger cultural relevance

Confirms value of **relational, community-led engagement**

"It's easier to talk when it feels like a real conversation, not a survey."

Culture and identity are central

- Cultural connection is central to wellbeing. Strong emphasis on:
    - Cultural expression
    - Community events
    - Identity and belonging

"Our culture is what keeps our community strong."

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Alignment with Engagement Approach

Findings strongly validate the current plan:

- Facilitator-led engagement across community groups
- Talanoa-based methods
- Youth-focused engagement (including peer-led)
- Multi-channel feedback collection

Recommendations

Engagement

- Expand youth-led talanoa model
- Increase outreach in Waitākere Ranges
- Continue leveraging schools, churches, and community networks

Investment Priorities

1. Youth programmes and safe activities
2. Community spaces and facilities
3. Cultural events and initiatives
4. Family and wellbeing support

Data Improvements

- Capture Local Board area directly
- Continue building on mixed-method engagement (survey + talanoa)

Closing Summary

"Across 234 responses gathered through surveys and talanoa, Pasifika communities—particularly rangatahi—are calling for greater investment in youth opportunities, safe community spaces, and culturally grounded initiatives, while highlighting the need for stronger engagement in Waitākere Ranges and across Whau."

The inclusion of community voice highlights a clear message:
Engagement that is **by the community, for the community** leads to more meaningful, actionable insights.

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Email submission received. See attachment.

RESPONSE: SUBMISSION DRAFT WAITĀKERE RANGES LOCAL BOARD PLAN 2026

SUBMITTED BY TAPASA NAVIGATING FUTURES ALONGSIDE LE MOANA WEST COLLECTIVE.

SUMMARY

Tapasā, alongside Le Moana West Collective, supports the overall direction of the Draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan. We respectfully propose the following considerations to ensure the growing Pacific population within the Waitākere Ranges Local Board area is reflected in future planning, investment and decision-making.

The Pacific population in the Waitākere Ranges Local Board area increased from 6,093 people in 2018 to 7,104 in 2023 and now represents 13.2% of the local population. This growing presence presents an opportunity for the Local Board to strengthen its relationships with Pacific communities and better understand their social, economic, educational and cultural aspirations.

We recommend that the final Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan include a clear commitment to working alongside Pacific communities, in partnership with Tapasā and Le Moana West Collective, to explore the development of a Pacific Strategy or coordinated Pacific engagement approach.

This would provide the Local Board with an established and trusted pathway for connecting with Pacific communities, identifying shared priorities and supporting community-led outcomes.

WHO & WHY LE MOANA WEST COLLECTIVE?

Le Moana West Collective is a Pacific-led collective impact initiative connected to more than 200 Pacific organisations and leaders across West Auckland, including churches, schools, sports clubs, youth groups, health providers, cultural organisations, government agencies and community leaders.

The Collective was established in response to a shared need for a dedicated Pacific platform that could connect organisations, strengthen relationships, share knowledge and coordinate responses to community priorities.

Rather than replacing existing organisations, Le Moana West Collective provides the relationships, coordination and collaborative infrastructure that enable organisations and communities to work more effectively together.

The Collective works across areas including:

- community leadership and organisational capability
- youth leadership and governance
- health and wellbeing
- education and future pathways
- climate resilience and emergency preparedness
- cultural revitalisation
- civic participation
- economic development
- sport and active wellbeing

Through this network, Le Moana West Collective can support the Local Board by:

- convening Pacific organisations around shared priorities
- strengthening relationships between Pacific communities, mana whenua, Auckland Council and other partners
- supporting community-led design and decision-making
- building leadership, governance and organisational capability
- connecting communities with funding, partnerships and opportunities
- strengthening Pacific participation and representation
- reducing duplication across engagement processes
- coordinating responses to complex community challenges

Partnering with Tapasā and Le Moana West Collective would give the Waitākere Ranges Local Board access to an established, credible and community-led network. This would strengthen engagement, support more informed investment and help ensure the aspirations of more than 7,000 Pacific residents are meaningfully reflected in the implementation of the Local Board Plan.

CONSIDERATIONS WITHIN THE NEXT 3-YEAR PLAN

IMPROVE LOCAL PACIFIC DATA AND VISIBILITY

We encourage the Local Board to strengthen the collection and use of local Pacific data so that planning and investment are informed by the experiences, needs and aspirations of Pacific communities living across the Waitākere Ranges area.

Pacific communities should be visible not only within population statistics, but also within the priorities, actions and measures used to assess the success of the Local Board Plan.

STRENGTHEN PACIFIC PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL DECISION-MAKING

The Local Board has an opportunity to create more consistent pathways for Pacific residents, organisations and leaders to contribute to local planning and decision-making.

Working alongside Tapasā and Le Moana West Collective would support trusted engagement, strengthen civic participation and ensure Pacific perspectives are included early in the development of local initiatives.

SUPPORT CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Pacific communities should be actively included in local climate resilience and emergency preparedness planning.

Le Moana West Collective is already delivering Project SAUNI, an initiative focused on preparing Pacific communities for climate resilience and emergency preparedness.

The Waitākere Ranges Local Board could build on and support this existing work to better understand what climate resilience looks like for Pacific families, strengthen trusted community networks and ensure preparedness information and support reach communities effectively.

Partnering with Project SAUNI would allow the Board to invest in an established, community-led approach rather than duplicating existing efforts.

IMPROVE ACCESS TO LOCAL SERVICES AND OPPORTUNITIES

The Local Board should consider the barriers Pacific families may experience when accessing local services, facilities, funding, recreation, education and leadership opportunities.

A coordinated partnership approach would help identify where gaps exist and support more accessible, culturally responsive and community-led solutions.

INVEST IN PACIFIC YOUNG PEOPLE AND FUTURE LEADERSHIP

Pacific peoples are one of Aotearoa New Zealand's youngest and growing populations. Pacific young people therefore represent an increasingly important part of the Waitākere Ranges community and its future leadership, workforce and community development.

We encourage the Local Board to support opportunities for Pacific youth leadership, governance, cultural identity, education, employment, creativity, sport and civic participation. Investment in young people will strengthen both current community wellbeing and the future leadership of the area.

SUPPORT PACIFIC CULTURE, IDENTITY AND BELONGING

Pacific cultures, languages and community knowledge contribute to the identity and diversity of West Auckland.

The Local Board can strengthen belonging by supporting Pacific cultural events, language initiatives, community spaces, storytelling, creative projects and opportunities for Pacific communities to celebrate and share their identities.

CONCLUDING STATEMENT

We recognise that the Waitākere Ranges Local Board serves a diverse and geographically widespread community. Our proposal is not to create additional or competing engagement structures, but to strengthen the Board's ability to connect with Pacific communities through relationships and networks that already exist.

A partnership with Tapasā and Le Moana West Collective would provide a practical and trusted pathway for understanding Pacific aspirations, improving participation and supporting more coordinated investment and community-led outcomes.

Our approach is grounded in strong relationships, our ongoing commitment to strengthening our relationship with Te Kawerau ā Maki. We recognise our shared whakapapa connections across Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa and acknowledge our position as Pacific communities living within their rohe.

We seek to work alongside the Waitākere Ranges Local Board in the same spirit of trust, respect and long-term partnership, to determine an approach that is appropriate to the local context and responsive to the more than 7,000 Pacific people who call the Waitākere Ranges home.

Fakaaue lahi mahaki, Thank you.

Submitted by Tapasā Navigating Futures alongside Le Moana West Collective

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Te Kotahi a Tāmaki

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, do you think that the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Tell us more

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

4. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

5. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?**

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

6. What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?

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See attached file

Te Kotahi a Tāmaki – Marae Collective

Submission from the TKAT - Marae Collective on the Draft Local Board Plans 2026–2029

Purpose

This submission reflects the aspirations and priorities shared by marae representatives across two regional hui facilitated by Auckland Council on 31 March 2026 and 6th July 2026 as part of the development of the Draft Local Board Plans 2026–2029 through community partnership agreement.

The first hui, held on 31 March 2026, focused on understanding the aspirations, challenges and support needs of marae across Tāmaki Makaurau. The second hui, held during the Draft Local Board Plans consultation on 6th July 2026, provided an opportunity for marae to review the draft plans, discuss local priorities and identify opportunities to strengthen partnerships between marae, local boards and Auckland Council.

Together, these discussions highlighted a shared vision for stronger partnerships, meaningful engagement, investment in marae capability, and greater recognition of marae as trusted community leaders and connectors.

Marae play a vital role in supporting whānau, preserving te ao Māori, strengthening communities and responding to local needs. They provide cultural leadership, social support, emergency response, and opportunities for whānau to connect, learn and thrive.

We welcome the opportunity to contribute to the Draft Local Board Plans and encourage all 21 Local Boards to continue strengthening their partnerships with marae over the next three years.

Our Recommendations

1. Build enduring partnerships with marae

We encourage all Local Boards to move beyond one-off consultation and establish ongoing relationships with marae throughout the work programme. Early and meaningful engagement enables better decision-making and ensures Māori voices help shape local priorities from the outset.

We also encourage more opportunities for elected members to meet directly with marae through regular hui, site visits and community-led conversations.

2. Recognise marae as trusted community partners

Whānau who may experience barriers to participation, and communities who are less likely to engage through formal consultation.

Local Boards should continue working alongside marae to reach these communities and support more inclusive engagement across Tāmaki Makaurau.

3. Invest in strong, sustainable marae

Marae require ongoing investment to continue delivering for their communities.

We encourage Local Boards to advocate for initiatives that strengthen:

- governance capability
- operational sustainability
- legal and compliance knowledge
- tikanga leadership
- community engagement capability
- emergency preparedness and resilience.

Clearer information about Council funding opportunities, criteria and application timeframes would also help marae plan more effectively.

4. Support rangatahi and whānau wellbeing

Rangatahi should remain a key priority across all Local Board Plans.

We encourage Local Boards to support initiatives that:

- strengthen cultural identity and belonging
- improve access to sport, recreation and wellbeing programmes
- provide wraparound support for tamariki and rangatahi
- create more opportunities for rangatahi leadership and participation in local decision-making.

5. Strengthen Te Tiriti partnerships

We acknowledge the distinct roles of both mana whenua and mātāwaka and encourage Local Boards to continue honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi through meaningful partnership, early engagement and opportunities to contribute to decision-making where appropriate.

Planning processes should also recognise that whakapapa and iwi relationships extend beyond Local Board boundaries, allowing marae and iwi to contribute to multiple Local Board Plans where relevant.

6. Encourage collaboration across Tāmaki Makaurau

There is significant value in creating opportunities for marae to connect with one another, local boards and Council staff.

Regional hui, expos and networking opportunities would support collaboration, knowledge sharing and stronger relationships between Māori organisations and Auckland Council.

Summay

The Marae Collective welcomes the positive relationships that continue to develop with Auckland Council and Local Boards.

We look forward to working in partnership to ensure Local Board Plans deliver meaningful outcomes for Māori communities and reflect the aspirations of whānau across Tāmaki Makaurau.

By investing in long-term relationships, recognising marae as trusted community partners and engaging early in decision-making, Local Boards can strengthen outcomes not only for Māori, but for the wider communities they serve.

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Te Taumata Toi-a-Iwi Arts Regional Trust

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, do you think that the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Tell us more

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   As the regional arts trust for Tāmaki Makaurau, Te Taumata Toi-a-Iwi appreciates the investment by the Waitākere Local Board in supporting local arts, culture and creativity events, programmes and facilities such as Waitākere Arts (WCCAC). We also note your Te Kawerau ā Maki Partnerships with mana whenua to protect local cultural history.

   It is good to see this commitment reflected in the local plan in your goal to sustain a vibrant arts and culture network.

   We would encourage the board to find opportunities to collaborate further with your local arts and culture organisations and practitioners to explore the potential for further development of arts and culture programmes and events to support wider goals of community connection, building the success and resilience of Glen Eden, and develop the economic wellbeing of rangatahi.

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

4. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

5. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?**

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Submitter details:

Organisation: The Tree Council

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

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   Tell us more

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

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The Tree Council
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Submission - Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026

15 July 2026

From: The Tree Council
[redacted]

1. Introduction

1.1. Thank you for the opportunity to present The Tree Council's submission on the proposed **Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026.** This submission is made by The Tree Council, an independent, voluntary organisation, a non-profit incorporated charitable society which has been serving the Auckland community since 1986 in the protection of trees and as advocates for the significant benefits and services that our trees and green spaces provide.

1.2. Your draft states that this plan sets direction to protect, restore and improve our natural environment so that ecosystems can thrive and adapt to a changing climate and environmental pressures. You state that the local board will support ways to achieve positive outcomes for the environment that restore ecosystems, improve water quality and support climate adaptation.

1.3. The Tree Council applauds these initiatives and intentions, and provides the following comment and recommendations.

2. Maori Outcomes

2.1. We commend you for your support for establishing a marae at Te Henga for Te Kawerau ā Maki. However we would like to see a

commitment to providing some funding towards achieving this outcome. The iwi is on a timetable to get the work done now having obtained the relevant consents and cannot do so without funding. All parts of Auckland Council, including your local board, should be contributing towards this funding. We are glad to see you advocating to the Governing Body for regional funding of the marae.

3. Community

3.1. The growing of fruit in suburban gardens has gone out of fashion in recent years and with intensification the space to do so will soon be unavailable to most people living in Auckland. Therefore having the opportunity to grow fruit in public spaces (parks, reserves, streets) is something that people value highly and, as you state in your plan, mara kai and orchards are part of the cultural heritage of this area. Public consultations on the type of trees desired for public planting often results in suggestions for fruit trees.

3.2. Having public collections of different types of fruit trees would enable educational opportunities to take place that could include for example daily care, pruning, propagation, grafting, cookery, heritage and history etc. This could involve schools as well as public workshops, adoption by community or friends groups.

3.3. The public collections on public land in local parks and streets could be localised to reflect the fact that some varieties of fruit trees are better suited to grow in specific areas of Auckland. They should also reflect the orchard and market gardening heritage of the Waitākere Ranges and the families who dedicated generations to managing this land productively. Your plan recognises the “protection of foothills rural land for potential future food basket (as climate pressures trigger a rethink)” as well as a proposal to “investigate opportunities to promote kai sovereignty” and we strongly support this and believe it links well to the idea of fruit tree collections.

3.4. We urge you to advocate for the growing of fruit trees on local parks and streets in your local board area and to reach out to the public to identify fruit trees on private land that could provide the basis for the collection via propagation &/or transplanting.

3.5. Support for this project can be enhanced by working with NZ Tree Crops Association, The Tree Council and local groups in your area.

3.6. We agree with your focus on community resilience and recovery from the storm damage and your aspiration of “tree protection and increase

tree cover" and support the principle of "right tree, right place" in your statement of "*well sited* tree planting in parks".

3.7. We note your commitment to advocate for "a track and recreation plan for the Waitākere Ranges Regional Park and improved communication on the track reopening programme". We strongly support the iwi's proposal for a kauri sanctuary in the healthy centre of the Ranges where tracks will never be reopened to protect the healthy kauri ecosystem. So any additional tracks must be located around the edge of the forest and must be in line with the agreement with Te Kawerau ā Maki and the National Pest Management Plan for kauri regarding standards for dry foot tracks and cleaning stations prior to opening new tracks. It also needs to fit within the Strategic Plan to be developed by the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Forum and must not be the cart before the horse.

4. Natural Environment

4.1. We do not agree with the statement in your plan that "The last five-yearly monitoring report, 'State of the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area 2023', found that generally the objectives of the WRHAA were being met". This report was produced without the benefit of any significant monitoring of the heritage features or state of the environment in the previous 5 years (or in fact 15 years) and therefore it is impossible to say whether the objectives are being met or not. Future reports must be honest about the basis for the reporting and not try to cover up a lack of data. This requires effective and consistent funding of the monitoring - not just funding the writing of the report. We would like to see the local board advocating to the Governing Body for the monitoring to be adequately funded.

4.2. We are pleased to see your objective's emphasis on protection, enhancement of biodiversity and ecological restoration across both public and private land and fully support this approach.

4.3. We are delighted to see your proposal to advocate to the Governing Body for increased funding to restore and enhance the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area and to support the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Forum in developing a strategic plan.

4.4. As you have kauri in many of your local reserves you should consider getting them urgently tested for kauri dieback and if found to be positive then you should consider getting more of them treated with phosphite to keep them alive. Kauri dieback has an almost 100% mortality rate so all infected trees will die without treatment.

4.5. We recommend you work with the Kauri Rescue Trust for the best way to approach this problem. There is an urgency as trees in which the disease has progressed too far will not survive even after treatment, so the earlier this happens the better. Kauri are carbon sinks, we need to keep these trees alive as long as possible. Kauri Rescue has already been working to treat trees in local parks, including in Titirangi and Henderson, and this work can be expanded with the support of local boards.

4.6. We are delighted to see your proposal to advocate to the Governing Body for continued education, research, and controls of kauri dieback.

4.7. We understand that the loss of tree canopy cover from development and changes in land use, particularly in the urban parts of your local board area, makes it harder to maintain and increase tree canopy coverage in line with the local board goals to provide shade, support biodiversity and help manage urban stormwater. We support your aspiration for “additional ecological restoration in the eastern foothills”. However we are disappointed not to see that one of your plan objectives is to enhance tree cover within the local board area by implementing actions from the Local Board Urban Ngahere (forest) Strategy Action Plan to enable opportunities to enhance tree cover to be identified and activated. We think this could be linked to the development of the “blue-green network” so that there is a clear guide to how and where this can occur to have the greatest impact on minimising climate change flooding.

4.8. We fully support your proposal to advocate to the Governing Body for funding for remediation and planting of landslides and storm affected properties.

4.9. We are delighted to see recognition of and your support for the important role mana whenua and community groups play in working to enhance, restore and protect biodiversity.

4.10. We urge you to oppose all consents proposing to remove trees in Significant Ecological Areas and Scheduled Notable Trees on both private and public land, as well as street and park trees, as these are so important to retain for future generations. So few urban trees currently have legal protection it is vital to retain them.

5. <u>In addition</u> we would like to see specific support, including financial support, for the following initiatives to protect and enhance existing tree cover:

5.1. Practical support and (for eg legal) advice for private landowners wishing to provide permanent protection for their trees eg via covenants &/or scheduling to enable protection of existing tree cover on private land to be optimised as most of the mature trees in Auckland are on private land with no legal protection.

5.2. Grants for private landowners to maintain Scheduled Notable Trees on their property.

5.3. Provide permanent and visible physical labels for all Scheduled Notable Trees in the local board area to enable the public to see that this tree is legally protected and tell the stories of our natural heritage.

5.4. Look for opportunities to schedule additional mature trees and encourage Council to undertake Plan Changes to the Unitary Plan to regularly add new trees to Schedule 10 (Notable Trees).

5.5. Look for opportunities to raise awareness of the value of Scheduled Notable Trees by organising events to celebrate them such as guided walks, community picnics, heritage talks.

5.6. We would like to see specific support, including financial support, for mana whenua, local communities and groups undertaking the following types of initiatives within the local board area:
- 5.6.1. water quality testing
- 5.6.2. monitoring of beaches
- 5.6.3. treatment of diseased kauri trees on local parks and private land
- 5.6.4. monitoring for myrtle rust
- 5.6.5. weed control
- 5.6.6. pest control
- 5.6.7. protection of rare birds eg dotterel
- 5.6.8. restoration planting

5.7. Public education on issues affecting biodiversity such as:
- 5.7.1. kauri dieback, myrtle rust
- 5.7.2. weeds
- 5.7.3. animal and insect pests
- 5.7.4. other biosecurity threats
- 5.7.5. control of dogs in sensitive areas
- 5.7.6. conflicting uses eg vehicles on beaches
- 5.7.7. rules for marine reserves

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Organisation: Titirangi Badminton Inc

Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, do you think that the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Somewhat agree

   Tell us more

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

   Support all

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   Support

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Support all

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

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Support all

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Please refer to supporting documents:

1. Titirangi Badminton LBP Submission.pdf

2. Strategic Plan.pdf

3. Titirangi Badminton Needs Assessment 2026

Thank you.

Submission to the Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026

Submitted by Titirangi Badminton Incorporated

About our Club

Titirangi Badminton Incorporated is a volunteer-led, not-for-profit sports club that has proudly served the West Auckland community since 1966. In 2026 the club celebrates 60 years of providing affordable, inclusive and accessible opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to participate in badminton.

Our dedicated indoor badminton facility at Kōwhai Reserve is one of the very few purpose-built indoor sporting venues within the Waitākere Ranges Local Board area. The club is governed entirely by volunteers and relies on the commitment of members who contribute many hundreds of volunteer hours each year to ensure the facility remains available to the community.

The club provides opportunities for:

- Junior and youth participation
- Adult social play
- Competitive players
- Seniors
- Families
- Casual community members seeking affordable recreation

Our mission is to provide a welcoming environment where people can improve their physical health, mental wellbeing and social connections through participation in badminton.

Supporting the Outcomes of the Local Board Plan

Titirangi Badminton strongly supports the Local Board's aspirations to create healthy, connected and active communities.

Our club contributes directly by:

- Providing year-round indoor recreation regardless of weather.
- Encouraging healthy lifestyles and lifelong participation in sport.
- Offering an affordable activity suitable for all ages.

- Reducing social isolation through regular community engagement.
- Creating volunteer opportunities that strengthen community ownership.
- Providing a safe and inclusive environment for people from diverse backgrounds.

Badminton is one of the most accessible sports available. It can be enjoyed by children, older adults and people returning to physical activity following illness or injury.

Planning for Future Growth

West Auckland continues to experience population growth while the availability of indoor court facilities has not kept pace.

Our club regularly experiences strong demand for court space, limiting opportunities to introduce additional programmes, increase junior development, expand community participation and host larger regional events.

Titirangi Badminton has undertaken significant work investigating future facility expansion and has identified a clear shortage of indoor badminton courts across West Auckland.

While we recognise that expansion is a long-term project requiring multiple funding partners, we believe the Waitākere Ranges Local Board has an important role in recognising this need within its strategic planning and advocating for improved indoor sporting infrastructure.

Investment in community sports facilities should be viewed as investment in preventative health, community resilience and social wellbeing.

Recognising Volunteer-Led Community Organisations

Volunteer organisations such as Titirangi Badminton provide substantial value to the community with minimal cost to ratepayers.

Our volunteers manage governance, facility operations, maintenance, competitions, coaching, fundraising and community engagement.

Continued recognition and support for volunteer-led organisations helps ensure these valuable community assets remain sustainable into the future.

Environmental Sustainability

The club is committed to responsible facility management and has invested in improvements that reduce operating costs and environmental impact.

Recent upgrades include a replacement roof and energy-efficient LED lighting, helping ensure the facility remains fit for purpose while reducing energy consumption.

We support future initiatives that encourage environmentally sustainable community facilities.

Our Requests to the Waitākere Ranges Local Board

Titirangi Badminton respectfully requests that the Local Board:

1. Recognise the importance of indoor sporting facilities within the Waitākere Ranges Local Board area.
2. Include support for planning and advocacy to address the shortage of indoor court facilities serving West Auckland.
3. Continue supporting volunteer-led community sporting organisations that deliver significant social, health and wellbeing outcomes.
4. Work alongside Auckland Council, Aktive, Badminton Waitakere and community organisations to identify long-term opportunities for expanding indoor sporting capacity.
5. Recognise Titirangi Badminton Incorporated as an important community asset that has served local residents for 60 years and continues to meet growing community demand.

Conclusion

For sixty years Titirangi Badminton has provided an affordable, welcoming and inclusive place for people to connect through sport.

We believe the Local Board Plan presents an important opportunity to acknowledge the growing demand for indoor recreation facilities and to support long-term planning that will benefit current and future generations.

We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the Waitākere Ranges Local Board, Auckland Council and our community partners to ensure West Auckland residents continue to have access to high-quality indoor sporting facilities.

Thank you for considering our submission.

Appendix A
Titirangi Badminton - Strategic Plan 2024-2029
Strategic Plan.pdf

Appendix B
Titirangi Badminton Needs Assessment Report May 2026
Titirangi Badminton Needs Assessment 2026.pdf

Appendix C
Planned Expansion of the Titirangi Badminton Facility

Building for the Future

Titirangi Badminton Incorporated has been actively planning the future expansion of its community facility to better meet the growing demand for indoor sport across West Auckland.

Our vision is to transform our existing four-court venue into a modern eight-court indoor sports facility that provides greater opportunities for participation, coaching, competitions, school programmes and wider community use.

This project is not a concept or an aspiration alone. Significant planning work has already been completed, including:

- A comprehensive Needs Assessment confirming the shortage of indoor courts in West Auckland.
- Preliminary design and feasibility investigations.
- Consultation with Auckland Council and key stakeholders.
- Development of concept plans for an expanded facility.
- Progression of the project to the point where preparation for Building Consent is now well advanced.

The proposed expansion has been carefully designed to integrate with our existing facility while significantly increasing indoor sporting capacity for the wider community.

The additional four courts will allow the club to:

- Reduce waiting lists and meet growing community demand.
- Expand junior development programmes.
- Increase opportunities for schools and community groups.

- Host larger tournaments and regional events.
- Provide additional daytime access for seniors, casual users and health and wellbeing programmes.

For almost sixty years, Titirangi Badminton has continually invested in improving its facilities for the benefit of the community. This next stage represents the natural evolution of that commitment.

While the project will take time to deliver, planning is already well underway. We include this appendix to demonstrate that the future expansion of the facility is an active and progressing initiative, not simply a long-term idea.

We ask that the Waitākere Ranges Local Board recognises this work and continues to support the long-term planning needed to provide West Auckland with the indoor sporting infrastructure its growing community requires.

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Titirangi Business Association

Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, do you think that the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Somewhat agree

   Tell us more

   The Titirangi Business Association supports the overall direction of the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan. We encourage the Board to ensure that Titirangi Village receives appropriate investment as one of Auckland's most distinctive local centres, recognising its importance as a destination, community hub, arts centre, and gateway to the Waitākere Ranges.

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   Continue investing in attractive, welcoming public spaces, events, wayfinding, public art and initiatives that encourage people to visit, spend time and support local businesses, community groups and initiatives in Titirangi. The Titirangi Business Association and its community will implement placemaking and vitality initiatives if you can provide some seed funding.

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

Support most

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

Increase proactive maintenance of roadside trees where they pose a risk to electricity supply, public safety and transport access, while continuing to protect the area's outstanding natural environment.

Please protect and restore public access to more of the network of local bush walks and tracks wherever it is safe to do so. These tracks were used by locals not only for recreation but for transport and are fundamental to the identity, wellbeing and visitor appeal of Titirangi.

4. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

5. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?**

Support most

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

We recognise that you cannot resource everything but we believe that you can support organisations like the Titirangi Business Association to support business growth through activation, promotion and projects that strengthen Titirangi as a destination. Continue recognising the important role local businesses play in community wellbeing and resilience.

6. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?**

Support all

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

Please advocate for frequent, dependable and safe public transport that reflects the unique geography and travel patterns of the Waitakere Ranges, reducing congestion while maintaining access for residents, workers and visitors.

Prioritise maintenance of roads, retaining walls and footpaths in areas affected by slips, weather events and ageing infrastructure. The community should not continue to bear the ongoing impacts of prolonged road closures and deteriorating transport links.

7. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?

We encourage the Local Board to recognise that investing in Titirangi Village delivers benefits well beyond the local business community. A vibrant, accessible and resilient village strengthens community connections, supports local employment, attracts visitors and enhances the quality of life for everyone who lives in and enjoys the Waitākere Ranges.

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Titirangi Residents & Ratepayers Association

Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, do you think that the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Tell us more

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

4. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

5. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?**

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

6. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?**

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

7. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?**

Titirangi
Residents & Ratepayers Association

Submission - Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026

22 July 2026

From: Titirangi Residents & Ratepayers Assoc

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1. Introduction

1.1. Thank you for the opportunity to present **Titirangi Residents & Ratepayers Association** (TRRA)'s submissions on the **Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026**.

1.2. This submission is made by The Titirangi Residents and Ratepayers Association, a non-profit incorporated society formed in 1987 to promote and represent the interests of ratepayers and residents in the Titirangi area. The Association can be traced back to the 1920s when an unincorporated society is recorded as lobbying Council regarding roads.

1.3. We wish to speak to our submission if that opportunity is provided.

1.4. Your draft states that this plan sets direction to protect, restore and improve our natural environment so that ecosystems can thrive and adapt to a changing climate and environmental pressures. You state that the local board will support ways to achieve positive outcomes for the environment that restore ecosystems, improve water quality and support climate adaptation.

1.5. The TRRA applauds these initiatives and intentions, and provides the following comment and recommendations.

2. Maori Outcomes

2.1. We commend you for your support for establishing a marae at Te Henga for Te Kawerau ā Maki. However we would like to see a commitment to providing some funding towards achieving this outcome. The iwi is on a timetable to get the work done now having obtained the relevant consents and cannot do so without funding. All parts of Auckland Council, including your local board, should be contributing towards this funding. We are glad to see you advocating to the Governing Body for regional funding of the marae.

3. Community

3.1. We are delighted to see recognition of and your support for the important role mana whenua and community groups play in working to enhance, restore and protect biodiversity as well as being the glue that holds our communities together and runs many of the essential services we depend on in our rural settlements.

3.2. We applaud your emphasis on supporting communities as they recover to become more resilient and identify the risks from ongoing threats from climate change impacts that have affected our communities so deeply.

3.3. We support all your proposals for advocacy in this section and suggest some more below:

3.4. The growing of fruit in suburban gardens has gone out of fashion in recent years and with intensification the space to do so will soon be unavailable to most people living in Auckland. Therefore having the opportunity to grow fruit in public spaces (parks, reserves, streets) is something that people value highly and, as you state in your plan, mara kai and orchards are part of the cultural heritage of this area. Public consultations on the type of trees desired for public planting often results in suggestions for fruit trees.

3.5. Having public collections of different types of fruit trees would enable

educational opportunities to take place that could include for example daily care, pruning, propagation, grafting, cookery, heritage and history etc. This could involve schools as well as public workshops, adoption by community or friends groups.

3.6. The public collections on public land in local parks and streets could be localised to reflect the fact that some varieties of fruit trees are better suited to grow in specific areas of Auckland. They should also reflect the orchard and market gardening heritage of the Waitākere Ranges and the families who dedicated generations to managing this land productively. Your plan recognises the "protection of foothills rural land for potential future food basket (as climate pressures trigger a rethink)" as well as a proposal to "investigate opportunities to promote kai sovereignty" and we strongly support this and believe it links well to the idea of fruit tree collections.

3.7. We urge you to advocate for the growing of fruit trees on local parks and streets in your local board area and to reach out to the public to identify fruit trees on private land that could provide the basis for the collection via propagation &/or transplanting.

3.8. Support for this project can be enhanced by working with NZ Tree Crops Association, The Tree Council and local groups in your area.

3.9. We agree with your focus on community resilience and recovery from the storm damage and your aspiration of "tree protection and increase tree cover" and support the principle of "right tree, right place" in your statement of "*well sited* tree planting in parks".

3.10. We note your commitment to advocate for "a track and recreation plan for the Waitākere Ranges Regional Park and improved communication on the track reopening programme". We strongly support the iwi's proposal for a kauri sanctuary in the healthy centre of the Ranges where tracks will never be reopened to protect the healthy kauri ecosystem. So any additional tracks must be located around the edge of the forest and must be in line with the agreement with Te Kawerau ā Maki and the National Pest Management Plan for kauri regarding standards for dry foot tracks and cleaning stations prior to opening new tracks. It also needs to fit within the Strategic Plan to be developed by the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Forum and must not be the cart before the horse.

4. Natural Environment

4.1. We do not agree with the statement in your plan that "The last five-yearly monitoring report, 'State of the Waitākere Ranges Heritage

Area 2023', found that generally the objectives of the WRHAA were being met". This report was produced without the benefit of any significant monitoring of the heritage features or state of the environment in the previous 5 years (or in fact 15 years) and therefore it is impossible to say whether the objectives are being met or not. Future reports must be honest about the basis for the reporting and not try to cover up a lack of data. This requires effective and consistent funding of the monitoring - not just funding the writing of the report. We would like to see the local board advocating to the Governing Body for the monitoring to be adequately funded.

4.2. We are pleased to see your objective's emphasis on protection, enhancement of biodiversity and ecological restoration across both public and private land and fully support this approach.

4.3. We are delighted to see your proposal to advocate to the Governing Body for increased funding to restore and enhance the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area and to support the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Forum in developing a strategic plan.

4.4. We are delighted to see your proposal to advocate to the Governing Body for continued education, research, and controls of kauri dieback.

4.5. We fully support your proposal to advocate to the Governing Body for funding for remediation and planting of landslides and storm affected properties. Many of the over-slips above roads have not been replanted and are still covered in plastic or have just been sprayed with grass seed. This will not stabilise them long term and just allows weeds to colonise. They need to be planted with natives.

4.6. We propose that you include funding for planting native restoration of the site on Atkinson Rd from which the Scout Hall has recently been removed. Rapid restoration will prevent weed infestation and expand the large native reserve adjacent to the site. You could work with Ecomatters, Titirangi Urban Sanctuary and The Tree Council to undertake this mahi.

4.7. We support all your proposals for advocacy in this section and suggest some more below:

4.8. As you have kauri in many of your local reserves you should consider getting them urgently tested for kauri dieback and if found to be positive then you should consider getting more of them treated with phosphite to keep them alive. Kauri dieback has an almost 100% mortality rate so all infected trees will die without treatment.

4.9. We recommend you work with the Kauri Rescue Trust for the best way

to approach this problem. There is an urgency as trees in which the disease has progressed too far will not survive even after treatment, so the earlier this happens the better. Kauri are carbon sinks, we need to keep these trees alive as long as possible. Kauri Rescue has already been working to treat trees in local parks, including in Titirangi and Henderson, and this work can be expanded with the support of local boards.

4.10. We understand that the loss of tree canopy cover from development and changes in land use, particularly in the urban parts of your local board area, makes it harder to maintain and increase tree canopy coverage in line with the local board goals to provide shade, support biodiversity and help manage urban stormwater. We support your aspiration for “additional ecological restoration in the eastern foothills”. However we are disappointed not to see that one of your plan objectives is to enhance tree cover within the local board area by implementing actions from the Local Board Urban Ngahere (forest) Strategy Action Plan to enable opportunities to enhance tree cover to be identified and activated. We think this could be linked to the development of the “blue-green network” so that there is a clear guide to how and where this can occur to have the greatest impact on minimising climate change flooding.

4.11. We urge you to oppose all consents proposing to remove trees in Significant Ecological Areas and Scheduled Notable Trees on both private and public land, as well as street and park trees, as these are so important to retain for future generations. So few urban trees currently have legal protection it is vital to retain them.

4.12. Off leash dog areas are very important to the community but they can also cause impacts on wildlife, particularly birds. At Kakamatua for example dogs chasing birds can prevent them feeding sufficiently for them to gain enough weight to migrate successfully. We do not advocate for preventing dogs being exercised here off leash, but we do think there needs to be more proactive enforcement of the rules, especially at weekends when this beach is heavily used by dog walkers. The sign at the entrance to the walkway is too small to be effective and there are never any compliance officers on duty here. Having compliance officers doing education on weekends would be very helpful. They should walk between the beach and the track to ensure dogs are on leash through the bush (they often aren’t & there are kauri here) and to ensure dogs are under control when off leash on the beach and not chasing birds.

4.13. The local board should consider employing your own compliance

officers to undertake proactive local duties important to our area. Compliance is badly under-resourced regionally and officers can only respond to complaints rather than being proactive. Your own compliance officers could do duties such as dog control education at beaches and parks, water pollution education (construction sites are a major source) and consent condition compliance auditing.

4.14. Weed control on road reserves has been a major problem in the local board area over the last few years. Chemical spraying has been prolific and untargeted and caused a lot of damage to natives, especially on our steep clay banks supporting our roads and houses - and even on slip faces. This causes erosion and slips as well as enabling recolonisation by weeds. We believe that weed control in the Heritage Area should be done by physical means as a priority and only using chemicals where this is not possible or in a very targeted way. There is clearly an absence of knowledge about weeds and natives in the contractors and this is a priority to fix before positive change can occur. The local board could educate residents about the no-spray register so that they can join it if they wish to.

5. Built Environment

5.1. We support all your proposals in this section. The statement about terraced housing especially hits home. The developments occurring now in Glen Eden and Swanson are the tip of the iceberg of what can be developed under the current AUP rules and potential future changes could mean even more of this is permitted. Our concerns are two-fold. Firstly, that the quality of some of these terraced developments is very low. They have no or minimal parking provision and no or minimal outdoor space for residents. This will have major impacts on surrounding streets as these developments take over our suburbs. Secondly, that they are not a good use of the space in terms of maximising occupancy.

5.2. We would rather see more of the large apartments like Westlight interspersed with adequate green space and trees than having our suburbs completely covered in terraced housing with absolutely no green space or trees. This will just increase flooding and heating and make them very unpleasant places to live. We can do density well - but it needs to be master planned and not just left to the market, which will only aim to maximise profit, not deliver quality living.

5.3. We refer you to the points in previous sections regarding retaining urban tree cover.

6. Economic Development

6.1. We support all your proposals in this section. The challenges regarding revitalisation of town centres is critical for this area. Investment in New Lynn has made a huge difference and this should also be done in Glen Eden to implement the plans already developed over many years. It is frustrating to see this still waiting for financial support.

6.2. Supporting home based businesses to reduce road traffic in our rural communities is logical and appreciated.

7. Transport

7.1. We support all your proposals in this section. We are looking forward to the opening of the CRL but as you state, getting people from our area to the train in order to use it will be the limiting factor.

7.2. We continue to advocate for small sized buses to operate on our narrow, winding and steep roads to service the arterial routes that now have a more frequent bus service to feed the rail stations. If people start their journey in a car because they can't easily get to a bus stop then they are unlikely to change to public transport during the journey. Many of our villages have no bus service at all and this puts more strain on the road network and pressure on the park-and-ride facilities.

7.3. The park-and-ride facilities will be inadequate to cope with demand once the CRL opens. Upgrading them to be multi-level will be essential.

7.4. See comments above re street parking pressures increasing where terraced housing development is not providing adequate onsite parking for residents.

7.5. Getting school children out of cars and using more sustainable transport to get to & from school would make a massive difference to traffic congestion. Considering applying parking restrictions around schools, instead of encouraging and enabling "drop off" might be the push that parents need to make a change.

8. <u>In addition</u> we would like to see specific support, including financial support, for the following initiatives to protect and enhance existing tree cover:

8.1. Practical support and (for eg legal) advice for private landowners wishing to provide permanent protection for their trees eg via covenants &/or scheduling to enable protection of existing tree cover on private land to be optimised as most of the mature trees in Auckland are on private land with no legal protection.

8.2. Grants for private landowners to maintain Scheduled Notable Trees on

their property.

8.3. Provide permanent and visible physical labels for all Scheduled Notable Trees in the local board area to enable the public to see that this tree is legally protected and tell the stories of our natural heritage.

8.4. Look for opportunities to schedule additional mature trees and encourage Council to undertake Plan Changes to the Unitary Plan to regularly add new trees to Schedule 10 (Notable Trees).

8.5. Look for opportunities to raise awareness of the value of Scheduled Notable Trees by organising events to celebrate them such as guided walks, community picnics, heritage talks.

8.6. We would like to see specific support, including financial support, for mana whenua, local communities and groups undertaking the following types of initiatives within the local board area:

8.6.1. water quality testing

8.6.2. monitoring of beaches

8.6.3. treatment of diseased kauri trees on local parks and private land

8.6.4. monitoring for myrtle rust

8.6.5. weed control

8.6.6. pest control

8.6.7. protection of rare birds eg dotterel

8.6.8. restoration planting

8.7. Public education on issues affecting biodiversity such as:

8.7.1. kauri dieback, myrtle rust

8.7.2. weeds

8.7.3. animal and insect pests

8.7.4. other biosecurity threats

8.7.5. control of dogs in sensitive areas

8.7.6. conflicting uses eg vehicles on beaches

8.7.7. rules for marine reserves

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Tuia Waitākere

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, do you think that the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Strongly agree

   Tell us more

   Yes. Overall, we think the draft plan reflects many of the needs and aspirations we see across the Waitākere Ranges local board area, particularly the focus on connected communities, resilience, recreation, sport, play, arts, culture, te taiao, climate resilience and safe transport. These align strongly with Tuia Waitākere's impact strategy and our long-term focus on community-led wellbeing.

   We would like the final plan to more clearly recognise the role of trusted community partners in delivery. We deeply value our strong relationship with the Waitākere Ranges Local Board and would like to continue growing this partnership long into the future, particularly where shared priorities can be turned into practical action for communities.

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   We strongly support the community goals, especially the focus on diverse communities being connected and proud, enhanced wellbeing and resilience, parks and open spaces for sport, recreation and play, and arts, culture and facilities that enliven the west. This is closely

aligned to our focus on community-led design, local leadership, belonging and healthy, active lives.

Love the specific call out of community led sport within local parks however would like to see this framed in a more long term vision, so not just more people now, but a look at the system that supports community led sport and how that can be invested in for long term sustainability

We would encourage stronger wording around long-term support for community organisations and clubs who already hold trusted local relationships. These groups are often the backbone of resilience, inclusion, sport, play, culture and everyday wellbeing.

3. What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?

Support all

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

We support the natural environment goals, particularly restoring ecological areas, improving streams and wetlands, supporting climate adaptation and protecting the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area. This aligns with our view that wellbeing is connected to whānau, culture, whenua, waterways and access to nature.

We would like the final plan to keep linking environmental outcomes to community wellbeing, play, active recreation and local connection. Restoration, climate resilience and responsible access all work best when communities, mana whenua and local organisations are properly resourced to lead and participate.

4. What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?

Support

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

We support the focus on successful and resilient centres that attract investment, development and jobs. Glen Eden and other local centres are important community anchors, and quality development near services and transport can support access, local identity, housing choice and stronger community connection.

We would encourage the built environment section to more clearly recognise public and community spaces as wellbeing infrastructure. Parks, play spaces, sport and recreation facilities, community halls, libraries and safe gathering places are essential to how people connect, move, participate and belong.

5. What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?

Support most

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

We support the focus on a successful and resilient Glen Eden, economic wellbeing for rangatahi and sustainable economic activity. This aligns with our strategic focus on local leadership, youth pathways, Māori and community-led aspirations, and building capability so communities can shape their own future.

Also really enjoy seeing Te Kawerau ā Makis's tourism plan mentioned here as this is both a good way to support mana whenua aspirations, as well as bring in visitors to our rohe to engage in it in planned ways that could bring awareness and economic benefit.

We would encourage economic development to be framed broadly. Prosperity is not only about jobs and investment; it is also about rangatahi confidence, cultural identity, local leadership, access to opportunities, creative expression, community capability and whānau wellbeing.

6. What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?

Support most

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

We support the transport goals, particularly safe and sustainable options, safe travel to school, active transport, better public transport, resilient roads and solutions that respond to the unique needs of dispersed and more isolated communities. This aligns with our focus on active travel, equity, climate action and access to healthy, active lives.

We would like priority given to routes that connect people to schools, parks, clubs, marae, community facilities, libraries, local centres and public transport. Transport decisions should especially consider tamariki, rangatahi, older adults, disabled people and communities where cost, safety and distance are major barriers.

Also, there is growing evidence of play based activities leading to creation of safe and inviting spaces for people to practice walking and active transport. To this end we would like to see reference to thinking differently about existing travel routes to encourage health promoting behaviour change around active transport, which has the potential to save significant cost in/on infrastructure upgrades to encourage active transport options.

7. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?

Overall, we support the direction of the draft plan and appreciate the Board's continued focus on wellbeing, resilience, the natural environment, Māori outcomes, community places, sport, recreation, arts, culture and sustainable transport. These priorities sit strongly alongside Tuia Waitākere's 20-year impact strategy and our commitment to shifting systems for long-term community wellbeing.

We also want to acknowledge how much we value our relationship with the Waitākere Ranges Local Board. There is a strong foundation of trust, shared kaupapa and practical local mahi between us, and we would welcome the opportunity to keep strengthening this relationship over the coming years so we can continue working together for the wellbeing of people and places across the Waitākere Ranges.

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Waima to Laingholm Pest Free Committee

Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, do you think that the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Tell us more

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

4. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

5. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?**

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

6. What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

7. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?

Email submission sent via WRLB inbox - see attachment.

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RE: Submission on the **"draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026"**

Mandatory Information
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Our feedback is provided below.

1. Overall, do you think that the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?

a. Somewhat agree.

b. We support the inclusion and specific mentions of the Local Area Plans with regards to advocacy to the governing body.

c. Additionally we support local board funded work programmes with priority given to Key Actions in the Local Area Plans. It is important as these were developed and adopted via a robust community consultation process and with cultural and historical reporting by Te Kawerau ā Maki and others.

d. We support the submission of Pest Free Waitakere Ranges Alliance, of which we are a member group.

2. Community

e. Somewhat agree.

f. As part of "Prepare a Waitākere Ranges Local Parks Management Plan for our 200 local parks" we would encourage that local groups are included as we provide support to these areas within our community.

3. Natural Environment

g. Support All.

h. We thank the Local Board for the acknowledgement of the active environmental volunteer groups of which we are one.

i. We would like to highlight the role of rangitahi within our group as key contributors to a future workforce for Te Wao Nui a Tiriwa as they achieve their Gateway NCEA credits in Pest Management. *

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j. We strongly encourage the Local Board to advocate for, and lead the call for stronger Council bylaws, enforcement and controls within the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area for cats, including the removal of colony cats. Below is part of our submission on the Regional Pest Management Plan consultation in 2025.

W2L as a **minimum** would support:

1. Compulsory microchipping in the buffer zone and the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area.
2. Compulsory desexing in the buffer zone and the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area.
3. Auckland Council increasing the trapping of cats in the buffer zone and the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area with humane dispatch of any cats that are not microchipped.
4. Immediate removal of any colony cats, unfortunately there are some unowned cats being fed within our rohe.
5. Bylaws being used to prevent individuals continuing these harmful behaviours.
6. We do not support TNR. The supply of vouchers in the 0604 postcode range should be limited to those in need and most certainly not given to groups or individuals who support colonies or TNR in 0604 and/or the buffer zone and the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area. This should be carefully managed to ensure the vouchers are used appropriately.

k. We would encourage sustained funding for kāuri dieback supplies, not just at park entrances, but to environmental groups who operate on closed tracks with permission from Auckland Council Regional Parks, and under active rahui warrants from Te Kawerau ā Maki.

l. Watercare has a poor history region wide on weed and pest control and we spend many volunteer hours assisting improve this locally on traplines along Exhibition Drive. Watercare (and other CCOs) should be strongly encouraged to work with community groups at every opportunity to work towards a minimum standard on the large areas of land they are responsible for.

4. Built Environment

m. Using storm buy out land for community good is a promising inclusion.

n. We look forward to more urban pest control groups establishing to halo the efforts of those groups working within the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area. Council departments, CCOs and Developers have a role to play to promote this.

5. Economic Development and Transport

o. We highlight the model of pest control and tourism of two key attractions - Ecozip Waiheke Island and Rotorua Ziplines that actively demonstrate trap types and explain why trapping it occurs. Many visitors make a donation and comment that it was just as enjoyable learning about that as the actual ziplining! The opportunity for local employment opportunities and promotion of restoration and protection to visitors can highlight being “great hosts, manaakitanga, kaitiakitanga” in line with the draft plan.

p. We also highlight the trapline we established from Landing Road, along Little Muddy Creek to Tamariki Reserve as it provides opportunity for future Greenway development in conjunction with the storm buyout property at 20 Landing Road that also has a kayak launching pad. This is a historic waka launching place and has great potential as a shared project with Te Kawerau ā Maki , Titirangi Urban Sanctuary and non motorised paddle sport users. Western Springs Creek, Hobsonville and other areas in Auckland have terrific examples of boardwalks within mangroves.

Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?

q. We agree that the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Forum is a huge opportunity to collectively work with the community on track opening, environmental improvement and sustainable visitor management and tourism.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit feedback.

Regards,

[redacted]

***Commitment to Youth**

2024 saw the commencement of an exciting partnership with Green Bay High School so that students could have time outside the classroom and pursue their NCEA on the traplines.

As well as the field work, students were shown how to record catches on to Trap NZ, and were given their own rat traps to set up at home. They gained knowledge about kauri dieback, and how to take preventative measures for spreading this disease when working in the field. We also facilitated a rāhui forum with Te Kawerau ā Maki which they all attended, as well as many of their whanau. We are thrilled to be continuing this with GBHS in 2026.

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Waitakere Ranges Protection Society (WRPS)

Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback:

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   Tell us more

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

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7. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?**

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Waitakere Ranges Protection Society feedback on the Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026
23 July 2026

Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Monitoring

The Waitākere Ranges Protection Society (WRPS) acknowledges that last five-yearly monitoring report 'State of the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Monitoring Report 2023', was accepted by the Governing Body on 29 July 2023.

WRPS is concerned to read that the draft LB plan says that the 2023 report found that, "*…generally, the objectives of the WRHAA were being met"*.

WRPS holds concerns that the reporting does not fulfil its statutory mandate as a five-yearly monitoring report. WRPS supports the WRLB in any way it can to strive to meet the statutory mandate.

"Section 34 Council must monitor and report on certain matters relating to heritage area

(1) The local Council must monitor—

(a) the state of the environment in the heritage area; and

(b) the *progress made towards achieving the objectives*; and

(c) the *funding impact arising from activities to be undertaken specifically to give effect to this Act."*

It is our opinion the report does not meet these requirements for the following reasons:

1. There is no baseline or if there is, it is not referred to.

2. Monitoring data seems to be essentially missing from the report.
3. Any data mentioned is often taken from before 2018 and is sometimes mentioned as having begun, but there are no findings.
4. There are no facts about vulnerable areas; why or where.
5. There is no list of key threats or pressures or the extent of weeds and pests.
   Recent control methods are mentioned but there is no data.
6. Changes are mentioned but with no explanation.
7. Inadequate funding is not mentioned.
8. Instead of monitoring data there are detailed descriptions of the qualities and characteristics of the area and the council systems and policy frameworks that manage it.

   We are disappointed and concerned that there are so many issues with the monitoring report and that those issues were not taken up by the WRLB and that the WRLB did not advocate to the governing body about these issues.

   We point out that the WRLB has a statutory role as an advocate on behalf of its communities to the governing body.

   We strongly request that the local board advocate for a more robust process going forward to ensure that the deficiencies of the recent process are not repeated and that more time and resource is allocated to the next report.

   We also strongly request that the WRLB advocate for some permanent dedicated resource/funding to be allocated to this report, so it is not just seen as a five-yearly short project.

   We would strongly support the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Forum (WRHAF) taking up preparation of the next monitoring report.

KEY THEMES

Natural Environment/Climate Action

WRPS supports the WRLB:

1. To support the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Forum in developing a strategic plan.
2. To increase community knowledge and understanding of the Waitākere Range Heritage Area and how to manage pest plants and animals
3. To support pest plant and animal controls on our key ecological areas. to develop resilience plans and support the Waitakere Ranges Climate Action Plan
4. To maintain our kauri dieback hygiene stations in local parks with kauri.
5. To increase funding to restore and enhance the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area.
6. To continue education, research, and controls of kauri dieback.
7. To continue support for restoration and maintenance of stream banks to reduce erosion, improve amenity, support stream dynamics, and improve habitat – especially during high flow.

8. To support the strategic priorities of the Manukau Harbour Forum and act as a voice for improving the harbour's water quality. Support oversight of septic tanks to protect water quality.
9. To arrange funding to scale up management of weed material that ensures the health of the ngāhere – forest.
10. To continue restoration of the Piha wetland to improve natural hydrology may also support flood storage benefits during heavy rainfall.
11. To continue to implement (including through community and / or youth led) priority actions from the Waitākere Ranges Climate Plan, including insultation upgrades, shade sails, and drinking fountains.
12. To improve tree protection and increase tree cover.
13. In leading urgent action for a low-emissions, resilient future

Waitākere Ranges Heritage area

WRPS acknowledges the 'Deed of Acknowledgement' signed in 2025 between Council, the Crown and Te Kawerau ā Maki, which has in turn led to the formation of the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Forum (WRHAF).

WRPS supports:

1. The WRHAA as the guiding vision and the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area as an overarching theme in the plan.
2. The WRHAF and its intention to support a kotahitanga – united approach to discussing and providing advice in relation to the taonga.
3. Maori Outcomes honouring Te Tiriti and ensuring Māori thrive in Tāmaki Makaurau.
4. Quietness and darkness as heritage features and making the area a dark sky viewing location as a priority.

WRPS notes the brief mention of Kauri Dieback in the plan's advocacy section. WRPS notes that although there might have been some positive progress, the problem has by no means gone away and any lessening in attention and investment could be devastating. We request that the WRLB actively involves itself in decisions in this area.

FOCUS AREAS

Ecosystems services

WRPS supports the WRLB

1. To change policy to incentivise nature reforestation and look after ecological areas with weed and pest control programmes as well as the opportunity to return rural land in the eastern foothills to native forest to create a more diverse and resilient ecosystem.
2. Understand vulnerability to landslides.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. We are available for further discussion.

Yours sincerely,

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Submitter details:

Organisation: West Auckland Deaf Community

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, do you think that the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Somewhat agree

   Tell us more

   See attached file

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   See attached file

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

4. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

   I don't know

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

See attached file

5. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?**

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

6. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?**

   I don't know

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

7. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?**

   See attached file

West Auckland Deaf Community Submission

Draft Local Board Plans

This submission is based on feedback shared by members of the West Auckland Deaf community during a community engagement session.

Accessibility and Inclusion

- Deaf people want better access to community events, services, and information.
- Providing an interpreter is important, but it does not always mean Deaf people feel fully included. Information and communication should be accessible from the beginning.
- New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) should be more visible across West Auckland through signs, public information, events, and promotional material.
- The history and contribution of the Deaf community in West Auckland, including the former Kelston School for the Deaf and Lopdell House, should be recognised and promoted.

Transport

- Public transport needs to be more accessible for Deaf people.
- Emergency announcements should always include visual information, not only spoken announcements.
- Participants raised concerns about train station closures and limited transport options.
- Smaller buses may be more suitable for some West Auckland communities.
- More walking and cycling paths are needed, and existing pathways should be completed to better connect communities.

Housing and Urban Development

- New housing developments should include enough parking to reduce congestion on local streets.
- New developments should include safe and accessible walkways between neighbourhoods.
- Community feedback should be considered more carefully during planning decisions.

Community Participation

- Deaf people often miss community events because NZSL interpreters are not provided.

- Community organisations need easier access to funding for NZSL interpreters and accessibility support.
- Funding application processes should be simpler and easier to access.

Children and Families

- Deaf children often miss out on holiday programmes, sports, and community activities because they are not accessible.
- More inclusive programmes are needed so Deaf children can participate equally.
- Road safety around schools is also an important concern.

Safety

- More visual emergency information is needed in public places, public transport, beaches, and other public spaces.
- Better signage and public safety information would benefit Deaf people.

Deaf Community

- Deaf people have their own language, culture, and identity, which should be recognised and respected.
- As technology changes, many voice-only systems create new barriers for Deaf people.
- Future technology and public services should be designed with Deaf accessibility in mind from the beginning.

Communication and Engagement

- Participants valued the opportunity to meet directly with Local Board members.
- Regular engagement with the Deaf community is important, rather than one-off consultations.
- The option to provide feedback in NZSL through video is welcomed and should continue.

Recommendations

We recommend that the Local Boards:

- Improve accessibility and inclusion for Deaf people in all community activities.
- Increase the visibility and promotion of NZSL throughout West Auckland.
- Improve accessible public transport, emergency information, and walking and cycling connections.
- Support funding for NZSL interpreters at community events and activities.
- Make community programmes more accessible for Deaf children, young people, adults, and older people.

- Continue regular engagement with the Deaf community and involve Deaf people in future planning and decision-making.

Deaf Community Engagement Role

We recommend creating a part-time or full-time Deaf Community Engagement role within the West Auckland Local Boards.

This person would:

- Build strong relationships with the Deaf community.
- Encourage Deaf people to take part in community events and local decision-making.
- Improve communication between the Local Board and the Deaf community.
- Promote New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) and Deaf awareness across West Auckland.
- Help make meetings, information, and events more accessible.

Regular Deaf Community Meetings

We recommend holding **regular Deaf community meetings** (for example, every 3–6 months) so the Local Board can continue listening to Deaf people's views, provide updates, and work together on local issues.

A small koha or e-gift voucher should be provided to participants to recognise their time and help cover travel or petrol costs. With the cost of living continuing to increase, this will help remove barriers to participation.

Where possible, engagement should be Deaf-led and held in NZSL. Many Deaf people are more comfortable sharing their ideas and experiences in Deaf-led NZSL spaces, where they can communicate directly in their own language and culture. This helps build trust, encourages participation, and leads to better community engagement.

Conclusion

The West Auckland Deaf community wants to work in partnership with the Local Boards to create a more inclusive and accessible community. We hope our feedback will help improve future planning so Deaf people of all ages can fully participate in community life.

Thank you for considering our submission.

We look forward to continuing to work together to make West Auckland a place where Deaf people feel welcomed, included, and connected.

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Submitter details:

Organisation: ZEAL

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

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See attached ZEAL Youth engagement insights feedback.

Youth Engagement Insights | Summer 2026

Introduction

Between February and April, we engaged **110 young people** across West Auckland through a series of youth activations at **New Lynn Memorial Square, Railside Avenue (Henderson), and Parrs Park**. This engagement was supported by the Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges, and Whau Local Boards as part of their local board planning process.

Our approach centred on **low-barrier, youth-friendly activations** that prioritised whakawhanaungatanga, creating safe and welcoming environments where rangatahi could share their perspectives openly. Young people were invited to reflect on:

- the issues and concerns they are experiencing,
- what improvements they would like to see in their communities, and
- what they want more of in their day-to-day lives.

Where relevant, responses were designed to allow multiple selections (e.g. local board areas), recognising the fluid way young people move across communities for school, social connection, and activities.

Short video

To complement the findings in this report, we have created a short video capturing the voice, energy, and perspectives of some of the young people we engaged with at one of our Whau activations.

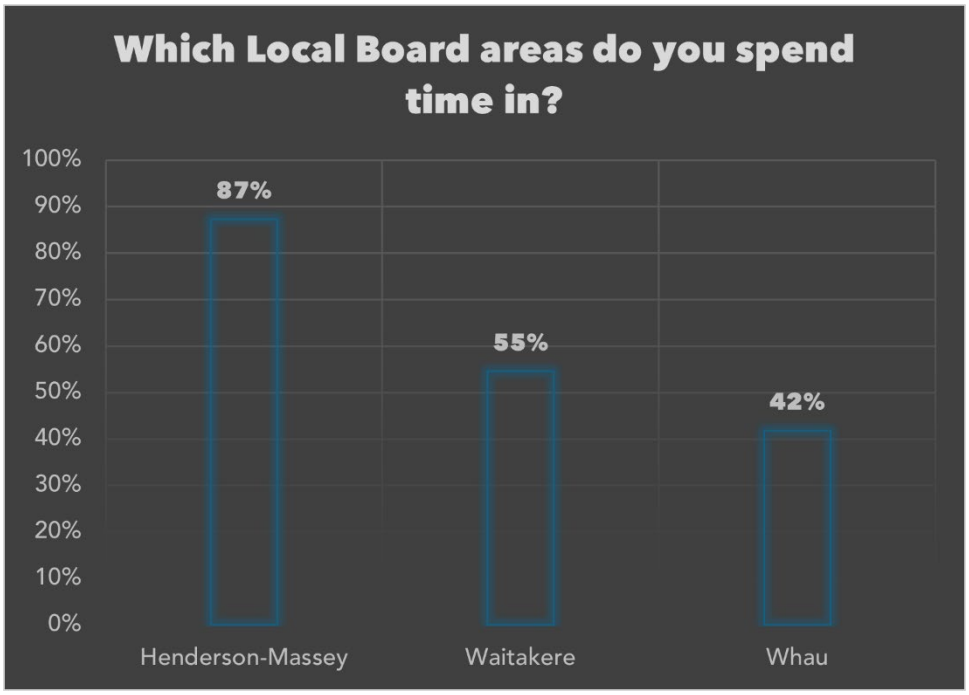
The video brings the data to life—highlighting the environments, conversations, and real experiences behind the insights shared. It reflects the strong desire among rangatahi for safer spaces, more opportunities, and greater connection within their communities.

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🔗 Watch the video here: **https://youtu.be/b3_HRxNdq5w**

Commentary & Findings

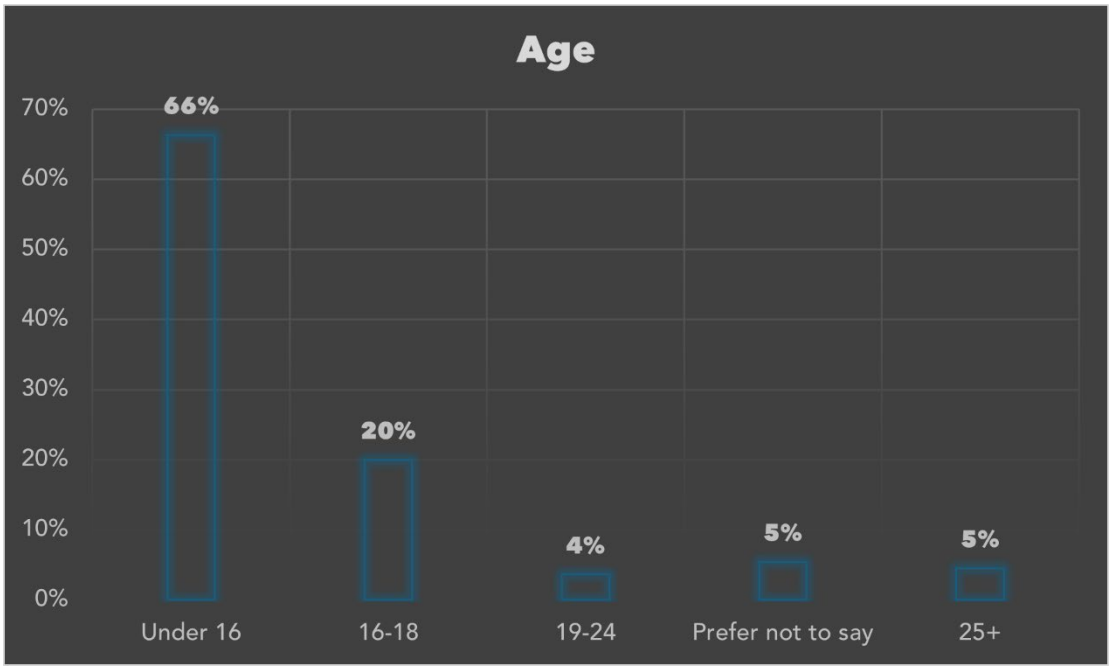
Local Board Areas (Movement & Reach)



- **Henderson-Massey (87%)** is the dominant area, reflecting a higher turnout at Railside Avenue Activations.
- **32%** of respondents said they spend time in more than one of the three local board areas. This reflects strong local pull factors between local board areas.

Insight:
Young people are highly mobile across local board boundaries. Planning and investment should consider **West Auckland as an interconnected ecosystem**. Services and programmes that collaborate across boards will better match how rangatahi actually live.

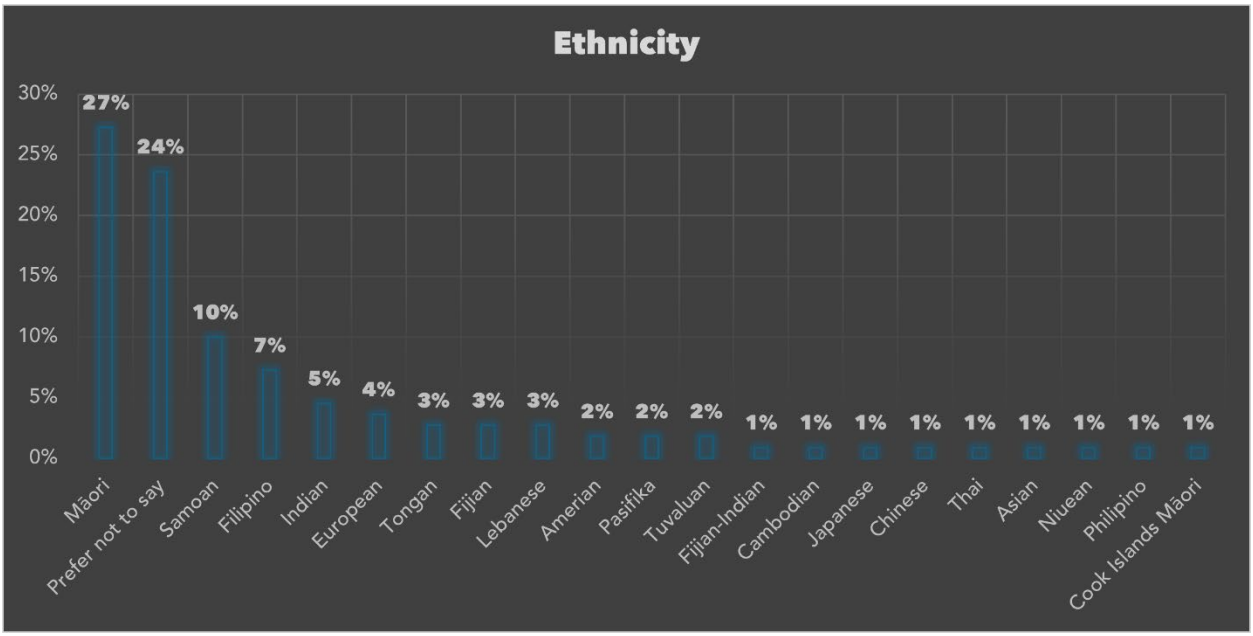
Age Profile



- **66% under 16**, **20% aged 16-18**
- Very small representation of 19+ age groups

Insight:
This engagement strongly reflects **early to mid-adolescence voices**, which is valuable for early intervention and prevention. However, it suggests a gap in engagement with **older youth (18-24)**, who may require different outreach strategies (e.g. employment pathways, tertiary spaces, digital engagement).

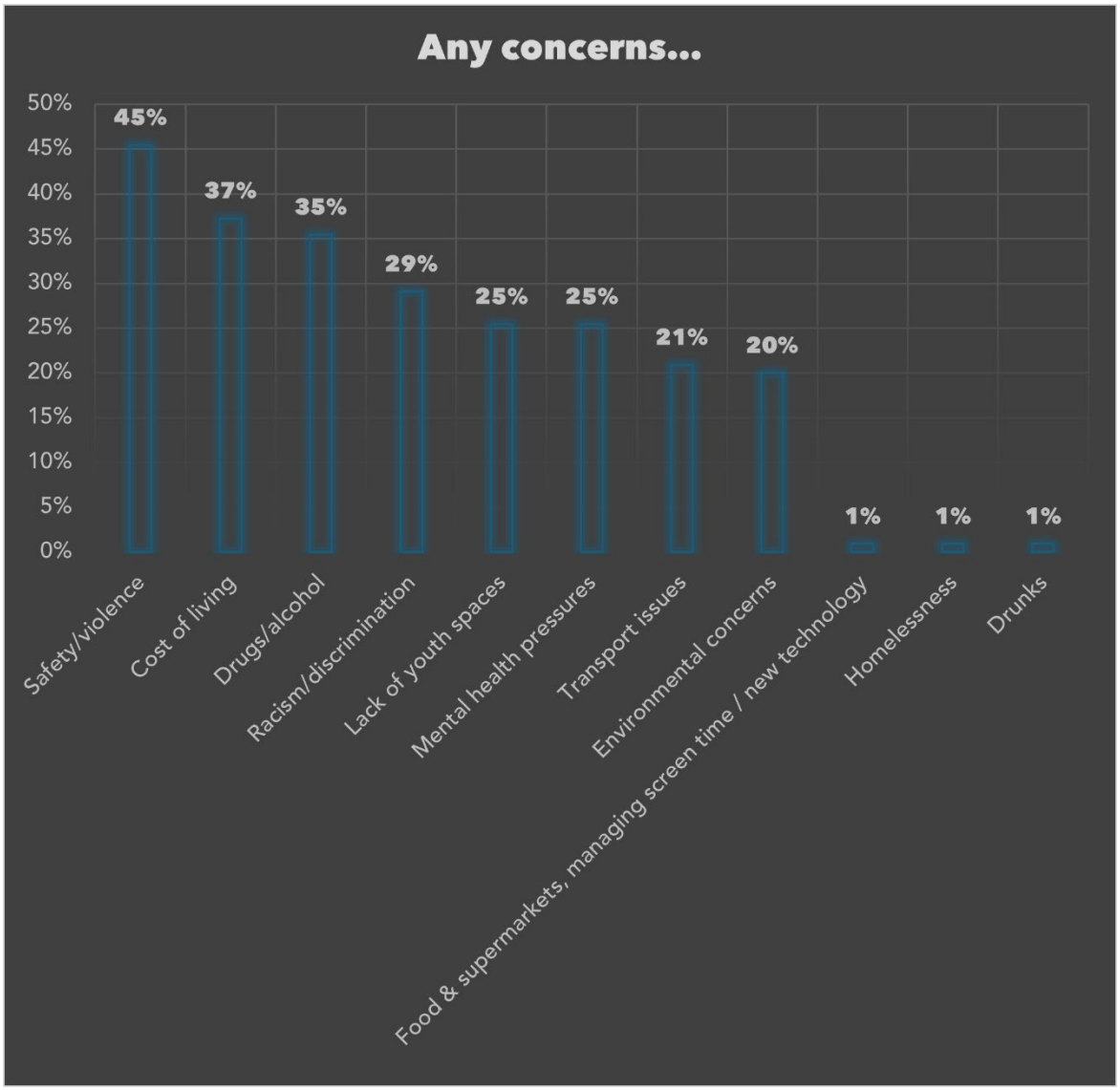
Ethnicity



- Strong representation of **Māori (27%)** and **Pacific communities (Samoan 10%, Tongan, Fijian, etc.)**
- Notable diversity across many smaller groups
- **24% preferred not to say**

Insight:
The data reflects the **super-diverse reality of West Auckland**, with a strong Māori and Pacific presence. The high "prefer not to say" response reinforces the importance of **trust-based, mana-enhancing engagement approaches**—young people are sceptical of how ethnicity-based narratives might be crafted from data they share in public spaces like activations.

Key Concerns



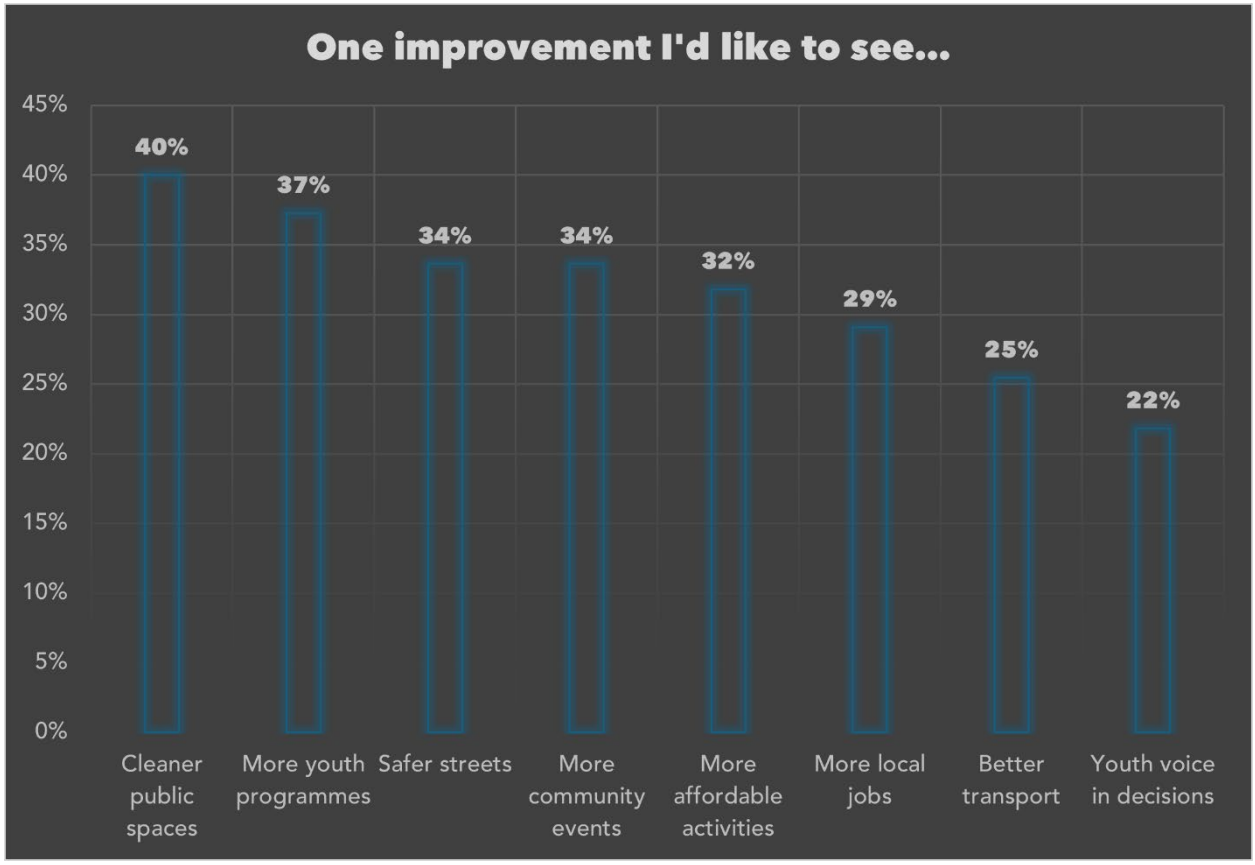
Top concerns identified:

1. **Safety/violence (45%)**
2. **Cost of living (37%)**
3. **Drugs/alcohol (35%)**
4. **Racism/discrimination (29%)**
5. **Lack of youth spaces & mental health pressures (25%)**

Insight:

- Safety is the most dominant concern, signalling that **physical and emotional safety in public spaces is not guaranteed for many rangatahi**.
- Cost of living appearing this high suggests young people are **acutely aware of household stress and economic pressure**.
- Social issues (racism, drugs, mental health) are interconnected, pointing to a need for **holistic, community-wide responses rather than isolated interventions**.

Improvements Young People Want



Top priorities:

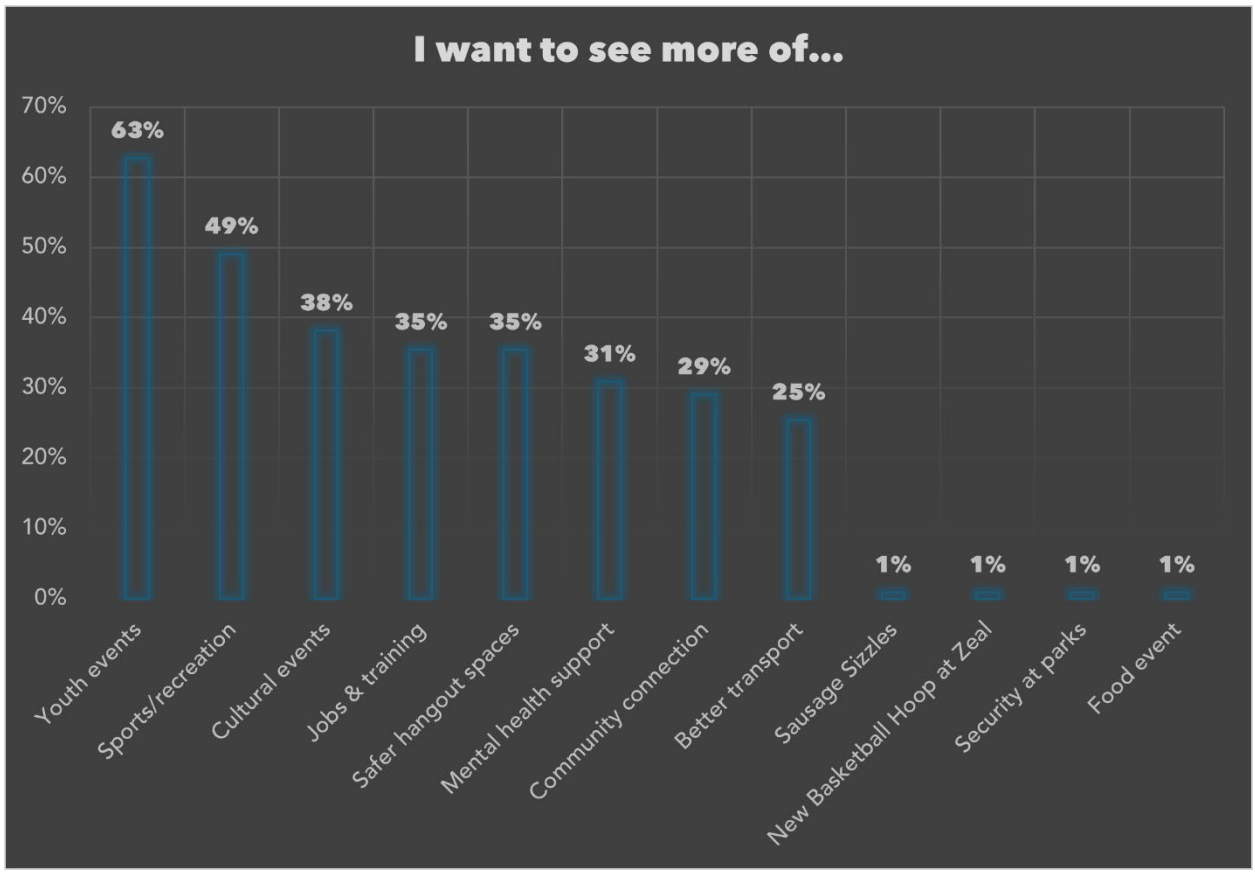
- **Cleaner public spaces (40%)**
- **More youth programmes (37%)**
- **Safer streets (34%)**
- **More community events (34%)**
- **More affordable activities (32%)**

Insight:
Young people are asking for **visible, practical improvements**:

- Environments that feel safe and cared for
- More structured opportunities to engage positively
- Affordable access to activities

This reinforces that **activation + environment + accessibility** must work together.

What Young People Want More Of



Top responses:

- **Youth events (63%)**
- **Sports/recreation (49%)**
- **Cultural events (38%)**
- **Jobs & training (35%)**
- **Safer hangout spaces (35%)**

Insight:
There is a clear call for:

- **More things to do**
- **More places to belong**
- **More pathways into the future (jobs/training)**

Notably, **events and activation rank highest**, showing that well-designed, youth-led experiences are a powerful engagement tool—but they must connect into **ongoing opportunities and spaces** to sustain impact.

Overall Themes (Synthesis)

Across all graphs, three consistent themes emerge:

1. Safety + Belonging

Young people want to feel safe in public spaces and have places where they belong. Safety concerns are not abstract—they are lived realities.

2. Access + Affordability

Cost is a real barrier. There is strong demand for **free or low-cost programmes, events, and activities**.

3. Connection + Opportunity

Rangatahi are seeking:

- connection (events, culture, community),
- expression (youth spaces),
- and future pathways (jobs, training).

Implications for Local Boards

- Invest in **youth activation as both engagement and prevention**
- Prioritise **safe, well-maintained, youth-friendly public spaces**
- Support **cross-board collaboration** to reflect real movement patterns
- Increase **accessible programmes and events**, particularly low-cost/free
- Strengthen **pathways into employment and skills development**
- Continue to resource **mana-enhancing, relationship-based engagement approaches**

Other observations

- Notably, around 1 in 5 rangatahi showed consistently high engagement across all response areas, indicating a group who are both highly motivated to participate and experiencing layered challenges—representing a key cohort for deeper engagement, co-design, and leadership opportunities.
- Responses showed a strong alignment between identified concerns and desired improvements, indicating that rangatahi have a clear understanding of both the challenges they face and the types of solutions that would make a meaningful difference.
- Mental health support was frequently selected alongside connection-based responses, reinforcing that rangatahi view wellbeing as strongly linked to belonging, safe environments, and opportunities to engage.
- The concept of 'youth spaces' extended beyond physical locations, encompassing safety, belonging, structured activities, and opportunities for connection.
- Transport emerged as an enabling factor, frequently selected alongside participation-based opportunities, suggesting it acts as a key barrier to access rather than a standalone concern.
- Cost of living pressures were identified even among younger respondents, indicating that economic stress is being felt at a household level and shaping young people's experiences.
- Qualitative responses highlighted concerns about safety in public spaces, including exposure to antisocial behaviour and a desire for increased visible safety measures.
- Interest in jobs and training opportunities signals a strong aspiration among rangatahi for pathways into employment and independence.
- Open-ended responses ranged from practical, place-based suggestions to broader social concerns, reflecting both immediate lived experience and wider awareness of community issues.
- A subset of respondents indicated multiple overlapping concerns, highlighting the importance of integrated, holistic responses to support young people experiencing more complex challenges.

Overall, the data shows that rangatahi are not only highly aware of the challenges in their communities, but are also clear and consistent in the solutions they are seeking—centred on safety, connection, opportunity, and access.

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Submitter details:

Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, do you think that the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Somewhat agree

   Tell us more

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   Continue to fund and support local Libraries, it's great how the local board has supported Titirangi library's refurbishment. However, libraries need a cover budget to cover sick and annual leave in order to maintain great services and programming

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

   Support most

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4. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

   I don't know

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

5. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?**

   I don't know

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

6. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

7. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?**

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Submitter details:

Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Henderson-Massey

Your feedback:

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   Somewhat agree

   Tell us more

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

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   Support most

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   Support

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

Local boards need to strongly oppose the increased intensification in our suburbs where there is inadequate infrastructure and increased flood risk. You need to push for intensification around the train stations and the inner city suburbs where there has been vast investment in water and transport.

5. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   I do not have access to Fibre and never will. No entity is advocating for us. I would like the local board to advocate for its residents.

6. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   You should make it a goal to prevent the introduction of congestion charges.

   The frequency of the new train timetable is of concern and this needs to be addressed.

7. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?**

   When will the Te Henga to Muriwai track be looked at?

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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Henderson-Massey

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, do you think that the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Strongly disagree

   Tell us more

   WE as dog owners pay a seperate fee to the council yet none of us recieve anything in return. My recomendation would be to start implementing fenced double gated dog parks so the council shows our apopreciation of fees paid and to provide a safe environment to run our dogs around. this will then remove a lot of dogs at beaches or local parks where kids play.

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   I don't know

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   WE as dog owners pay a seperate fee to the council yet none of us recieve anything in return. My recomendation would be to start implementing fenced double gated dog parks so the council shows our apopreciation of fees paid and to provide a safe environment to run our dogs around. this will then remove a lot of dogs at beaches or local parks where kids play.

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

   Do not support any

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

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4. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

   Do not support at all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

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5. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?**

   Do not support any

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

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6. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?**

   Do not support any

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

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7. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?**

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#43

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Submitter details:

Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Henderson-Massey

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, do you think that the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Somewhat agree

   Tell us more

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   Private property owners of lifestyle blocks within the heritage area with no bush must be able split their land into manageable sizes . These smaller blocks then must be planted out in natives to enhance the heritage zone . At present a lot of these blocks are covered in pine trees gorse and all other noxious plants. Also streams and roads within the zone are a disgrace, full of rubbish and weeds , council need to be serious about catching and fining rubbish dumpers .

4. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

   Support

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

5. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

6. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

7. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?**

   Be open minded about smaller lifestyle blocks , it will definitely enhance the zone NOT death by a thousand cuts that seams to be the catch phrase at present. No one is promoting urban development on top of scenic drive . I live in and love the Waitakere heritage area and volunteer at Ark in the Park when I can , together we can make it fantastic, thank you all for time and energy to protect our environment.

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#70

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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Henderson-Massey

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, do you think that the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Somewhat agree

   Tell us more

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   I've always felt Westcity/ Henderson has no identity that stands out. We need to create a place that is a destination. This will bring people to the place and we can be proud of. Let's make it a place that is known for our art, murals, street art throughout Westcity, give artists the platform to do their work and make Henderson known to be unique. We have Corbin's estate let's build on that. Every year have a street art competition, encourage sponsors, street performers. The place is dying, let's bring life back.

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

4. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

   Support part

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   Read my above idea

5. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

6. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   Can we just make a covered overhead bridge that links the train station and the mall. I've been overseas some train stations are linked to the mall.

   Just find it odd that you have to cross a busy road through a carpark to go do some shopping.

7. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?**

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Submitter details:

Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Henderson-Massey

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, do you think that the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Strongly disagree

   Tell us more

   I think it tends to focus on more trivial aspects. When there are very real people on the streets struggling and suffering in front of us

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Do not support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   It's all good but not main focus. Homelessness, food provision, and housing

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

4. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

   Support

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

5. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?**

   Do not support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

6. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?**

   Do not support any

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   Should be free

7. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?**

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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Henderson-Massey

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, do you think that the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Somewhat agree

   Tell us more

   Roadside parking and local crime is something that needs to be addressed

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

4. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

   Support

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

Glen eden in particular is extremely unsafe. Until this is resolved, business will not flourish there

5. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   GE needs a huge clean up! The loitering and begging is very intimidating for shop owners and customer

6. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   This is needed. Due to the huge influx of tiny townhouses with no onsite parking our roads are more congested than ever

7. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?**

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#113

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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Henderson-Massey

Your feedback:

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   Somewhat agree

   Tell us more

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   I'm a former Chairmen and Life member of Oratia United AFC based at Parr's Park. Firstly, what a great facility Parr's Park is catering for many recreational activities but l along with many others have concerns about the lack of toilet/ changing room facilities at the park for sporting groups.

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

4. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

5. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?**

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

6. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?**

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

7. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?**

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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Henderson-Massey

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, do you think that the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Strongly agree

   Tell us more

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

4. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

   Support

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

5. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?**

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

6. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Henderson-Massey

Your feedback:

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   Somewhat agree

   Tell us more

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   I agree with all plans, I think these plans bring everyone together and create a safe community

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   100% agree and should consider trying to plan a big enviro clean with the community

4. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

   Support

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

5. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   Got it right!

6. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   Strongly agree, I suggest making a petition to get these done

7. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?**

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Local Board: Henderson-Massey

Your feedback:

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   Strongly agree

   Tell us more

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

4. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

   Support

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

5. What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?

Support all

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

6. What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?

Support all

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Henderson-Massey

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, do you think that the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   I don't know

   Tell us more

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   Anything that brings the community together is good especially for the young and elderly.

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

4. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

   Support

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

5. What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?

Support all

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

6. What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?

Support all

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

7. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?

No

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#212

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Submitter details:

Organisation: N/A

Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, do you think that the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Tell us more

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

4. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

5. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?**

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

6. What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

7. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?

I suggest people stop torturing the sick in mental asylums.

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#60

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Submitter details:

Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Kaipātiki

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, do you think that the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Strongly disagree

   Tell us more

   Open more tracks

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

4. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

   Support part

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

5. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

6. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

7. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?**

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#209

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Submitter details:

Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, do you think that the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Somewhat agree

   Tell us more

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

4. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

   Support

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

5. What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?

Support all

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

6. What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?

Support all

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

7. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?

No

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#1

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Submitter details:

Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, do you think that the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Somewhat disagree

   Tell us more

   The document does NOT evidence anything much that demonstrates a sincere intent to deliver the needs & aspirations of the local population; rather, it reads as an extrapolation from a set of top-down priorities that have been asserted by Auckland Council

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Do not support any

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   These are NOT GOALS; goals have tangible outcomes and deadlines.

   These 'goals' are so vapid , high-level and ill-defined, that it will be impossible for anyone to know whether they have been met, or whether (as it might appear) our rates are being wasted on a bunch of civil servants churning out pretty documents, and being paid by the page.

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

   Do not support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

My comments (above) apply:

e.g. how, EXACTLY, do you propose to spend MY $$, in “seek[ing] to understand climate change risks, take action to reduce climate impacts, and prepare to adapt and respond to future events”

What is the METHODOLOGY, what are the OUTCOMES and what are the DEADLINES, that will allow ME to EVIDENCE that MY MONEY has been spent wisely?

4. **What’s your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

   Do not support at all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   My comments above apply.

   Further, by glossing over the disastrous mess that has been made of Glen Eden, you insult anyone who goes near the place by suggesting “further IMPROVEMENTS “ (sic)

5. **What’s your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

6. **What’s your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?**

   Do not support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   Comments above apply ; these are aspirational , intangible & therefore inadequate to serve in a ‘plan’

7. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?**

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#2

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Submitter details:

Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, do you think that the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Somewhat disagree

   Tell us more

   Not interested in spending ratepayer money on giving More say to Maori Outcomes. Local Iwi have had their Treaty Settlements and are able to have their views listened to equally with other ratepayers.

   Want OUR Waitakere Ranges reopened to public for recreational purposes - the whole reason we protect the Ranges is so it can be enjoyed!

   Stop further infill housing & increased housing (townhouses etc) in areas where this will increase stormwater problems down stream.

   Help the families no living with the ongoing threat of flooding (that didn't get Category 3).

   Increase parking in areas of Waitakere Ranges.

   Leave any rural land in Waitakere Ranges alone. We have enough forest area - just CAN'T access it! Grrr.

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

Stop the stupid 'parties' in Glen Eden carpark.

OPEN ACCESS to our Waitakere Ranges.

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

   Do not support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   Private land is private - keep your mitts off. If trees have grown to cut out the sun, or are too close to the house they have to go. We have lovely Waitakere Ranges forest are but people need to be able to live happily and healthily in their houses where forest is regenerating.

   There is very little our community can do that will effect the worlds 'Climate Change'. It's also not very likely a large portion of people living in our steep Titirangi area will choose to cycle to & from work on a daily basis. Cycleways that take up driving & parking space are NOT for us.

4. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

   Support part

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

5. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   Economic wellbeing for youth? How does the Local Board effect this? And is this part of their job/

6. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?**

   Do not support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   Advocate for us - would be nice. Where was the Board when all these ridiculous raised intersections, raised crossings (even though there are traffic lights on some), speed bumps and blood red painting on the roads.

REMOVE all red paint - making sure it doesn't end up in our waterways. It's ugly visual pollution. REMOVE all the atrociously harsh raised areas. Glen Eden is not a BMX track, roads are meant to be for vehicles (including trucks, vans, trailers) to be able to go about their business without constantly slowing to a stop.

Maybe advocate for people to be taught how to use pedestrian crossings)including at traffic lights). You do NOT just walk along the pat and then step onto a crossing. You stop, make it obvious you want to cross, wait thill traffic stops, and cross carefully. It's the adults who seem to not know this. (maybe it's different in other countries?)

If we can't remove all of them them have the angles made less severe - as I was told by the Board was meant to happen 3 months after their installation.

7. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?

Considering the Board meet in Glen Eden I am amazed that they have let the area become an ugly unwelcoming place with the bumps, red paint, and blocked roads - made worse with more intensification causing on street parking for residents.

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#3

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Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, do you think that the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Somewhat agree

   Tell us more

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

4. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

   Support

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

5. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

6. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

7. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?**

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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, do you think that the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Somewhat disagree

   Tell us more

   The plan does not include any strong representation towards health and well-being to do with sport and sport facilities. There are many good sport facilities in the WRLB region and they need to be encouraged and supported to provide their facilities and resources for the wider public and citizens who live in the Waitakere Ranges Local Board area.

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   Specific provision of supporting clubs that provide sporting resources for both their membership and for the wider public to encourage well-being through sport.

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   Great goals for Natural environment.

4. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

   Support part

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   The services for residential housing need to be upgraded in particular the sewage pipes as several in the WRLB region leak sewage in heavy weather.

5. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   Good goals for Economic Development.

6. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   Good goals for Transport.

   Except Glen Eden train station where it dissects with Glenview Road. This should/could be trenched to ensure road barriers are not disrupting flow of traffic - also would allow freer movement of train passengers to and from the station. With a higher frequency of west train services, this problem needs to be addressed. Start lobbying/planning for trenching the Glenview Road under the train line.

7. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?**

   Good plan mostly.

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Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, do you think that the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Somewhat agree

   Tell us more

   pleased to see transport and natural environment being focused

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   looks good

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   good luck with manakau harbour beaches being made safe!

4. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

   Support part

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

5. What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?

Support most

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

6. What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?

Support all

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

really important

7. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?

thanks for your mahi, we appreciate it

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#6

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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, do you think that the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Somewhat agree

   Tell us more

   I'm not entirely sure that environmental protection has been emphasised enough. This has been the case since the old Waitakere City was absorbed into Auckland City - concerns of the West are no longer paramount though I can't see what the Local Board can do about that.

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

   I don't know

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   No details about protection and restoration are to be achieved - simply that eg: wetlands are protection, restored etc.

4. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

I don't know

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

Just vague, feel good goals.

5. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   Why specifically Glen Eden?

6. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

7. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?**

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Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback:

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   Somewhat agree

   Tell us more

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

4. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

   Support part

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

5. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   The commercial, shopping precinct doesn't work. There should be an inviting central space/plaza for people to share - partly covered creating outdoor eating, entertainment in hot or rainy weather. All these small takeaway fast food shops could be part as a food court. Glen Eden also needs a proper Supermarket given its catchment size and demographics, it should be more of a Pak n Save the Countdown. As this would draw in a lot of traffic, I wouldn't suggest this not to be in the town centre but a bit further down West Coast Rd, so it doesn't cause bottlenecks.

   In addition the old shelters in Titirangi village need updating or better maintained.

6. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?**

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   With more housing infill, this has created more traffic meaning longer hold ups. West Coast road has become a very busy arterial route and the mess at Glen Eden doesn't work. I have seen previous designs and works done here before but the foresight is missing the mark. This area needs redesigning, so the rail crossing is trenched or a fly over.

7. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?**

   Train crossings have to go in order for the CRL to work at its full potential and to reduce traffic hold ups.

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Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, do you think that the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Somewhat agree

   Tell us more

   I believe the Waitakere ranges are important to protect however i think this is stopping some progress

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   Spot on

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   I like the idea of cleaning up the manukau harbor

4. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

Support

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

Not much detail but support the creation of jobs

5. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   Focusing on just Glenn Eden seems short sighted and forgetting the rest of the community

6. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   I would like to see more public transport out to Kumeu/Swanson town ship hubs as looping around Westgate as a central hub is a bit of an issue

7. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?**

   Extend the rail through to Kumeu from Swanson

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Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, do you think that the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Somewhat agree

   Tell us more

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   Being in such a beautiful natural enviroment I think we should put our energy/resources towards this rather than arts, music etc

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   Protect our whenua from government

4. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

   Do not support much

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

5. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   NO further development in the Waitakeres

6. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   So sad that we have so many roadworks ongoing after the 2023 events. Is there anyway to predict and rectify these issues before they occur

7. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?**

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Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, do you think that the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Strongly agree

   Tell us more

   RMA needs Waitakere wisdom input. Our water sources must be protected at all costs.

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   We don't want crowded living like the buildings going up by the Baptist Church in Glendale Rd. All these apartments do not provide much needed housing for Pacific and Maori families

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

4. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

   Do not support much

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

Our centres are great now

5. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   Not likely to be easy

6. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   Yes roading needs continuous care

7. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?**

   We can pray that finance will be used wisely and spread fairly.

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Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, do you think that the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Somewhat disagree

   Tell us more

   There needs to inclusion of more diverse community events, grants, better places and spaces and playgrounds. Swanson is on the rise but our nearest playgrounds are ********** but ranui domain is ok (not good for older kids), and could do with more stuff at that park; the one in westgate and birdwood reserve are fab glad the parking is getting sorted but still a drive for us. Youth hubs, and more work with local school. Fix the transport issues around lincoln road, better offerings for the community! I have NEVER seen your board members out in the community!

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   You only have Glen Eden as a key development area but what about swanson? What about the other areas of Waitakere that matter? We have intergenerational families here and developments all round but nothing noticably close to what you have in your local board plan. Where are our big parks? Facilities i don't know of any!!! Nearest is massey or henderson but still not good enough!

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

Support most

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

What about working with local schools and provide initiatives for the tamariki and rangatahi? Also, how about local support for floods etc? More native trees planting and an orchard!! All this bush and no fruit or community garden - crazy!!

4. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

Support

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

Better places for the community to gather too! Homes for the community.

5. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?**

Support most

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

Glen eden is not the only area!! Look at Waitakere as a whole. We have lived in swanson for 8 years and still no great facilities apart from the ranui library. Swanson has no library or community centre or pools or nice parks!!

6. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?**

Support most

Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

Auckland transport also need to make sure to genuinely engage with the community so we can have our say in these so called upgrades or works. Free travel for elderly and disabled

7. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?**

Focus on all areas and not just the one. Make it all vibrant and do way more for the community! Deliver great places and spaces.

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Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback:

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   Strongly agree

   Tell us more

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   I view Libraries and local well being and resilience as priorities

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

4. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

   Support

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

5. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

6. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   Prioritise road access in Waitakeres. Stop building road humps, use other means to slow traffic like planting and chicanes. I am opposed to humps in Glenesk Road, Piha.

7. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?**

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Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, do you think that the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Somewhat agree

   Tell us more

   I'm worried about ghetto like towers for housing where we cannot support parking , more traffic and access for emergency services . Glen Eden township doesn't attract foot traffic , business are doing it tough . The massive increase in town houses are a blight on the clean green leafy suburb GE used to be. No more housing in our suburbs please . Out beautiful cemetery 🪦 needs some work on the graves . Those beautiful brick toilet blocks gone ? What happened aren't they of any historical significance? . Would love to visit a site at the cemetery with a collection of history. Even understanding more about career paths in the death industry, masonry progression is show cased throughout the cemetery tell us more , educate us . Invest for greater returns without losing the peace and serenity of this beautiful gem .

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   Te Uru has wonderful artist workshop promote these more ! The playhouse could have more education on site about its historical significance. What about Colin Mahon house can more be done to promote it , is there a writers residence in West Auckland ? What about shared artist areas like the Corbin Estate- looks great . Lopdell house has historical significance.

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   Water quality very important, Cannot swim at our beaches except for French Bay . Protect our beautiful Waitakere Ranges - Auckland's lungs . No more creeping development .

4. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

   Support

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   GE needs a tidy up Great Library . More planting . Welcoming shop fronts .

   That intersection by the railway is a shocker with massive wait times .

   A shame to see so many town houses and jammed streets . We've seen similar failures in England derilect ghettos .

5. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   Need more local jobs and enterprise . Business hubs shared office space local networking events support local

6. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   Roads are jammed with narrow access high risk for emergency services. .

7. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?**

   Look after our green leafy spaces and trees . Would ring roads create more pedestrian hubs and vibrant spaces local belonging for GE and Titirangi We cannot lose the wonderful historical Avondale markets they are part of our west Auckland culture. More solar energy out West . Thanks

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Your feedback:

1. **Overall, do you think that the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Somewhat agree

   Tell us more

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

4. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

   Support

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

5. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

6. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

7. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?**

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   Somewhat agree

   Tell us more

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

4. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

   Support

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

5. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

6. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

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Your feedback:

1. **Overall, do you think that the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Strongly agree

   Tell us more

2. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Community*?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

3. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Natural Environment*?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

4. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for our *Built Environment*?**

   Support

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

5. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Economic Development* in our area?**

   Support all

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

6. **What's your opinion of our proposed three-year goals for *Transport* in our area?**

   Support most

   Tell us whether we have got it right, missed anything, and what we should consider for the final plan

   Would want more particular emphasis on Public Transport. Not only in frequency etc but also in better standard and maintanece of train and bus stops including traveller information electronic signage.

7. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2026?**