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Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

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Support most

Tell us why

Can you focus on transportation more?

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Hibiscus and Bays

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

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

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Support

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Support most

Tell us why

Hibiscus coast needs a bigger parking area for buses, it's needed investment in the motorway from Albany to orewa, pen link needs to be not tolls since it's taking the pressure of silverdale and surrounding areas but only hotly over on the coast are penalized for its cost.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Too many areas that don't affect the coast

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Hibiscus and Bays

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Unwhelming

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

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Support

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Do not support

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

No fees in pools- Keeping people active ! There are not enough free things for young kids to do. And it keep them of the streets.

Question 4: Other feedback

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Be sensible with spending. Reduce cost costs of consultancy and make sure there are pentalies for incorrect information provided like the pen link Wēiti bridge.- what a farce that has become!

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Enough with under planning. Reduce the multi units which are putting pressure on existing infrastructure an only allow on in areas that are designed for it

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Support all

Tell us why

There is a good mix of supporting current plan actions and forward-thinking investment in city amenities. I am pleased there is significant mention of activities to support public transport, public spaces (and making them safer), restoring and conserving natural environments and overall making Auckland a more liveable city.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I support the proposed increase in residential rates as I believe in supporting good, accessible public transport. I also appreciate that operating costs have increased and as a result, Council has to increase rates to meet these costs.

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Hibiscus and Bays

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Feedback:

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Support all

Tell us why

I like the focus on recreation and leisure in the proposed plans for Hibiscus Bays Local Board.

I also like the interest in the natural environment and restoring/protecting it for all to enjoy - the natural environment is a key feature of the Local Board area and should be invested in.

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

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Support

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

Inclusive deisgn for the Local Board area - although the area is overall very people-friendly, getting around can be very challenging for those with mobility issues. In town centres such as Browns Bay, footpaths are sometimes very narrow, there is a lack of accessible and visible pedestrian crossings, and playgrounds/parks are not always accesible.

Question 4: Other feedback

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* Public transport - making the city more accessible for all residents, reducing out relience on personal vehicles (making us more resilient to global economic events), improving appreciation of our local neighbourhoods through walking/cycling

* Local parks, community and recreation services - these amenities are usually low/no cost and are paid for by the ratepayer, we should be spending more time enjoying/making use of these services

* flood resilience - will allow us to continue to enjoy our city and thrive, making Auckland a long-term liveable city

* Managing growth - understanding the different land uses of different areas and having diversity in options for living/working in these areas. i.e. more high density complexes (like in Sydney) in inner-city suburbs, more standalone homes in outer suburbs, having BIDs throughtout the city, allowing people to live and work in close proximity

* environment - what makes our city unique, we need to invest in our environment to ensure we have long term livability as an option, so that tourism (i.e. economy) can continue to grow and that we don't continue to consume unnecessarily (focus on waste reduction)

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Do not support most

Tell us why

With the living costs rising every month, it will be very hard for most families to handle the increase in Council Rates. It is hard to pay them now, and further increases will hit families' budgets while their incomes don't increase. I am strongly against the planned increases.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

We don't support parking permit fees.

Not sure about other changes.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Rodney

Rodney Local Board Feedback:

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

I don't know

Tell us why

Question 4: Other feedback

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Some changes to public transport may be good, but if this affects the increase in annual council rates, then we don't support this either.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

City Rail Link does not benefit anyone living North of the bridge. Why do we all have to pay for that. So many other better projects that need funding that would benefit many more.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Again all about central Auckland, North Shore/Rodney don't get any input and we still have to pay.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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

A. Supporting further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation, through increased monitoring and extending projects such as local stream restoration including the Weiti River.

I don’t know

B. Supporting community access to a wide range of recreational opportunities through investigating new capex projects such as outdoor court provision and increasing support for indoor court provision through facilities grants.

Support

C. Creating safer town centres and other public spaces through actions such as an increased support for community safety and placemaking.

Support

D. Ensuring Hibiscus and Bays is welcoming and supportive for all through collaboration with a broader range of local residents and an increased focus on inclusive design, so it is accessible and usable for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

Support

E. Introducing changes to a range of fees in pools and leisure centres, including casual recreation, dry and aquatic group fitness and pool lane hire to better align fees across our sites.

Do not support

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

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

Would love to see further investment in public transport around the Hibiscus Coast. The plan for a stupid new bus station at Scott Road is the singular most ridiculous thing I've heard of. Spend that money on upgrading and increasing ferry services out of Gulf Harbour to 7 days per week, so that we can all use it and make them regular sailings. Bringing in more people and therefore spending into our area.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2	**Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives.
1	**Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services.
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3	**Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around
4	**Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways.

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

Do like Japan does and build the roads, services, schools and all that stuff before building the houses are realizing it doesn't ********** work!!

Question 6: City centre

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

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

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

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#4701

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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback:

Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:

- **Transport**
- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

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

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

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

Too much money spent centrally. Council needs to ensure fair distribution of rates from those paying.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

The bins are a waste of money. We don't use ours.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Hibiscus and Bays

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

Definitely need infrastructure like the leisure centre upgrades and pump tracks for kids. Must be cost effective! Contractors are rorting councils. Not so sure about the intangible 'making people welcome' projects

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

A. Supporting further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation, through increased monitoring and extending projects such as local stream restoration including the Weiti River.

Support

B. Supporting community access to a wide range of recreational opportunities through investigating new capex projects such as outdoor court provision and increasing support for indoor court provision through facilities grants.

Support

C. Creating safer town centres and other public spaces through actions such as an increased support for community safety and placemaking.

Support

D. Ensuring Hibiscus and Bays is welcoming and supportive for all through collaboration with a broader range of local residents and an increased focus on inclusive design, so it is accessible and usable for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

I don't know

E. Introducing changes to a range of fees in pools and leisure centres, including casual recreation, dry and aquatic group fitness and pool lane hire to better align fees across our sites.

I don't know

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

Fees: anything that increases participation is well worth it for the health of the nation.

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Yes. To increase exercise activities and safety by restoring the two sets of steps from Pacific Parade to the beach. If someone gets caught out around the rocks by incoming tides, they need to access the steps for safe retreat. It also provides recreation options.

2. Currently when walking down Whangaparaoa Rd to Army Bay (as the cliff steps are unusable) the safe walking footpath runs out at the edge of Shakespear Park. The road also narrows, no shoulder or cycle lane available. Although the speed is reduced to 30kmh, let's face reality and not many observe it. We need a safe walking / cycling path all the way from the start of the park down to the beach. Approximately 250m. For push chairs. mobility scooters etc. Walking on the road is not safe. Walking on the grass is not an option for wheeled items, or in wet conditions when it's soft and muddy. Please put a footpath and cycle access on the list (especially if you are not going to do the stairs). Happy to be contacted and show a representative exactly what I mean.

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

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

Have to stop planning more suburbs without sorting the transport.

Question 6: City centre

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

Other (please specify):No idea. I never go to the CBD.

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#4820

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Local Board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback:

Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

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

Support most

Tell us why

Auckland City needs a lot of work but it must affordable and hence phased with available budget & priority. I am very concerned about the unsustainable ongoing annual rates increases at a time of high inflation and challenging economic times for most of us.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

The proposed average 7.9% annual rates increase is way too high and becoming unaffordable for many of us. It is imperative that you take a much better approach to flattening out the rate increases and keeping the annual increases within the annual inflation rate. 7.9% is outrageous at this time. I know the CRL is a significant factor but your job is to find ways within your overall budget to manage these costs. A big problem with local body councils is there is no cap or limit or budget on how big the annual increases can be. The rest of us do not have that luxury in managing our own household budgets.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Hibiscus and Bays

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

All of us want to local board areas to be great places to live. But we must all be realistic about annual affordability. We cant's have it all and must prioritise to keep annual fee increases in check.

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

A. Supporting further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation, through increased monitoring and extending projects such as local stream restoration including the Weiti River.

Support

B. Supporting community access to a wide range of recreational opportunities through investigating new capex projects such as outdoor court provision and increasing support for indoor court provision through facilities grants.

Do not support

C. Creating safer town centres and other public spaces through actions such as an increased support for community safety and placemaking.

Support

D. Ensuring Hibiscus and Bays is welcoming and supportive for all through collaboration with a broader range of local residents and an increased focus on inclusive design, so it is accessible and usable for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

Support

E. Introducing changes to a range of fees in pools and leisure centres, including casual recreation, dry and aquatic group fitness and pool lane hire to better align fees across our sites.

Do not support

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

We must prioritise what can be achieved each year.

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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No but please bring that proposed average annual rates increase down to affordable levels.

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

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

Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?
(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

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

Water & wastewater infrastructure, efficient and affordable local transport, roading.

Question 6: City centre

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

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

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Local Board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback:

Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I do not support the proposed Annual Plan 2026/2027 in its current form. From a Hibiscus & Bays Local Board perspective - specifically the Whangaparāoa Peninsula (Army Bay / Gulf Harbour) - it reflects a pattern of underinvestment, poor transport planning, and inequitable outcomes.

The most concerning issue is the proposed reduction of the Gulf Harbour ferry service. Public consultation has already shown overwhelming support for retaining and expanding this service, yet

the current direction is to reduce it to a minimal peak-only operation. This effectively dismantles a critical transport link. The ferry is not a luxury. It is the only congestion-free, reliable, and resilient connection to the city. It provides an essential alternative to a road network that is already constrained and vulnerable.

This service must be funded and treated as part of Auckland's core transport system - specifically as resilience and network redundancy infrastructure - not assessed narrowly on short-term operating costs or farebox recovery. Reducing or degrading such a service undermines the overall robustness of the transport network - particularly in a geographically constrained area like the peninsula.

This reduction is particularly unjustifiable given that Penlink has now been delayed until at least late 2029. The peninsula remains dependent on a single primary road corridor, which is frequently congested and unreliable. Bus-based solutions rely on this same corridor and do not provide true resilience. Removing or reducing the ferry in this context is fundamentally flawed and increases risk for residents.

More broadly, the transport strategy for this area lacks coherence. There is no integrated plan that reflects the peninsula's rapid population growth, geographic constraints, and increasing visitor demand. Despite being a significant recreational and tourism destination - including Shakespear Regional Park, Army Bay, and Gulf Harbour Marina - there is no destination management plan to guide infrastructure, access, or investment. Reducing ferry services directly undermines both local economic potential and sustainable transport options for visitors.

There are also ongoing concerns about the lack of strategic direction for key local assets such as the Gulf Harbour Golf Club, which further reflects a reactive rather than planned approach to managing growth and opportunity in this area.

Finally, the proposed rates increase, driven in large part by the City Rail Link, is difficult to justify from a fairness perspective. While I acknowledge the importance of the City Rail Link for central Auckland, it delivers little to no direct benefit to residents of the Whangaparāoa Peninsula. At the same time, our own essential transport infrastructure is being reduced rather than improved. This creates a clear imbalance where our community is being asked to pay more while receiving less.

In summary, the Annual Plan does not adequately provide for the needs of the Hibiscus & Bays area. I strongly request that Auckland Council:

Retain and expand the Gulf Harbour ferry service as essential transport infrastructure

Align transport decisions with the reality of delayed Penlink delivery

Develop a clear, integrated transport and destination management plan for the Whangaparāoa Peninsula

Ensure more equitable investment outcomes for areas outside the central city

The current proposal reduces transport choice, resilience, and long-term value for our community, and should be revised accordingly.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **Changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas**
- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I am commenting on the proposed introduction of a refuse bin/bag exchange fee and the Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees.

However, it is unclear from the consultation document which specific areas are impacted by the proposed changes to residential parking permit fees. Greater transparency is needed so residents can understand whether and how they are affected. Without this clarity, it is difficult to provide fully informed feedback.

More broadly, while I understand that some of these charges may apply only to specific areas or users, I am concerned about the overall approach. Even targeted charges contribute to a wider pattern of increasing costs at the same time as a significant 7.9% rates increase.

This is particularly concerning for communities such as the Whangaparāoa Peninsula, where service levels , esp in transport, are not improving and, in case of the ferry, are proposed to be reduced.

The combination of rising costs and declining or constrained services creates a perception of inequity.

I request that Auckland Council:

* Clearly specify which areas are affected by each proposed fee or charge, particularly residential parking permit changes

* Provide more transparent justification for these changes, including who benefits and why

* Ensure that any increases, whether targeted or not, are considered in the context of overall affordability and service delivery

Greater clarity and a more balanced approach would enable more meaningful public feedback and improve confidence in the decision-making process.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Hibiscus and Bays

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I do not consider the proposed options for the Hibiscus & Bays Local Board area in 2026/2027 to be sufficient or appropriately prioritised.

While I acknowledge the intent to continue delivering existing services and the introduction of “fairer funding” for local boards, the options presented largely amount to maintaining the status quo—rather than responding to the significant growth, geographic constraints, and infrastructure pressures facing the Whangaparāoa Peninsula. ()

The proposal indicates that additional local funding may largely be absorbed by increasing costs of existing services, rather than enabling meaningful improvements or new initiatives. () This means that, in practice, there is little to no visible uplift in outcomes for residents despite increased overall council spending.

Critically, the options focus heavily on community services, environmental programmes, and parks—while failing to address the most pressing issue for this area: transport access and resilience. These are worthwhile investments, but they do not reflect the primary constraints experienced by residents of the peninsula.

There is no clear alignment between local board investment and the realities of:

rapid population growth

a geographically constrained peninsula with a single primary access route

increasing pressure from tourism and recreation demand

Most notably, the options do not address or even acknowledge the proposed reduction in the Gulf Harbour ferry service. This is a fundamental omission. The ferry is essential infrastructure for this community; providing resilience, network redundancy, and a congestion-free transport option. Any local investment strategy that ignores this is incomplete.

Similarly, there is no integrated approach to managing the peninsula as a destination area. Despite its importance as a recreational and tourism hub, there is no destination management plan to guide infrastructure, access, or investment. This represents a missed opportunity to align local economic development, transport, and environmental outcomes.

Overall, the options presented feel disconnected from the actual needs of the Hibiscus & Bays area—particularly the Whangaparāoa Peninsula. They prioritise incremental improvements to existing services, but do not address the structural challenges that most affect residents.

I request that Auckland Council:

Ensure local board funding translates into tangible improvements, not just cost absorption

Align local investment with critical infrastructure needs, particularly transport access and resilience

Recognise and support the ferry as essential infrastructure within local and regional planning

Develop a coordinated approach to managing the peninsula as a key destination area

Without these changes, the proposed options do not adequately provide for the current or future needs of this community.

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

A. Supporting further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation, through increased monitoring and extending projects such as local stream restoration including the Weiti River.

Support

B. Supporting community access to a wide range of recreational opportunities through investigating new capex projects such as outdoor court provision and increasing support for indoor court provision through facilities grants.

Do not support

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Support

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Other

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Do not support

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

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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I have additional comments on the overall direction of the Annual Plan 2026/2027.

At a high level, the plan appears to prioritise cost control and continuation of existing programmes, but does not adequately address equity between different parts of Auckland. Communities such as the Whangaparāoa Peninsula continue to experience limited transport options, growing population pressure, and geographic constraints, yet this is not reflected in investment priorities.

A key concern is the lack of alignment between where costs are being incurred and where benefits are realised. Significant expenditure, particularly on major projects such as the City Rail Link, is being funded through region-wide rates increases, while some outer areas receive little to no direct benefit. At the same time, essential services in these areas, such as the Gulf Harbour ferry, are being reduced rather than strengthened. This creates a clear imbalance and raises questions about fairness and long-term planning.

More broadly, the plan would benefit from a stronger focus on resilience as a core principle. This includes recognising the importance of transport redundancy, particularly for geographically constrained communities, and ensuring that critical infrastructure is protected and funded accordingly. Current proposals suggest a shift toward short-term cost considerations rather than long-term system resilience.

In relation to the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan, I support the protection and appropriate management of these important cultural and environmental sites. However, it is important that funding for these initiatives is balanced alongside other pressing infrastructure needs across the region. Clear communication about costs, benefits, and priorities is essential to maintain public confidence.

Overall, I encourage Auckland Council to take a more integrated and equitable approach, one that better aligns investment with growth areas, recognises the importance of resilience and network redundancy, and ensures that all communities receive fair value from the rates they contribute.

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

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

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

The highest priority for Auckland's long-term future must be transport. Specifically, building a resilient, multi-modal network that provides genuine alternatives and redundancy. This is particularly critical for geographically constrained areas such as the Whangaparāoa Peninsula, which currently relies on a single primary road corridor.

Transport planning must move beyond a narrow focus on cost efficiency and instead prioritise network resilience and reliability. This includes maintaining and expanding non-road transport

options such as ferry services, which provide critical redundancy during congestion or disruption. Infrastructure decisions should be based on long-term system performance, not short-term operating costs.

Closely linked to this is the need for continued investment in water infrastructure. Reliable drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater systems are fundamental to supporting growth, managing environmental risks, and improving resilience to extreme weather events.

Environmental protection and ecological restoration is a core priority. Protecting natural systems, biodiversity, coastal environments, and ecosystems is essential not only for intrinsic ecological value, but also for long-term resilience, climate adaptation, and the wellbeing of communities. Investment in restoration, habitat protection, and integrated environmental management should be embedded across all planning and infrastructure decisions rather than treated as a secondary consideration.

Planning and growth management is also a key priority. Auckland's spatial plan must better align growth with infrastructure capacity, particularly in areas experiencing rapid population increases but lacking sufficient transport and service provision. Growth without infrastructure creates long-term inefficiencies and inequities.

Community services and facilities are important for quality of life, but in areas facing fundamental infrastructure constraints, these should follow rather than lead investment priorities.

Finally, economic development initiatives should focus on enabling access and connectivity, particularly to key destination areas, rather than standalone programmes. In locations such as the Whangaparāoa Peninsula, this includes recognising the role of transport (including ferry access) in supporting tourism and local economic activity.

Overall, Auckland's long-term priorities should be guided by three key principles: resilience, equity, and alignment between growth and infrastructure. Without this, the city risks continued imbalance, where some areas receive significant investment while others face increasing costs and declining service levels.

Question 6: City centre

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

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#4856

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Local Board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback:

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

Support all

Tell us why

Transport - especially public transport, and water are some of the most pressing issues facing people in our communities today.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I'd like to see it balanced with more public parking around the key transit hubs, even if paid parking that doesn't go to someone greedy or likely to offshore profits like Wilson.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Hibiscus and Bays

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Feedback:

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

Support all

Tell us why

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

A. Supporting further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation, through increased monitoring and extending projects such as local stream restoration including the Weiti River.

Support

B. Supporting community access to a wide range of recreational opportunities through investigating new capex projects such as outdoor court provision and increasing support for indoor court provision through facilities grants.

Support

C. Creating safer town centres and other public spaces through actions such as an increased support for community safety and placemaking.

Support

D. Ensuring Hibiscus and Bays is welcoming and supportive for all through collaboration with a broader range of local residents and an increased focus on inclusive design, so it is accessible and usable for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

Support

E. Introducing changes to a range of fees in pools and leisure centres, including casual recreation, dry and aquatic group fitness and pool lane hire to better align fees across our sites.

Support

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

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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High density parking around public transport points like Hibiscus Coast and Albany are sorely needed. In a time when fuel prices are doubling, transit is very appealing, but the existing lots are used by 7am, street parking is hard to find, and residents around the stations are being made to put up with clogged streets. A multi-story, high density lot around stations is a must have.

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

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

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

Parking density at public transit hub points.

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

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Your feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

The high density housing area extends to too large an area

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Kaipātiki

Kaipātiki Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

I wish to make a submission in favour of retaining the current uses of the Onepoto Domain, particularly the use of the larger pond for radio control sailing. I'm one of those who sail a one metre sailing yacht at this pond, something I've done for nearly 10 years. I was introduced to the sport by accident, seeing someone else's boat in the back of their garage, and instantly falling in love with the organised sailing.

There are many parks on the North Shore, sports fields, bike tracks, skating areas, etc. By contrast there are only a couple of ponds where you can sail radio control yachts. There is the quarry lake and the Onepoto Domain pond. There is a pond at Gulf Harbour but that's a long way away, both in distance and the cost of getting there. Of the two on the North Shore the Onepoto pond is by far the better of the two, there is ample parking most of the time, it caters for a variety of wind directions and wind speeds, and most of the time the water is suitable if regular maintenance is carried out.

However the best benefit of this location is that it encourages men to meet and have some exercise. All the three sailing groups that use it are comprised of men around retirement age and need to be walking for exercise, and being in contact with others of the same age to maintain social contacts.

Please retain the Onepoto Domain pond in it's current form and ensure funding is available to maintain the water quality and the safety of the pathways.

Question 4: Other feedback

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

N/A

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

Support most

Tell us why

Strong focus on public transport (although active transport should also be a priority)

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Agree with the increase in residential parking permit fees in specific areas of high demand.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Hibiscus and Bays

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

There should be more focus on active transport.

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

A. Supporting further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation, through increased monitoring and extending projects such as local stream restoration including the Weiti River.

Support

B. Supporting community access to a wide range of recreational opportunities through investigating new capex projects such as outdoor court provision and increasing support for indoor court provision through facilities grants.

Do not support

C. Creating safer town centres and other public spaces through actions such as an increased support for community safety and placemaking.

Support

D. Ensuring Hibiscus and Bays is welcoming and supportive for all through collaboration with a broader range of local residents and an increased focus on inclusive design, so it is accessible and usable for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

I don't know

E. Introducing changes to a range of fees in pools and leisure centres, including casual recreation, dry and aquatic group fitness and pool lane hire to better align fees across our sites.

I don't know

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

There should be more focus on active transport and public transport.

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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In general, there should be more focus on active transport and public transport as solutions to traffic congestion, climate change and the current fossil fuel availability crisis.

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

Auckland has a genuinely improving public transport system: although the dwell times of the trains could be massively reduced to speed up journeys. A better connected cycle network (particularly on the North Shore) would promote active transport.

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

Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Other (please specify):More pedestrianisation.

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#5028

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Support most

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Hibiscus and Bays

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Feedback:

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Support most

Tell us why

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

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Do not support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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Do not support

E. Introducing changes to a range of fees in pools and leisure centres, including casual recreation, dry and aquatic group fitness and pool lane hire to better align fees across our sites.

Support

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

Question 4: Other feedback

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N/A

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Do not support any

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Opposition to the introduction of trash can fees

Opposition to the increase in parking fees

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Opposition to tax, fee, and parking fee increases

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Request for installation of streetlights on the road (increased quantity)

Request for expansion of roundabout and traffic light installations

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Do not support any

Tell us why

A 7.9% increase in property tax is a significant burden.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Opposes. Wants to maintain the status quo.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Hibiscus and Bays

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

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A. Supporting further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation, through increased monitoring and extending projects such as local stream restoration including the Weiti River.

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

1. Too few streetlights, making it difficult to drive at night

2. Replacement of sewer manhole covers during floods

3. Request replacement of water supply pipes

Question 6: City centre

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

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

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

Other

Tell us why

The most important issues facing Auckland, in my opinion, is climate change – this impacts on all aspects of development within the wider Auckland area and needs to be taken into consideration in all Council decisions.

For this reason, I support the increase of 7.9% average rise in rates as it is caused primarily by the cost of the CRL network. The CRL will reduce road congestion by providing efficient and convenient modes of public transport, thus mitigating climate change.

I am opposed to any further greenfield development, especially in South Auckland where there is risk of losing fertile soils needed for local supply of food to development. Auckland with a mere 1.6 million population is one of the most sprawled cities in the world, and this needs to be curbed.

In respect of proposed Plan Change 120, I support more intensive urban development around city hubs, main roadways and near commercial areas. However, I do not support high rise over 3 levels in well-established residential areas outside of the aforementioned exceptions. This not only changes the character of the area, but causes major impediments such as shadowing to existing housing, transport concerns etc.

In regards to proposed Plan Change 120, as affecting Weiti, it is noted that the precincts confirmed in the 2016 Environment Court case for this area are not included in the maps. I seek to have them endorsed in the maps for this proposed Plan Change.

In respect to urban development and construction, the regulations covering sedimentation are not strong enough, causing pollution to our streams and other waterways. The compliance teams need more officers, and repercussions for breaching even the current regulations need to be stronger, eg, larger fines, halting of construction.

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My local board is the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board.

I support the construction of their key projects (capital expenditure), and believe that what the Board plans to deliver in 2026/2027 to be well considered and balanced. I support all what the Board plans to deliver.

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need to preserve our natural environment as far as possible both for our generation and for those to come.

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

•Planning and infrastructure to manage growth (avoiding as far as possible greenfield development and mindful of building heights affecting neighbourhoods

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

N/A

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

Other

Tell us why

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For residents of the Whangaparaoa Peninsula, the practical benefits of the CRL are limited. Our community relies heavily on private vehicles due to limited and often unreliable public transport options. Congestion on Whangaparaoa Road is already a significant issue, and most residents cannot realistically access the rail network for daily commuting. As a result, the CRL is unlikely to provide meaningful transport improvements for our area even though we are expected to contribute to its cost through higher rates.

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Other

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Intensification in a Constrained Peninsula

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Manly, Whangaparāoa Peninsula

Board: Hibiscus and Bays

This is my personal feedback

Female 55-64 Pakeha

Overview

I am concerned that Auckland's current planning approach continues to enable population growth in North Auckland, particularly on the Hibiscus Coast and Whangaparāoa Peninsula, without delivering the infrastructure required to support it. This reflects a broader pattern of growth preceding infrastructure, rather than infrastructure enabling growth. In geographically constrained areas such as Whangaparāoa, this approach creates long-term congestion, safety risks, and reduced network resilience.

Funding Allocation – Hibiscus and Bays

Page 19 of the Annual Plan indicates that capital and operational investment in the Hibiscus and Bays local board area is comparatively low relative to other parts of Auckland.

This is concerning given the level of growth occurring in North Auckland and the specific constraints of the Hibiscus Coast and Whangaparāoa Peninsula. These areas are experiencing sustained population increase, yet face significant infrastructure limitations including a single access corridor, lack of rapid transit, and no provision for major health infrastructure.

- The current funding allocation does not appear to reflect:
- The scale of growth in the area
- The geographic constraints of a peninsula network
- The lack of transport redundancy
- The increasing pressure on existing infrastructure

This creates a risk that infrastructure deficits will become further entrenched, rather than addressed proactively.

Investment should be aligned not only to population, but to growth pressure, network vulnerability, and long-term infrastructure need. On this basis, Hibiscus and Bays appears underfunded relative to its requirements.

Lack of Integrated Infrastructure Planning

The Annual Plan outlines significant infrastructure investment; however, it lacks spatial clarity and integration across transport, housing, and essential services. There is no clear sequencing of infrastructure ahead of intensification, no integrated planning across transport and health services, and limited recognition of constraints specific to North Auckland. There is also no provision for a public hospital serving North Auckland, despite sustained population growth. This highlights a disconnect between land use planning and essential service infrastructure.

Intensification in a Constrained Peninsula

Whangaparāoa is a single-access peninsula with limited alternative routes. Continued housing intensification in this area, without corresponding transport upgrades, introduces systemic risk.

In addition to transport constraints, the peninsula is subject to underlying geographical limitations, including areas of coastal erosion, potential land instability and subsidence, flooding and a narrow, elongated landform that restricts opportunities for network expansion. These factors further limit the ability to widen corridors, provide alternative routes, or retrofit infrastructure at a later stage.

There is over-reliance on a single arterial corridor, no redundancy in the network, and increased vulnerability to congestion, incidents, or closures. When combined with these physical constraints, the current approach increases long-term risk and reduces the resilience of the network.

Intensification should not proceed at scale in constrained areas unless transport capacity, redundancy, and physical site limitations are fully addressed in advance.

Transport Infrastructure

Penlink raises concerns regarding cost, design, safety, and long-term effectiveness. The proposed toll of $4 per trip is high relative to the short length of approximately 7km, placing a disproportionate burden on residents of the Whangaparāoa Peninsula. This is particularly concerning given that the project also supports growth in surrounding areas by relieving pressure on the Silverdale interchange. In effect, existing communities are contributing to

infrastructure that enables future development, rather than resolving current network deficiencies.

There are also concerns that the current design is under-scaled relative to future demand. Penlink is proposed as a single lane in each direction with no dedicated bus lane, raising questions about long-term capacity, resilience, and the need for future retrofitting. In addition, the interchange design with SH1 has limited future widening or optimisation of the Northern Motorway, potentially creating a long-term capacity constraint.

The proposed intersection layout with Whangaparāoa Road introduces multiple high-risk conflict points. Vehicles travelling east to west up Whangaparāoa Road are required to cross two lanes of downhill traffic to access local retail (New World). West to east traffic merges from 2 lanes to 1 over or adjacent to a bus stop. Vehicles exiting Cedar Terrace must cross multiple lanes to access Whangaparāoa Road heading towards Silverdale. These configurations are associated with side-impact collisions, rear-end crashes, and reduced visibility.

A project of this significance should be designed to accommodate future demand and support multi-modal transport options from the outset, rather than requiring costly upgrades later.

Public transport provision in the area is not aligned with actual travel patterns. There is no direct, efficient route to Orewa, and routes between Gulf Harbour and Hibiscus Coast Station are indirect. The proposed Penlink bus station is also likely to create parking spillover into surrounding residential streets, displacing local parking and creating safety and access issues.

It is also important that the delivery of Penlink does not result in reduced investment in alternative transport modes. The Gulf Harbour ferry remains a critical component of the transport network, providing a congestion-free route and essential network redundancy. Maintaining and improving a reliable, frequent ferry service is necessary even with Penlink in place.

More broadly, the Northern Busway terminates at Albany despite continued growth further north. Failure to extend rapid transit north represents a missed opportunity to support sustainable growth and reduce reliance on private vehicles.

Ferry Infrastructure

The Gulf Harbour ferry is underutilised due to reliability issues and therefore limited-service frequency, plus the lack of a weekend services – the only route without one. It should be treated as core public transport infrastructure. A reliable, frequent, seven-day service would reduce pressure on road networks, improve resilience, and support local economic activity and tourism.

Network Resilience and Futureproofing

Infrastructure is being delivered in isolation rather than as part of an integrated system. Future capacity and scalability are not clearly addressed. In constrained corridors such as Whangaparāoa, this creates long-term congestion, increased safety risks, and limited ability to respond to future growth.

Recommendations

Infrastructure investment in North Auckland should be aligned with growth, geographic constraints, and long-term network resilience, with funding allocations reviewed to ensure Hibiscus and Bays is not under-resourced relative to its needs.

Infrastructure should be sequenced ahead of development in North Auckland, particularly in constrained areas such as the Whangaparāoa Peninsula.

Penlink should be reviewed in terms of tolling fairness, overall value, and long-term effectiveness, including consideration of whether the current design is under-scaled relative to future demand. This should include assessment of interchange design, safety, and potential impacts on future Northern Motorway capacity.

High-risk conflict points associated with the Penlink and Whangaparāoa Road intersection should be removed or redesigned to prioritise safety and reduce multi-lane crossing movements and merging conflicts.

Public transport planning should be refocused on usability and directness. Bus routes should be simplified and aligned with actual travel patterns, including provision of direct and efficient connections to key centres such as Orewa.

The risk of park-and-ride spillover into surrounding residential streets should be addressed as part of the Penlink bus station design, with appropriate mitigation measures implemented prior to completion.

Rapid transit should be extended north of Albany to support growth and reduce long-term reliance on private vehicles.

The Gulf Harbour ferry should be upgraded to a reliable, frequent, seven-day service and treated as core public transport infrastructure.

Transport, housing, and health infrastructure should be planned in an integrated manner, including provision for a future North Auckland hospital in Dairy Flat to service the corridor from Albany to Wellsford.

All infrastructure investment should be designed to be scalable, futureproofed, and capable of supporting long-term growth without requiring significant retrofit or upgrade.

Closing Statement

Auckland has a critical opportunity to align growth with infrastructure delivery. Without this, the current approach risks embedding long-term inefficiencies, safety issues, and reduced quality of life. North Auckland, and particularly the Whangaparāoa Peninsula, requires integrated, future-focused planning rather than fragmented or reactive solutions.

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#5235

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Support all

Tell us why

I think they are very important things

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I think they are good changes and important n

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

I don't know

Tell us why

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

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B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

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

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

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

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

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Protecting the natural enviroment, espically streams, rivers and coasts

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Do not support

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Do not support

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Support

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

housing prices are way too high, increase for residential property will make even higher

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Hibiscus and Bays

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Support all

Tell us why

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

A. Supporting further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation, through increased monitoring and extending projects such as local stream restoration including the Weiti River.

B. Supporting community access to a wide range of recreational opportunities through investigating new capex projects such as outdoor court provision and increasing support for indoor court provision through facilities grants.

C. Creating safer town centres and other public spaces through actions such as an increased support for community safety and placemaking.

D. Ensuring Hibiscus and Bays is welcoming and supportive for all through collaboration with a broader range of local residents and an increased focus on inclusive design, so it is accessible and usable for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

E. Introducing changes to a range of fees in pools and leisure centres, including casual recreation, dry and aquatic group fitness and pool lane hire to better align fees across our sites.

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

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Kingsland & onehunga bid programme areas & Waitakere rural sewerage scheme is agreeable. However, increasing parking fees is not agreeable, why do I need pay to park outside my house? what if I can't afford it as a college student?

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

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

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

Public transport. As someone who frequently uses AT Mobile, it is too expensive. It has become more expensive than driving. Safety as well as basic driving skills is lacking.

Question 6: City centre

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

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

You spend 1 decade to build a single line; there is no sense of urgency or will to want to get this line built. What is the point of spending $235 million on single line if it just never gonna get done

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

All this shows me is how greedy y'all are. Parking and fuel prices are already inane and now you add this

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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Protection and conversation of our environment

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Perhaps there are other things to prioritize, I agree with water and potentially transportation

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Unsure about the "refuse bin/bag exchange fee" Maybe focus on more compost bins

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Hibiscus and Bays

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N/A

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

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

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

Support all

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Hibiscus and Bays

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

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

A. Supporting further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation, through increased monitoring and extending projects such as local stream restoration including the Weiti River.

B. Supporting community access to a wide range of recreational opportunities through investigating new capex projects such as outdoor court provision and increasing support for indoor court provision through facilities grants.

C. Creating safer town centres and other public spaces through actions such as an increased support for community safety and placemaking.

D. Ensuring Hibiscus and Bays is welcoming and supportive for all through collaboration with a broader range of local residents and an increased focus on inclusive design, so it is accessible and usable for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

E. Introducing changes to a range of fees in pools and leisure centres, including casual recreation, dry and aquatic group fitness and pool lane hire to better align fees across our sites.

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

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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	Flood resilience – reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways.

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

N/A

Question 6: City centre

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

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

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

Our household works multiple jobs to manage living expenses. Rent, food and utilities already very expensive. Rates increases indirectly affect us through rent and other costs.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Parking fees can be expensive when visiting city areas. Families already paying many living costs.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Hibiscus and Bays

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

Infrastructure development should focus on improving transport because many workers commute long distances.

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

A. Supporting further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation, through increased monitoring and extending projects such as local stream restoration including the Weiti River.

Support

B. Supporting community access to a wide range of recreational opportunities through investigating new capex projects such as outdoor court provision and increasing support for indoor court provision through facilities grants.

Do not support

C. Creating safer town centres and other public spaces through actions such as an increased support for community safety and placemaking.

Support

D. Ensuring Hibiscus and Bays is welcoming and supportive for all through collaboration with a broader range of local residents and an increased focus on inclusive design, so it is accessible and usable for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

Support

E. Introducing changes to a range of fees in pools and leisure centres, including casual recreation, dry and aquatic group fitness and pool lane hire to better align fees across our sites.

I don't know

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

Supporting further protection of our sea and fresh water

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Council should consider cost of living challenges for working families.

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

More reliable buses and reduced traffic congestion.

Question 6: City centre

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

Over the last few years business has been more difficult because customers are spending less. Many people are cutting unnecessary expenses. Around my office area in Grey Lynn, several street parking spaces have been removed and converted into cycle lanes. In reality, very few people use these lanes. When customers cannot find parking easily, they sometimes avoid coming to the area. This affects local businesses like mine.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

As a business owner I do not support increasing rates right now. Businesses are already dealing with high operating costs including rent, electricity, insurance and staff costs. If council rates increase, landlords may increase commercial rent and that cost will again fall on small businesses. Many small businesses are still recovering from difficult economic conditions.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Aotea/Great Barrier

Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

Infrastructure should always be planned based on actual usage and demand.

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

A. Improvements to the library service including additional programmes.

Support

B. Partnering with mana whenua and community on the coordination and engagement of island fisheries management and local Ahu Moana marine projects.

Support

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

Library

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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In Whangaparoa public transport options are still limited compared to central Auckland. Most people rely on cars for commuting and daily activities. Because of this, road infrastructure and parking availability remain very important for both residents and businesses.

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

Council should consider the realities faced by small businesses. When businesses struggle, local employment and economic activity also suffer. Any decision that increases operating costs should be carefully evaluated.

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

Do not support any

Tell us why

I do not support raising local tax rates

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Local tax adjustments. We disagree with increasing local taxes; instead, we propose introducing better service providers to increase competition and reduce costs. Existing public service providers are expensive, provide poor service, and have cumbersome processes. Optimizing these processes aims to reduce costs.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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I do not support raising local tax rates

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

Dear Auckland Council,

I would like to express my opposition to the proposal to increase rates to support the ongoing operating costs of the City Rail Link (CRL).

Firstly, as a major public transport project, the operating costs of CRL should primarily be funded through its own revenue streams, including fares, commercial activities, and taxes collected from the individuals and businesses who directly benefit from the service. A user-pays or beneficiary-

pays approach would be more equitable and transparent. It ensures that those who gain the most convenience, accessibility, and economic advantage from CRL contribute proportionally to its operation.

Secondly, I do not live, work, or conduct regular business in the city centre. I visit the CBD fewer than ten times a year, and when I do, I typically drive or use buses rather than rail. Under these circumstances, it is difficult to understand why I should bear additional financial responsibility for a service that I rarely use and from which I receive very limited direct benefit. A broad, region-wide rates increase risks unfairly shifting the burden onto households who have minimal access to or use of the CRL.

Thirdly, such a funding model may disproportionately affect residents in outer suburbs and satellite areas, where rail coverage is limited and alternative transport options remain necessary. These communities already face longer commuting times and higher transport costs. Asking them to subsidise infrastructure concentrated in the central city may widen regional inequity and reduce public trust in future transport investments.

Fourthly, long-term sustainability of large infrastructure projects requires financial discipline and accountability. Relying heavily on general rates may reduce incentives for operational efficiency, cost control, and innovation in revenue generation. The Council should instead prioritize exploring diversified funding sources such as:

fare structures aligned with service value,

targeted levies on commercial properties and businesses that benefit from increased foot traffic and accessibility,

development contributions and value-capture mechanisms in areas experiencing uplift due to CRL,

partnerships with central government and private stakeholders.

Finally, while I recognize the strategic importance of CRL for Auckland's long-term growth, economic productivity, and environmental goals, funding approaches must remain fair, transparent, and proportionate. Public support for major infrastructure depends not only on the project itself but also on the perceived fairness of how costs are shared.

For these reasons, I urge Auckland Council to reconsider the proposed rates increase and instead adopt a more targeted and equitable funding framework.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I support all of them, and I don't think this will be enough, please increase it more.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Hibiscus and Bays

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In my view, Auckland Council should prioritize investment in essential and region-wide services that deliver clear and direct benefits to the majority of residents, particularly those that improve daily living, safety, and long-term affordability.

Firstly, greater priority should be given to maintaining and upgrading core infrastructure such as roads, drainage, and water services. Reliable transport networks, stormwater systems, and water supply are fundamental to public safety, resilience, and economic productivity. Recent extreme weather events have highlighted the importance of investing in flood management, drainage upgrades, and climate resilience to protect communities across the entire region.

Secondly, the Council should focus on improving transport accessibility and congestion relief in outer and suburban areas. Many Auckland residents live outside the central city and rely heavily on roads, buses, and local transport connections. Investment in park-and-ride facilities, bus priority, and integrated transport networks would provide broader benefits than projects concentrated in the CBD alone.

Thirdly, housing affordability and urban planning should remain a key priority. This includes enabling infrastructure to support new housing, streamlining planning processes, and ensuring that growth is balanced across the region. Supporting well-planned development can reduce long-term costs for both the Council and ratepayers while improving quality of life.

Fourthly, the Council should maintain a strong focus on financial discipline and value for money. Rate increases have a direct impact on households, particularly during periods of high living costs and interest rates. Transparent decision-making, cost control, and careful prioritization will help maintain public trust and ensure that resources are allocated efficiently.

Finally, local community services such as parks, libraries, and recreational facilities remain important for social wellbeing and community cohesion. However, these investments should be balanced with essential infrastructure and affordability considerations.

Overall, the Council should prioritize services that benefit the widest range of residents, improve resilience, and support sustainable long-term growth, while ensuring fairness and responsible use of public funds.

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

Do not support any

Tell us why

You guys are wasting our tax money again and again. Not trusting your ability to handle these issues at all.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Not ideal

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Hibiscus and Bays

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Stop spending money and stop your so-called 'plans'. You guys have failed to manage this city, and shame on your high salary that taking from us without ever serving the city and the citizens.

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As long as you guys stop doing so-called 'plans'. The city will be getting better.

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

Other (please specify):No. Please do not do a thing.

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Do not support any

Tell us why

Cost too much, not reasonable.

Besides, never has disclosed all the details budgeting plans and financials with all those funds have been spent previously, hence not willing to say YES for the increase.

All those top management should have take a pay cut to fulfill the budget holes. As wasted a lot of tax payer money already.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I disagree. When it comes to collecting trash, they keep changing it from trash bags back to trash cans.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

The local tax adjustment is too high; it should be aligned with the CPI. It's a waste of public funds and an inefficient practice.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I do not support these proposals, as they will place additional financial pressure on residents and small businesses during an already challenging cost-of-living period. I oppose these proposals. The council should focus on improving budget management rather than increasing fees or taxes. Residents are already facing a high cost of living, and additional charges will only add more financial pressure on households.

The current rubbish bin system works well and does not need additional fees. Instead of introducing more charges, the council should review and optimize its spending.

If support is needed for low-income groups, targeted assistance programs would be a better solution. Increasing property rates places a heavier burden on homeowners, who already contribute a significant amount through taxes and rates.

Overall, I believe the priority should be better budgeting and responsible spending, rather than asking residents to pay more.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Every year, transportation is listed as a top priority. However, despite the continuous investment and the increasing taxes and rates we are required to pay, there has not been a noticeable improvement in traffic conditions. The expansion of public transportation has also not delivered the expected results. In many situations, residents still have to rely on private vehicles for daily travel.

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What is most important is improving cost control and efficiency in infrastructure projects. It is difficult to understand why even short sections of road construction require substantial manpower and resources, yet often fail to achieve satisfactory results. This suggests inefficiencies and potential waste of public funds.

Rather than continuing to increase revenue by placing greater financial demands on residents, the government should focus on better project management, more effective allocation of personnel, and improving work efficiency. Responsible spending and transparent management would help restore public confidence.

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Hibiscus and Bays

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

Do not support any

Tell us why

Auckland's economic downturn persisted, leading to business closures and a decline in the community's population, yet traffic congestion did not notably improve. Concurrently, there has been no discernible increase in family income while additional expenditures are required solely for the maintenance of government projects, which do not directly benefit me in my daily life. Consequently, I express my strong objection.

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

Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

unacceptable from Auckland Transport.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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

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

N/A

Question 6: City centre

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

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5884

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Your feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

N/A

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Simply raising tax rates is useless; vigorous economic development is the only way to collect more taxes.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5896

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

Support most

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

A 7.9% increase in residential property tax is too high.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Upper Harbour

Question 4: Other feedback

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

The excessive increase in local taxes has led to an excessive financial burden on residents.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Upper Harbour

Question 4: Other feedback

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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

I don't know

Tell us why

N/A

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

The increase was too large

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Upper Harbour

Question 4: Other feedback

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

Support all

Tell us why

Local taxes have risen too high; developing the economy is the only way forward.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

We understand the necessity for the municipal government to make adjustments and investments in waste management, sewage systems, and improvements to commercial areas.

At the same time, we hope that when implementing new fee policies (such as waste fees and residential parking permit fees), the burden on community residents and small businesses will be fully considered, and that the implementation of policies will remain transparent and fair.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Upper Harbour

Question 4: Other feedback

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N/A

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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

Support most

Tell us why

Increasing taxes on residents during a sluggish economy is inappropriate and would only add to their burden. Investment in transportation and water infrastructure is recommended. As the saying goes, "To get rich, build roads first," and sustainable development is crucial for Auckland's economy.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Tax and fee increases are too large

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Hibiscus and Bays

Question 4: Other feedback

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#5944

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Support most

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

The excessive increase in residential property taxes is adding to the burden on ordinary people.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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Unaware of the situation

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

We must vigorously develop the economy, find solutions, and explore cooperative economies; naturally, more tax revenue will come from these.

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Hibiscus and Bays

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Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

The increase was too large

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1. The environment and public utilities, especially water management and safety, are crucial to everyone's life and safety.

2. Convenient transportation and safe travel.

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Tell us why

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

Support most

Tell us why

They understand the need for infrastructure investment, but want to control rising property taxes.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Increasing taxes on residents might seem to provide the government with direct revenue, but this approach would reduce household consumption and fail to boost the economy or infrastructure usage. A better solution would be to stimulate consumption to increase tax revenue.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Upper Harbour

Question 4: Other feedback

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Upper Harbour

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The goal is to minimize resident management while developing the community.

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Support most

Tell us why

Given the current economic difficulties, the practice of significantly increasing taxes on residents is worth discussing.

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The best solution is to boost consumption and increase taxes.

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

Support most

Tell us why

Transportation must be prioritized for development, which is crucial for accelerating Auckland's economic growth. In the current economic downturn, increasing taxes on residents is not a good solution.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Increasing taxes on residents might seem to provide the government with direct revenue, but this approach would reduce household consumption and fail to boost the economy or infrastructure usage. A better solution would be to stimulate consumption to increase tax revenue.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Upper Harbour

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

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

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

N/A

Question 6: City centre

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

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

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#6093

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

Do not support any

Tell us why

1. The 7.9% increase in property taxes exceeded the original campaign promise.

2. The CRL's annual operating cost of 235 million is too high, indicating that it should never have been built in the first place.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

7.9% might be too high

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Hibiscus and Bays

Question 4: Other feedback

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Activities and services with Chinese translation are available because I can understand them.

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

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Other (please specify):Expand or rebuild a second harbor bridge or undersea tunnel, as the existing bridge is many years past its service life and is too dangerous.

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Support most

Tell us why

It's a good idea

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Question 4: Other feedback

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

Like picking up trash and keeping toilets clean

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

Events and city life - attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place. ;Safety - a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.;

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#6708

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

Support all

Tell us why

Because it seems like something good to do

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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

N/A

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Tell us why

as it could be to much

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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maby make it a bit less

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Question 6: City centre

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i don't know

Tell us why

I'm not to sure about what this means

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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

Better connections - improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods

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#6712

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Tell us why

Because it's already expensive to buy a house

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Insane increase of buying a house seeming most people can't even afford a house nowadays

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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No but the pricing is insane what the heck

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Support all

Tell us why

Seems valid and important to the community

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

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Tell us why

Increasing rates for the average house makes it harder for new home buyers to get a new home

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

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High rate = no good

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Hibiscus and Bays

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

I like the fact of restoring streams and more sports facilities

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

A. Supporting further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation, through increased monitoring and extending projects such as local stream restoration including the Weiti River.

Support

B. Supporting community access to a wide range of recreational opportunities through investigating new capex projects such as outdoor court provision and increasing support for indoor court provision through facilities grants.

Support

C. Creating safer town centres and other public spaces through actions such as an increased support for community safety and placemaking.

I don't know

D. Ensuring Hibiscus and Bays is welcoming and supportive for all through collaboration with a broader range of local residents and an increased focus on inclusive design, so it is accessible and usable for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

Other

E. Introducing changes to a range of fees in pools and leisure centres, including casual recreation, dry and aquatic group fitness and pool lane hire to better align fees across our sites.

Other

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

I think that Hibiscus Bays is pretty welcoming and there is no need to spend money on that

Question 4: Other feedback

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Free transport

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I would like free transport but don't really care about the rest and don't want rates to go up.

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Support most

Tell us why

I like the leisure space changes like changing the fees and upgrading the skate parks as I use those facilities.

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Support

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Support

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

For pools and leisure centres I think that would make fees cheaper so I support it. I think town centres are already very safe so I don't support making them safer. For the first question I don't know what those projects would actually do as they say it's only monitoring so I don't know if I support it or not.

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Transport as I would love free more accessible public transport. This would also help the environment by taking more cars of the road and being more effective with co2 emissions.

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i don't know

Tell us why

Im just not in a position to properly stance myself on the tipic

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Skatepark. Just a great free hangout option to all people, even those who don't skate.

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

Support most

Tell us why

I support transport because currently our roads and our public transport are not upto scratch, yesterday i saw a cup of coke with cockroaches on it and it scared me very bad

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Tell us why

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

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

Do not support

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

I don't know

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

Do not support

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

Do not support

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

Do not support

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

Support

G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

Do not support

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

Support

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

I think that these are areas where we actually need more funding

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Transport because again its very bad and very expensive

Question 6: City centre

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Support most

Tell us why

Because it is improving the public areas and making them more open and free to get to. Its a lot of money though.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Kaipātiki

Kaipātiki Local Board Feedback:

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

Support all

Tell us why

I like how they are upgrading a lot of things and making them better for the public.

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Local parks and activities as those are the things I use the most.

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I feel like rates are already high enough and an increase by 7.9 percent is a lot to ask. I don't pay taxes other than GST personally so I wouldn't know what the rates are. But a 7.9 increase seems like too much in my opinion.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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No comments. Seems like a just cause. But the increase in rates is too significant

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

Regional parks or reserves. Because I feel it's most important to preserve the environment in Auckland. Above all else.

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Support most

Tell us why

Improving public transport is important to me because I use it a lot

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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

Support most

Tell us why

These are important and need more investments

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

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Invest more on transport and public stuff like SJ

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SJ cause i come here

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

Support most

Tell us why

I think the plans that the council has planned are important for everyone in NZ to live their everyday lives. So yes, I do mostly support the plans. But the increase in rates is a bit much in my opinion.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Question 4: Other feedback

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I think the economic development and events should be prioritized because it effects everyone and will effect later generation long term in NZ.

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Support most

Tell us why

Funding is needed for the project, but also a 7.5 percent increase is a but much on the average house particularly in this economy. Also the price per house differ for each region, meaning 7.5 could be too much or too little.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

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Do not support

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Support

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

Do not support

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

Support

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

Do not support

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

Do not support

G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

Support

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

Support

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

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

I support this as the public needs more public spaces and recreational areas within their reach. Upgrading public areas is also a great away to do this.

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

A. Supporting further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation, through increased monitoring and extending projects such as local stream restoration including the Weiti River.

Support

B. Supporting community access to a wide range of recreational opportunities through investigating new capex projects such as outdoor court provision and increasing support for indoor court provision through facilities grants.

Support

C. Creating safer town centres and other public spaces through actions such as an increased support for community safety and placemaking.

Support

D. Ensuring Hibiscus and Bays is welcoming and supportive for all through collaboration with a broader range of local residents and an increased focus on inclusive design, so it is accessible and usable for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

Support

E. Introducing changes to a range of fees in pools and leisure centres, including casual recreation, dry and aquatic group fitness and pool lane hire to better align fees across our sites.

Support

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

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

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

N/A

Question 6: City centre

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#6740

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Support most

Tell us why

I don't support the local group one as people do not really care for that

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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That money should be given to public schools aswell

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More community activities for younger people

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Support all

Tell us why

Because I think that it is important to acknowledge that this is good for nz

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Upper Harbour

Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

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

Support all

Tell us why

This is important

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

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

Support

B. Reduce grants funding.

Other

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

Support

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

Do not support

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

Do not support

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

I don't know

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

I don’t really know

Question 4: Other feedback

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N/A

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

Fishing

Question 6: City centre

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

Support all

Tell us why

I absolutely love the plan with the CRL I loved the train system and went on the 2014 event of the introduction of the electric trains and have always found them so handy and also like the plan with bins and parks

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna, Hibiscus and Bays

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Tell us why

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

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

Support

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

Do not support

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

Do not support

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

Do not support

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

Do not support

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

Do not support

G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

Do not support

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

Do not support

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

I feel like we need to support anyone and like the concept of haveing people get fairly payed

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

It think what my area of council is doing good were nicely maintained but I currently disagree with the pending I believe the area would of been nicer as a park

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

A. Supporting further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation, through increased monitoring and extending projects such as local stream restoration including the Weiti River.

Support

B. Supporting community access to a wide range of recreational opportunities through investigating new capex projects such as outdoor court provision and increasing support for indoor court provision through facilities grants.

Support

C. Creating safer town centres and other public spaces through actions such as an increased support for community safety and placemaking.

Support

D. Ensuring Hibiscus and Bays is welcoming and supportive for all through collaboration with a broader range of local residents and an increased focus on inclusive design, so it is accessible and usable for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

Support

E. Introducing changes to a range of fees in pools and leisure centres, including casual recreation, dry and aquatic group fitness and pool lane hire to better align fees across our sites.

Support

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

I like the idea with changing the aray with the pools and really enjoy the concept of changing up the prices

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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No i do not but im intrigued on how the crl is going to work

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

More work on regional parks i love the outdoors and want more restoration to parks

Question 6: City centre

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Support most

Tell us why

Agree

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

N/A

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

Support most

Tell us why

It feels a bit forced for some people which doesn't make me totally on board but it support majority of the plan

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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

Training for extreme disaster management

Question 6: City centre

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

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

Support most

Tell us why

Because I think it's a great idea to upgrade the city but it is affecting home owners etc who most likely may not go to the city at all

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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I just think with everything else going on in the world isn't that enough stress? With petrol prices rising and just the prices of everything rising in general this it's really rhe time upgrade everything is it? I mean have we even thought about the environment, the cost of just living in New Zealand? New Zealand is already 2X more expensive than lots of country's in the world.

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

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

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

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

Prioritise the environment because the clock is ticking, building more houses and growing the economy may sound good but it's not really is it.

Question 6: City centre

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Support most

Tell us why

Some seem very beneficial and useful for the communities in the area

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna, Hibiscus and Bays, Upper Harbour

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Tell us why

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

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

Support

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

Do not support

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

Do not support

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

Support

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

Do not support

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

Support

G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

Do not support

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

Do not support

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

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Feedback:

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

Support all

Tell us why

They benefit different community needs and ideals

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

A. Supporting further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation, through increased monitoring and extending projects such as local stream restoration including the Weiti River.

Support

B. Supporting community access to a wide range of recreational opportunities through investigating new capex projects such as outdoor court provision and increasing support for indoor court provision through facilities grants.

I don't know

C. Creating safer town centres and other public spaces through actions such as an increased support for community safety and placemaking.

Support

D. Ensuring Hibiscus and Bays is welcoming and supportive for all through collaboration with a broader range of local residents and an increased focus on inclusive design, so it is accessible and usable for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

Other

E. Introducing changes to a range of fees in pools and leisure centres, including casual recreation, dry and aquatic group fitness and pool lane hire to better align fees across our sites.

Support

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

I think they should change the prices of community centre places in East Coast Bays as they are quite different to other areas

Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

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

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

Support

B. Reduce grants funding.

Do not support

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

Do not support

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

Support

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

Support

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

Do not support

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

Question 4: Other feedback

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Transport, the environment, and parks as they are the hubs of social life and are vital to having a healthy functioning city

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

The current trajectory of rate rises far outpaces inflation and household income growth and the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance model shows a credible path to stabilising rates without compromising essential services.Key points:1) The 7.9% average increase is unaffordable for many households. The proposed rise amounts to about $320 for the average home while the 2022â€“2025 period shows a real rates increase well above inflation.2) A concrete plan to reduce wasteful expenditure is needed. The Alliance's budget proposal suggests cutting new spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the rate rise at around 3% by: - Reducing personnel costs via organisational

change and a hiring freeze: $50 million - Capping consultant spend: $50 million - Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors: $30 million - Focusing on statutory/essential services over discretionary grants: $20 million3) Specific spending reductions align with responsible governance: - Cut consultants and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs; direct operating costs and overall payroll have risen well beyond inflation. - Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and may emit more carbon than it saves. - Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling non-essential vacant roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. - Reassess Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing for prioritising statutory local-government responsibilities.Additional context:- The fixed nature of rates means the elected Council must exercise restraint and prioritise core functions ensuring spend reflects funder capacity and community needs.Conclusion:I urge the Council to adopt the proposed $150 million total reduction in discretionary spending implement a hiring freeze for non-essential roles and commit to freezing or reducing consultant and back-office costs. This would keep the average rate increase close to or below 3% align with the community's ability to pay and preserve essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6784,339436,,Hibiscus and Bays,Do not support most,This level of rise is not affordable for households and is not justified by the Council's stated needs. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 with real increases since 2022 of about 30% against 12% inflation. The proposed split of the increaseâ€”2% to maintain assets 1.5% for growth and 4.4% for CRL operating costsâ€”fails to align with a prudent value-for-money approach to ratepayer funds.I urge the Council to adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget which caps the rate rise at around 3% by reducing wasteful and non-essential spend by at least $150 million across the Council and CCOs. Specific measures include:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational changes and a hiring freeze for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Capping expenditure on consultants and professional services to stop the ongoing rise in external advisory costs (current consultant spend is $126 million annually across the Council group).- Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors to realise further savings estimated at $30 million.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and cancelling non-core programmes that do not deliver clear public value such as the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and in our assessment emits more carbon than it saves.- Reducing spend on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs which drives inefficiencies and higher rates.I also oppose continued or expanded spending on Māori-specific programmes such as the Ngā Mātārae/'Māori outcomes' department at about $10 million per year which I believe is not a core local-government mandate.In summary a disciplined spending approachâ€”focusing on essential services cancelling or scaling back discretionary programmes and capping consultant and payroll growthâ€”can limit rate increases to around 3% while maintaining vital services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6787,339430,,Hibiscus and Bays,Do not support most,I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase and in favour of reducing wasteful Council spending.Proposed rates increase and principle- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% (about $320 for the average household). Since 2010 rates have risen 85% while inflation has been 34% and population growth 22%; ratepayers cannot bear further above-inflation increases.- The current average residential bill is $4069. The plan should be aligned with controlling operating costs rather than expanding them.Wasteful spending and reform priorities- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year spent on the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a core function of local government.Budget alternative and rate impact- Adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) to cap average residential rates growth at around 3%.- Specifically: $50 million from personnel costs via organisational changes and hiring freezes; $50 million from cap on consultants; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; $20 million from prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.ClosingA 7.9% increase is unacceptable when strict controls on waste and non-essential services exist. I urge a targeted transparent review of all major spending lines before any rate increase is approved.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6802,339414,,Hibiscus and Bays,Do not support most,1. Rates and affordability- The proposed 7.9% average increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) and far beyond general inflation (12%). This is unaffordable for many ratepayers and does not reflect prudent stewardship of public funds.- The division of the increaseâ€"2% for existing assets 1.5% for growth-driven new assets 4.4% for CRL operating costsâ€"highlights a reliance on rising operating costs rather than efficiency or prioritisation of core services.2. Savings and efficiency measures- I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cutting spend on consultancy and professional services rather than permitting continual growth.- I support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- I support contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to achieve meaningful savings.3. Specific program reform- The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled as it costs $36 million per year and per analysis emits more carbon than it saves.- I oppose ongoing or rising Māori-specific expenditure such as the $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing this is not a core local government function.4. Budgetary priorities- The Council should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and reallocate funds toward core services maintenance and ratepayer relief.5. Additional point- There should be a pause on building new houses in Auckland given unsold housing stock and market conditions.ConclusionI request that the Council adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget reducing new spending by at least $150 million (2% cap) to keep rates closer to 3% while safeguarding essential services and taxpayers.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a

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6809,339407,,Hibiscus and Bays,Do not support most,The expected average rise of about $320 on the current average bill of $4069 is excessive especially given that real rates increases since 2022 amount to 30 percent while cumulative inflation runs about 12 percent. The breakdown of the 7.9 percent riseâ€”2 percent for maintaining existing assets 1.5 percent for growth and 4.4 percent for CRL operating costsâ€”shows a cost-shift onto households that is not warranted by ratepayer outcomes.I support decisive restraint on Council expenditure. The Council needs to reduce spending on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing these items to rise. Directing resources toward essential services rather than discretionary items aligns with the principle of prudent stewardship.I also urge a staffing pause: freeze hiring and reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which I understand could save at least $17 million immediately. This aligns with the goal of keeping rates increases to a minimum while protecting core services.I request a reduction of Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). In a unitary system of local government these functions should be prioritised within statutory and essential services rather than expanding into areas that are not core to local governance.To stay within a more affordable path I support the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget approach: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the average residential rates increase at around 3 percent through targeted reductions in personnel costs consultants contract renegotiations and focusing on essential services.I note the need for accountability and efficiency across the Council and CCOs and request clear reporting on progress against these savings.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6815,339401,,Hibiscus and Bays,Do not support most,The current rate burden is already substantial and the promised utilities of a liveable city must be delivered without forcing households to shoulder excessive cost rises.I urge the Council to adopt a tighter budget and pursue significant savings in non-core areas. My positions are as follows:1) Oppose the average 7.9% increase. This uplift is well above inflation and imposes a real burden on households especially given the 30% real increase since 2022 (in 2022 dollars).2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs. A leaner organisational structure is essential to contain costs that do not directly improve services.3) Curb spend on consultancy and professional services. The current level of external advice is a.marker of wasteful spending that should not be sustained.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.5) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. This measure alone would save at least $17 million immediately.6) Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a function of local government.7) Go back to basics. Ensure rubbish services are reliable streets are clean and roads are built to minimise congestion rather than contribute to it.If possible please consider my preference to present at hearings; however I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,

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6820,339396,,Hibiscus and Bays,Do not support most,I submit in strong opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and call for significant reductions in wasteful council spending. The burden of this rate rise falls hardest on households already struggling with inflation and subdued real incomes.Key points:- The proposed 7.9% average increase translates to about $320 more per household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 (vs. 12% inflation). This is not sustainable or acceptable.- The breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. The sizeable CRL component demands scrutiny and corresponding efficiency gains elsewhere.- Total council and CCO spending on consultants is $126 million per year with the average consultant around $200k. A targeted reduction in consultancy and professional services must occur.- Staff and payroll costs have risen sharply with thousands in six-figure remuneration and payroll expenditure at about $1.3 billion. Freezing non-essential vacancies and slowing recruitment would save money immediately.- Wasteful or discretionary spend must be cut. The Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million annually should be cancelled as it currently emits more carbon than it saves. Similarly reduce Māori-focused spend such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' department which I regard as not a local government function.- The Council should implement the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget: reduce new spending by at least $150 million (2%) capping average rates to around 3% by cutting personnel costs capping consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Additional points:- Stop raising rates multiple times above inflation; align rate increases with actual inflation and essential service delivery only.In summary I urge Auckland Council to curb wasteful corporate and backroom spending reduce consultancy and payroll costs cancel non-core programmes and adopt a more restrained inflation-aligned rate path. This approach better serves ratepayers and preserves essential services.I would like the opportunity to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,
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6823,339393,,Hibiscus and Bays,Do not support most,The current average residential rates bill stands at $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 and the real increase since 2022 is effectively 30 percent well above both inflation and population growth. A 7.9 percent uplift is not affordable for households and signals funds being allocated to non-essential expenditures rather than core services.The Council should instead pursue meaningful cost reductions to cap rate increases to 3 percent. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance' alternative budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (a 2 percent reduction) through the following measures:- Reduce personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze saving $50 million.- Cap spending on consultants and professional services at $50 million.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to save $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving $20 million.Key rationale and supporting data:- The rate rise is disproportionately allocated: 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This structure compounds the burden on households.- Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% (well above inflation and population growth) underscoring a pattern of escalations that do not align with residents' capacity to pay.- Spending on consultants totals about $126 million per

year across the Council group with the average consultant salary around $200k. Reducing consultant and contractor spend is a clear immediate lever.- There are significant cost pressures from payroll and 'other expenses' which have risen faster than inflation; we should freeze non-essential roles and reduce payroll where vacancies exist.- Specific line items approved by Council such as $36 million annually for the Food Scraps Programme and $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) should be reconsidered in favour of essential services only.I urge the Council to adopt the proposed reductions above and to review discretionary items for alignment with ratepayer interests. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6830,339386,,Hibiscus and Bays,Do not support most,I submit this response to oppose the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase and to urge a comprehensive reduction of wasteful Council spending. The case for restraint is grounded in the Alliance briefing and current financial realities facing ratepayers.Key positions1) Oppose the average 7.9% residential rates increase. The proposed rise equating to roughly $320 for the average household is excessive given the real increases since 2022 of 30% (in 2022 dollars) amid 12% cumulative inflation. A restraint on rate rises is warranted to protect households already stretched by cost pressures.2) Reduce non-operational and backroom spending. The Council must cut expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs which drives up rates without clear service improvements.3) Curb consultancy and professional services. Reduce spend on consultants and external contracts rather than continuing to escalate these items.4) Freeze staffing or shrink payroll where possible. Freeze vacant non-essential roles and reduce payroll costs; the Alliance estimates this could deliver at least $17 million in immediate savings.5) Cut Māori-specific spending such as the Māori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) allocation. I support rebalancing funds and ensuring local government focus remains on statutory and essential services rather than specialised programmes.6) Support a disciplined alternative budget. The Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap) to bring the average rates rise down to about 3% is sensible. This includes: $50 million from personnel costs $50 million from consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million from prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.7) I do not support the Food Scraps Programme cancellation as a policy position (not presented here as my stance).In closing I request a considered review of the proposed funding mix with a focus on delivering essential services at a lower cost to ratepayers and prioritising prudent restraint over further rate increases.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6859,339357,,Hibiscus and Bays,Do not support most,The likely impact on the average household (~$320 more per year taking current bills toward $4069) is excessive particularly given the real rates increase since 2022 has already reached around 30% (in 2022 dollars) while overall inflation has been far lower.Key concerns and proposed priorities:- Wasteful and excessive backroom spending: Council and CCOs collectively incur high personnel and contractor costs. Reducing corporate and backroom office functions is essential. The current trajectory of payroll and consultants is

unsustainable and should be restrained.- Cuts to consultancy and professional services: Spending on consultants and contractors is substantial (about $126 million per year across the Council group; the Auckland Council parent accounts for around $60 million; with average consultants earning about $200000). This area should be capped and reviewed.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme: It costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. This should be cancelled to deliver a more cost-effective approach to waste and emissions.- Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs: Not hiring for vacant non-essential roles would save at least $17 million immediately. A disciplined approach to staffing is required.- Reduce Māori-specific spending: The $10 million per year spent on the Maori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) department is not a core local-government function and should be reassessed.In line with the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget I urge a freeze or reduction of new spending by at least $150 million achieving a cap of roughly 3% on average residential rates. This should involve organisational change to curb personnel costs capping consultancy spend renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.I recognise the need to maintain essential services but the current plan relies heavily on rate increases to fund growth and prestige projects rather than prudent spending restraint. A disciplined savings plan would protect households from an unaffordable rise and demonstrate responsible stewardship of public funds.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6869,339346,,Hibiscus and Bays,Do not support most,In summary I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position that rates should not rise above inflation and that any increase must be funded by cutting wasteful expenditure. The proposed 7.9% increase translates to about $320 more per average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 while cumulative inflation sits around 12%. A responsible Budget must slow the growth of charges on households and crucially curb unnecessary spending.I urge the Council to implement the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget reversing roughly $150 million of new spending to cap the rate rise at around 3%. Specifically:- Reduce personnel costs through organisational changes and a hiring/activation freeze: save about $50 million.- Cap spending on consultants and professional services: save about $50 million.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors where possible: save about $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: save about $20 million.Additionally I request you:- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million annually and has been shown to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll by not filling vacant non-essential roles; this measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Freeze or reduce Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which I believe is not a function of local government.Other observations: spending on consultants and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs appears disproportionate to core service delivery. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have risen far faster than inflation while essential services should be protected.I request no speaking slot at the hearings but I am prepared to present if required.Sincerely{name redacted}57 Western Springs RdAuckland 1022{email redacted}I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,

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6873,339342,,Hibiscus and Bays,Do not support most,I write to object to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and to urge a comprehensive reduction in wasteful Council spending before any rate rise is approved.Key concerns and preferred approach- Oppose the 7.9% increase. The current average residential rates bill sits at $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 with a real increase of 30% since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) despite 12% cumulative inflation. A rate rise well above inflation is unsustainable for households especially in smaller communities.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The council group's total payroll and related costs are excessive relative to essential service delivery.- Reduce spending on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to escalate these items. In total consultants cost about $126 million per year across the Council group with the Auckland Council parent accounting for a large share and average consultant payments around $200k.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.- Living in a small town we see disproportionate spending in other areas. Rates here fund programmes with little local relevance; I seek a tighter focus on essential services that support my community.Alternative budgeting approach- I support the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% cut) to cap the increase at around 3% prioritising statutory and essential services and capping consultant spending vendor costs and non-essential grants.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6881,339334,,Hibiscus and Bays,Do not support most,1) Opposition to the proposed rates increase. The proposed 7.9 percent increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% while inflation and population growth have not kept pace placing a heavy burden on households. I support opposing the increase to be aligned with inflation and to reflect value for money in council services.2) Wasteful and bloated corporate/operational costs. The briefing highlights significant spend on consultants ($126 million per year across the Council group) and six-figure salaries (6123 staff with 464 earning over $200000; payroll at $1.3 billion; consultants and contractors at $590 million). I urge a substantial reduction in corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and a cap on consultancy and professional services.3) Spending cuts and budget reallocation. The Council should cancel discretionary and non-essential programmes that do not meet statutory obligations such as the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than saved. A reallocation toward essential services will improve value for ratepayers.4) Staffing controls and payroll restraint. Freeze hiring for vacant non-essential roles and reduce payroll costs where possible which the Ratepayers' Alliance indicates could save at least $17 million immediately.5) Māori-specific expenditure. The briefing notes approximately $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). I question whether this is a core local government function and request a review of such spend to ensure it aligns with statutory responsibilities and

ratepayer priorities.As an alternative I support the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council spending by about $150 million (a 2% reduction) which would cap the rate increase at around 3 percent. This would be achieved through personnel cost reductions capping consultant spend contract renegotiations vendor consolidation and prioritising statutory and essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6901,339313,,Hibiscus and Bays,Do not support most,I submit in strong support of reducing the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and in favour of cutting wasteful Council spending. The current plan imposes an average $320 extra per household at a time when Auckland rates have risen 85% since 2010 and real increases far exceed inflation. The proposed splitâ€”2% for existing assets 1.5% for growth 4.4% for CRL operating costsâ€”does not reflect value for money or restraint.1) Opposition to the proposed 7.9% increase- Rates should not exceed inflation. The Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget demonstrates a feasible path to cap the increase at about 3 percent by reducing new spending and improving efficiency.- Expenditure growth not revenue is the core issue. Between 2022 and 2025 personnel costs and other expenses rose faster than inflation while payroll and consultant costs rose sharply.2) Required spending reductions- Reduce personnel costs: freeze non-essential hires and limit vacancies to save at least $17 million immediately.- Cap consultancy and professional services: cut consultancies by at least $50 million.- Procurement discipline: renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to save about $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.3) Specific programmatic savings and reallocation- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year) which funds carbon outcomes but yields net emissions and questionable public benefit.- Freeze or substantially reduce Māori-specific spending including the Ngā Mātārae 'Maori outcomes' portfolio (around $10 million/year) on the basis that this is not a local government core role.- Redirect savings toward essential services and rate relief to households most burdened by cost of living pressures.4) Additional points- Get staff to actually work for their wages; stop wasting money on payouts and non-core programs; stop raising our rates further.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6906,339308,,Hibiscus and Bays,Do not support most,1) Opposition to rate increase- I oppose the average 7.9% residential rates rise which equates to about $320 for the typical household given the real increase since 2022 of 30% and the cumulative inflation of around 12%. Rates should be held to inflation plus a reasonable cap not a growth-led expansion of the Council's overhead.2) Reduce wasteful and bloated spending- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Curb consultancy and professional services spending; the Council should stop increasing these costs and better cap outsourcing.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by withholding recruitment for non-essential roles including a notional savings of at least $17 million immediately.3) Specific programme and Maori outcomes expenditure- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and is argued to emit more carbon than it saves.- Reduce or reallocate funding for Māori outcomes including the Ngā Mātārae department which amounts to roughly $10 million per year as this is not

a function of local government.4) Alternative budget approach- Adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap average residential rates increase at about 3 percent. This should be achieved through: - $50 million savings from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes - $50 million savings from capping consultancy spend - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million from prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grantsClosingI request that the Council seriously consider these reductions and refrain from endorsing the proposed 7.9% increase.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6907,339307,,Hibiscus and Bays,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. For the average household this equates to around $320 on top of ongoing cost increases and does not align with inflation or growth in resident needs. Since 2012 rates have risen by 85% far outstripping inflation and population growth and households are bearing a heavier burden than a decade ago.In addition I urge Council to implement meaningful reductions in expenditure before lifting rates further. Specific measures I support include:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational changes and a hiring freeze on non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Capping spending on consultants and professional services preventing continued growth in these line items.- Renegotiating contracts and pursuing vendor consolidation to achieve substantial savings.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million annually and has carbon emissions that exceed its savings.- Freezing or reducing payroll costs particularly by not filling vacant non-essential positions.- Cutting targeted Māori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) department as this is not a core function of local government.Based on the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing a prudent path would cap the average rate increase to about 3 percent by trimming new spending by at least $150 million (2%). Specifically shift funding away from non-essential initiatives toward sustaining essential council services and infrastructure maintenance.I respectfully request that Council consider these reductions before approving next year's rate increase to ensure a sustainable and fair funding model for Auckland's communities.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.I oppose the 7.9% uplift and request transparent consideration of alternatives that align with inflation and household burden. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 with a real increase since 2022 of 30 percent and cumulative inflation of about 12 percent. The proposed breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows. Given the scale of these pressures I urge the Council to adopt the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance Budget alternative: reduce new spending by $150 million (2%) to cap rates growth at 3 percent.Agreed positions:- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9 percent.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services instead of continuing increases.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.- Increase

transparency in budgeting and reporting to the public.Additional points:- The ratepayer perspective is that the Council's payroll consultants and back-office costs have grown significantly with direct operating expenditure rising well ahead of inflation in recent years.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants to protect households from excessive rate increases.Closing:I respectfully request consideration of the proposed alternative budget and the outlined reductions and I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6912,339301,,Hibiscus and Bays,Do not support most,My view is that rate increases should be kept in line with inflation and the Council should focus on core statutory services rather than expanding backroom functions.Key concerns and positions:1) Rates and affordability: The proposed 7.9% increase equating to around $320 for the average household is well above inflation and local affordability. Since 2012 rates have risen 85% in real terms far outpacing inflation (about 34%) and population growth (around 22%). The burden on households must be restrained.2) Expenditure priorities: The Council should reduce spending on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services expenditure which continue to rise. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have grown well beyond inflation with payroll and related costs consuming a large share of the budget.3) Wasteful and non-priority programmes: I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves. I also urge freezing staffing or reducing payroll by not filling non-essential vacant roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. It is prudent to prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.4) Māori-specific spending: I oppose ongoing Maori outcomes spending (such as the Ngā Mātārae department) at roughly $10 million per year arguing this is not a core local government function.5) Alternative budget approach: I support the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by about $150 million (2%) to cap rates increases at around 3% achievable via targeted personnel cost controls cap on consultants contract renegotiations and prioritising essential services.Additional points: I favour more practical visible improvements such as regular gutter sweeps to improve water quality at beaches and a shift toward more appealing environmentally friendly planting rather than extensive new infrastructure.Closing: I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6936,339277,,Hibiscus and Bays,Do not support most,I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. The proposed rise translates to about $320 for the average household on top of rates that have increased 85 percent since the 2010 amalgamation far outpacing both inflation (approximately 34 percent) and population growth (about 22 percent). With current rates bills around $4069 squeezing households further without demonstrable value-for-money outcomes is unwarranted.I urge the Council to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to cut spending on consultancy and professional services. The Alliance's briefing shows consultant costs at about $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant earning roughly $200000. A tighter payroll and vendor management approach is needed.I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million

per year and is alleged to emit more carbon than it saves. Redirecting those funds to essential services would better serve ratepayers and reduce wasteful spending.I urge freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. The briefing indicates significant payroll expense growth and halting non-essential hires could save at least $17 million immediately.I also request cutting Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a statutory local government role. Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants would benefit all residents.Additional point: increase efficiencies and stop 'nice-to-have' programs in favour of essentials that deliver clear public value.Sincerely{name redacted}29 Kahakaha LaneHobsonville 0616{email redacted}I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6939,339273,,Hibiscus and Bays,Do not support most,I submit this paper to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to advocate for a substantial reduction in wasteful Council spending. The proposed increase is not affordable for households with an average bill rise of about $320 and comes on the back of a real rates increase of 30 percent since 2022 while inflation runs higher.Key concerns and positions1) Rate burden and fairness: The 7.9 percent rise should be restrained. The current rates burden is unsustainable for many families and the council must prioritise affordability over further increases.2) Wasteful backroom costs: The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Monies spent on consultants and six-figure payrolls should be restrained to protect essential services.3) Consultancy and professional services: The spend on consultants ($126 million per year across the group; average consultant around $200k) must be reduced. The council should prioritise core operations and limit external advice unless clearly essential.4) Discretionary programmes: Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.5) Staffing and payroll: Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. This alone would save at least $17 million immediately.6) Māori outcomes expenditure: Cut Māori-specific spendingâ€”such as the $10 million per year for the Ngā Mātārae (Māori outcomes) departmentâ€”as this is not a role of local government.7) Alternative budget approach: The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (about 2 percent) which would cap average residential rates increases at around 3 percent. This would involve: a) freezing or reducing personnel costs b) capping consultancy spend c) renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors d) prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Additional point: This blatant waste of taxpayer money needs to be stopped; true transparent accountability is needed.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6942,339270,,Hibiscus and Bays,Do not support most,I submit my opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and urge a reset toward more affordable prudent spending.Key concerns:- The proposed 7.9% average increase is excessive given that the real rate increase since 2022 is already 30% in 2022 dollars versus 12% inflation. A 7.9% rise is well

above inflation and places a heavier burden on ratepayers who are already financially stretched.- The rate increase breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs plus 2% for maintaining assets and 1.5% for new assets tied to growth. Households cannot absorb continued growth in operating costs when efficiency gains are needed.- There is substantial waste in Council and CCO spending notably $126 million per year on consultants across the Council group with high individual consultant salaries. Direct operating expenditure has risen far faster than inflation and personnel costs have grown significantly.- Core services should be prioritised. I support reducing spending on corporate and backroom office functions and freezing non-essential roles to save funds that could be redirected toward essential services.Agreed positions (summary):- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9%.- Reduce expenditure on corporate/backroom functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing increases.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government role.Additional point: be more reasonable and consider ratepayers' perspective every year; many are poorer as rates rise.Alternative budget expectation (from Ratepayers' Alliance) suggests saving $150 million (2%) by reducing new spending with targeted reductions in personnel consultants contracting and prioritising statutory services.Closing:I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6953,339258,,Hibiscus and Bays,Do not support most,I submit in a personal and sincere tone to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for restraint on wasteful spending.1) Oppose the 7.9% increase. The proposed rise translates to about $320 for the average household and reflects a real increase far above inflation since 2022. The current average rates bill is $4069 and rates have risen 85% since the 2010 amalgamation outpacing inflation and population growth by a wide margin. A rates increase of 7.9% is excessive for ordinary households already facing cost pressures.2) Reduce corporate and backroom spending. There is a strong case to rein in spending on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have grown well beyond inflation with payroll and related expenses contributing to this drift.3) Curb consultancy and professional services. Spending on consultants remains high with about $126 million per year across the Council group and substantial individual consultant fees. I support reducing this expenditure to preserve ratepayer value.4) Cancel discretionary programmes with high cost and uncertain impact. Specifically I oppose continuing the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. Funds would be better directed to essential services.5) Freeze staff recruitment and reduce payroll where possible. A freeze on non-essential vacancies would save significant funds immediately. I support halting further payroll growth and prioritising essential frontline services.6) Reassess Māori-specific spending. I oppose continuing the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) department as local government should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary Māori-focused programmes.Additional context: I would like to see the Mayor demonstrate fiscal responsibility consistent with campaign promises of keeping rates low. I do not accept broad rate increases if they jeopardise affordability

for households already stretched by cost of living.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6957,339254,,Hibiscus and Bays,Do not support most,I am writing to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and to urge a comprehensive reduction in wasteful council spending. The rate rise would amount to about $320 for the average household on top of a long history of rate increases far beyond inflation.Key concerns- The 7.9% rise comprises 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets as growth continues and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Since the 2010 amalgamation rates have risen 85%â€”well above inflation and population growth. This is unsustainable for households.- I support a prudent alternative budget model: reduce new council spend by $150 million (2% cap on rates) to keep increases around 3%. This requires: - Reducing personnel costs including a hiring freeze for non-essential roles: $50 million - Capping spending on consultants: $50 million - Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million - Prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants: $20 million- Wasteful backroom costs must be addressed. Council spending on consultants is excessive (about $126 million per year across the group; average consultant pay around $200k). I urge curbing these costs and redeploying funds to essential services.- I object to the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million annually and emits more carbon than it saves. It should be cancelled.- Payroll growth is out of step with residents. Freezing staffing and cutting non-essential roles could save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose additional Māori-specific spend such as the $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae); I believe local government should prioritise statutory and essential services.Additional pointStop this mad spending that is not costing ratepayers appropriately. The current trajectory is unsustainable.In conclusion I urge the Council to adopt a more restrained budget that freezes or reduces non-essential staffing and backroom spending cancels non-performing programmes and aligns rate increases with inflation or below. I would prefer to present these views in person but do not wish to speak at a hearing.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

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

Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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

N/A

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

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

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

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

Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?
(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

Rank	Area
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	Regional parks and environment – looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects
	Transport – roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around

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

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

N/A

Question 6: City centre

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

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

N/A

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Submitter details:

Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback:

Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

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

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

The proposed rise equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 while inflation has been around 12%. This is unsustainable for households and undermines confidence in local government.Position and recommendations1) Rate increase and finance discipline. Oppose an average 7.9% rise; support capping rate increases at around 3% by reducing new and ongoing costs. The Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget shows a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (2%) enough to meet the cap while preserving essential services.2) Reducing staff and outsourcing costs. Freeze staffing growth and/or reduce payroll by

not filling non-essential vacancies which could save at least $17 million immediately. Also curb personnel costs and outsourcing by tightening contractor usage and renegotiating vendor deals.3) Controlling consultants and professional services. Capping spending on consultants and professional services is essential. The current ~$126 million per year in consultant spend across the Council group including $60 million by the Council with many consultants earning around $200k is not sustainable if ratepayers are asked to bear higher bills.4) Specific programme and Māori outcomes funding. Cancel the Food Scraps Programme at about $36 million per year which in our assessment costs more in emissions than it saves. Freeze or reallocate the approximately $10 million per year spent on Māori outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function. Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.5) Overall spending discipline. Focus on essential services renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to achieve substantial savings. The alternative budget's approach is realistic and aligns with ratepayers' interests.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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N/A

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Submitter details:

Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback:

Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:

- **Transport**
- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

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

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

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

1) Opposition to the proposed rates increase and call for restraint- I oppose an average residential rates increase of 7.9% which would be around $320 per household for the year. Rates have risen 85% since the 2010 amalgamation far exceeding inflation and population growth and further increases should be tightly constrained.- The proposed breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs alongside 2% for existing asset maintenance and 1.5% for growth in new assets. Given historical cost growth and payroll pressures more of the burden should fall on reducing waste and improving efficiency rather than increasing charges on households.2) Spend controls and efficiency

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N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

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

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

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

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

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

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