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Support most

Tell us why

I support most of it because with many people having cars/buses, the trains a well known option.

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I think they sound pricey. so we should try to keep it low budget but the changes sound okay.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

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I think you should prioritise planning and infrastructure and flood resilience. As faster planning on this can prevent and save us more money and things if eg a flood

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Tell us why

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Do not support

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

Support

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

Do not support

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looking after welfare because that should come first

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

Transport - traffic is bad

Question 6: City centre

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

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5422

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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback:

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

N/A

Tell us why

N/A

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

Waitematā Local Board Feedback:

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

Tell us why

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

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

Do not support

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Do not support

C. Reduce community grant funding and accommodation grant funding.

Do not support

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

Do not support

E. Reduce funding for environmental management activities.

Do not support

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

Do not support

Question 4: Other feedback

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

Question 6: City centre

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5434

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Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback:

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Tell us why

N/A

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5436

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Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback:

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Waitematā

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Tell us why

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Do not support

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

Support

C. Reduce community grant funding and accommodation grant funding.

I don’t know

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

Support

E. Reduce funding for environmental management activities.

Do not support

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

Do not support

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

N/A

Question 6: City centre

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5446

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Submitter details:

Organisation: N/A

Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

I mostly support this beacuse I would like to see better infrastucture and water especially more funding in infrastructure and CRL would be very useful

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I think this is good but a 7.9% increase is huge and could strain certain houshold budgets, since living cost is already high.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Whau

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Consider maybe spreading the fee increase over a few years or provide detailed reports on exaclty what is happening

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

N/A

Question 6: City centre

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5460

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Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

I don't think it should be so expensive for ratepayers

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I think parking prices should not increase

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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Question 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?

Better public transport, building more apartments instead of urban sprawl suburbs, and future-proofing Auckland (sustainability, food resilience, etc.)

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5462

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Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

Question 4: Other feedback

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

N/A

Question 6: City centre

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5467

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Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

tax high

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

i dont want to pay more tax for rail project that should have finished years ago

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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Support most

Tell us why

I think that the city rail link will improve Auckland transport, but the increased rates might make it hold for a lot of families....

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N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Albert-EdenI don't knowMaungahichie's library &culture program is good but it should be for serious & youth (study spaces)

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Libraries (for study & better hours)

Transport & cycling safer

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(1, and 2 were ticked)

Transport because we need more advanced transportation such as subways and trains.

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

Support most

Tell us why

The plan is pretty good right now. There are more regular traffic jams on the highways right now, so fixing the transport and roads would really help Auckland's population.

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I think that these proposed changes are okay because it might effect families who are too poor to pay on amount and those that are okay to pay but don't want to.

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Devonport-Takapuna,Henderson-Massey,Ōrākei,Waiheke,Waitākere Ranges

Devonport-Takapuna 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 is way more traffic in these areas which I think is not okay because these areas are a popular destination.

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.

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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G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

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

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

Question 4: Other feedback

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The amount of garbage and waste that is seen around roads and streets. As waste, rubbish can effect our environment and can lead to health issues if not cleaned up. We don't want anymore people to get sick because of these small occassions.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Housing is already expensive and many kiwis are unable to afford a home as is. While the city rail link is inherently good, a 7.9% rate increase would lead to more homeless and a lower ability to pay for things like the CRL.

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I think this increase in rates which lead to a decreased ability for New Zealanders to spend would not be worth the investments in transport (specifically the CRL) and water, as residents would not be able to pay for them.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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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

Public transport and maintaining our environment as kaitiakitanga of our land is imperative.

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Public transport - ensuring it is safe and affordable for Aucklanders of all socioeconomic backgrounds. Our environment provides for us too, so we must take care of it.

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Support most

Tell us why

Although things like transport and water infrastructure are importants, I believe too much is being put towards council running costs, and the building of infrastructure has quite inefficient

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The rate changes are quite high, and I believe the focus should be an efficiency, not raising rates and fees. Living in Auckland is already expensive, and this will just exacerbate this burden.

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The main focus should be on the economy. If we can most economic growth in Auckland more money will be available for other projects.

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I don't know

Tell us why

I live in hamilton

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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

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

The CRL is a major and positive change to Auckland, however, all the changes, such as bag exchange fee, cost money. Unstable when all the changes are added, the president financial state may be unstable.

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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 most

Tell us why

The upper harbour/city is where majority of the economic state in NZ is finalised, being a modern CRL can benefit by providing jobs.

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.

B. Reduce grants funding.

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

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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)

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

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Auckland transport system has been unreliable or many , giving, a bad impression for tourists and impacts lives of students, employees, and many other lives. If the council prioritises transport, the foundation of economic growth and residential benefit will be met, however, the increase in residential rates must be within the reach of resident having medium wage salary.

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Tell us why

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Economy because everyone is struggling

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Support all

Tell us why

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The parking permits make parking more accessible and changes to the bin programme would prove to be beneficial for these suburbs around Auckland.

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 all

Tell us why

Because the long bay reserve experiences a lot of recreation and needs more protection in this reserve.

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

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Currently there is a lack of spaces for trains

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Support most

Tell us why

Focus on safety, it should be a priority.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Upper Harbour

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

City rail link is a good idea that I will benefit from, when moving through Auckland

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I don't mind

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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Building more cycle paths

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Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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N/A

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Support most

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I think the fees should be lower for students and some taxes should also decrease for students and elders

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Introduce more technology and adapt it for economic improvement and growth. This allows the cities to develop and put us on a higher scale globally

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Tell us why

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I don't have enough information to make an informed inference

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Economic development and events, helps boost Auckland's economy and contributes to overall growth and attraction to investment and public spending.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

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Comments from email submission, see more details in attached email submission:

I have heard many concerns from the community and I have experienced failures first-hand.

The Institutional failure in Animal Management consistently allows perpetrators time to remove animals that the community has reported concerns about.

This results in continued abuse or a tortured death of the animals.

This is not just a lack of resources, it is a failure of Auckland Council's report prioritization system and the proven inadequacies of officers in correctly approaching and investigating reports.

When operators receive calls about animal abuse from the community, they place unrealistic time frames on cases, often giving a 1 to 4 day wait, forcing community members to argue the need for urgency.

If brave members of the community then challenge owners about their neglect and abuse of animals, the abusers may be alerted to the fact that authorities have been alerted.

By the time the Council acts, if the council acts, the system has effectively given abusers a "head start" to hide evidence, move the victims, or bury the bodies.

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From: [redacted] on behalf of MayoralLiaison
To: AKHaveYourSay
Subject: 8590046324 URGENT: Formal Complaint and request issues raised be added to submissions to the Annual Plan2026/2027 which closes today
Date: Tuesday, 31 March 2026 12:06:37 pm

Kia ora team,

The mayor received the below email from [redacted] on 29 March 2026,

Are you able to treat this as feedback received before the closing deadline of 11:59pm Sunday 29 March 2026.

We confirm we have logged a formal complaint, and the customers concerns are now being investigated by our animal management department.

Ngā mihi | Kind regards

[redacted]
Te Kaitohutohu i ngā Take Kirihoko | Customer Issues Advisor
Ngā Ratonga ā-Matihiko, ā-Kirihoko hoki | Digital & Customer Services
Te Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau | Auckland Council Group
Te Wharau o Tāmaki Auckland House, 135 Albert Street, Auckland 1010

-----Original Message-----
From: [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, 29 March 2026 5:12 pm
To: Mayor Wayne Brown [redacted]
Subject: URGENT: Formal Complaint and request issues raised be added to submissions to the Annual Plan2026/2027 which closes today

Dear Mayor Brown and [redacted]

Please accept this correspondence as a formal operational complaint.
I also respectfully request that these issues raised also be included in the submission records for the Auckland Council Annual Plan
2026/2027 which closes today.
I have heard many concerns from the community and I have experienced failures first-hand.
The Institutional failure in Animal Management consistently allows perpetrators time to remove animals that the community has reported concerns about.
This results in continued abuse or a tortured death of the animals.
This is not just a lack of resources, it is a failure of Auckland Council's report prioritization system and the proven inadequacies of officers in correctly approaching and investigating reports.
When operators receive calls about animal abuse from the community, they place unrealistic time frames on cases, often giving a 1 to 4 day wait, forcing community members to argue the need for urgency.
If brave members of the community then challenge owners about their neglect and abuse of animals, the abusers may be alerted to the fact that authorities have been alerted.

By the time the Council acts, if the council acts, the system has effectively given abusers a "head start" to hide evidence, move the victims, or bury the bodies.

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time to intimidate witnesses, often with death threats forcing people into anonymity out of fear of their personal safety.

Auckland City Councils Animal Management Dog Control is severely lacking in its ability to manage many community reported specific cases effectively and efficiently.
I personally have experienced this first hand.

On Tuesday, March 24, 2026 I reported community concern involving two dogs.
Many members of the community, including elderly, were upset and distressed by the continuous, ongoing barking of one dog and the ongoing distressed wailing of the other.
When I telephoned the council the intake officer confirmed as we spoke, that she was viewing a map of the "back house" location and provided me with a report number.
When I asked how long it would take she informed me it would be a 1 to
4 day wait .
I questioned this time and said the dogs had been barking and wailing for many hours and when I checked on the elderly, disabled lady in the house in front of the premises that the dogs were in, she was in a state of anxiety, telling me they barked often but that day their obvious distress was ongoing.
She was very upset and said she did not want to be involved as she didn't want to upset her neighbors..
The operator changed the priority and informed me she was lodging a second report.
I later received written confirmation of 2 separate job numbers.

The following day on Wednesday, March 25, I received a phone call from a Dog Control officer regarding my report.
During this call, the officer asked for details of the dogs. I had to correct him twice on his description of the color of the dogs, and had to spell the breed of the dog more than once to him.
No more than 10 minutes following the phone call a Council vehicle pulled up outside my home.
Three uniformed officers stood at my front door. They proceeded to question me about" my dogs" despite the fact I have no dogs.
They were treating the person who made the report as the perpetrator.
I am a retiree, I live in a retirement complex.
I reported the dogs to Auckland City Council in good faith.

I find it unacceptable that I was made to feel intimidated and also humiliated in view of my neighbors, because of incompetent unprofessional handling of a case.
If the Council had checked the registration database at any point during the 24 hours since my report on Tuesday, they would have seen no dogs registered at my address.
I am aware that there are people who own dogs which they do not register, however, surely this is one basic check that should be vital to entering any property which has a report of animal abuse ?.
If a dog is not registered it provides a legal tool for the council to immediately uplift the dog/s.

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During the conversation I asked the three officers to be sensitive to the elderly lady. I requested that they not speak to her, or if they did so, I asked them to please send the female officer.
I also informed them that because of the council's delay, I had gone to the address myself the previous evening to check the dogs and offered the owner help by arranging volunteers to walk the dogs when she explained they were reacting due to being left alone in the house.
One of the officers identified himself to me as Shaun, the Manager.
He said the total confusion was caused by the intake operator. I asked that he follow up on it so that the same did not happen to other members of the public.
He assured me that he would do so. I asked him to provide me with a written report on what had transpired. He agreed to do so. We shook hands on agreement. I have to date not received anything from him.

This is not my first experience of council failures.
In early 2026.(Case Ref: 8590045590.) two dogs were left for at least three days without food or water, eating grass and dirt to survive.
I complained to you both as the Mayor, and the CEO, of Auckland City Council at the time.

The abuse of the two dogs was reported by members of the community to the Council and SPCA. Members of the public were distressed by the neglect and poor condition of the animals and the Council and SPCA lack of response.
This was shared and documented by the community on social media.
Both animals were short-chained to a single small wooden kennel with no proper shelter, photographic evidence provided to the Council showed one of the dogs standing on the kennel roof, the female was lactating with swollen breasts in visible distress. There were no signs of puppies.

When I reported this to the council following members of the community bringing the dog's deteriorating condition to my attention, the complaint was accepted as urgent emergency priority 1.
However, following this I received a telephone call I from an acting Manager, who displayed total lack of professional integrity.
She spoke over me, and challenged and disrespected me on a personal level.
She then downgraded the case urgency to priority 3.
This resulted in a delayed response which enabled the owner time, days, to remove the animals before help might have arrived.
I made a formal complaint about that council officer to her manager who informed me during our telephone conversation that his name was Shaun.

Auckland Council subsequently closed the file as "unable to locate"
because the occupant claimed the owner was a "visitor.

By failing to act urgently, the council allowed the dogs' suffering to continue and then to vanish.
Correspondence I received February 1 2026 from a council officer in the field stated " If the dogs return to the property, please let us know so we can attend". The request shows a misdirection of responsibility.

Why does the Council not exercise its existing legal right under Section 19 of the Dog Control Act 1996 to demand the name and address of an owner from any occupant who claims they were "visitors" .
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My own experience proved that failure to act urgently and delayed response enabled the owner time to remove the animals before help arrived.

It is unacceptable that the Council's prioritization system applies a
"1 to 4 day wait" for animals the community reports in distress.

Why does the Council maintain a prioritization system that allows for a multi-day wait for animals to suffer and deteriorate?.
How do they justify the recent incompetence and waste of council resources, to arrive at a complainant's home with three officers for the misguided purpose of (witness) intimidation?

In light of the Government's recent announcements regarding animal welfare reform, the emphasis on local council accountability continues to grow.
The real cost of institutional failure is not only found in the broken systems, but in the trauma, the fear, and the silence it forces upon a community.
The public deserves a system that acts with the urgency required to protect tortured abused animals, not one that does not support or targets the community members who speak up.
I am informed that when many of the community report animal abuse they are often treated by council staff with disrespect.

Personal Accountability: I requested a written report of exactly what took place during the incident at my home on Wednesday. The Manager agreed to provide this, yet to date, I have received nothing.

Systemic Accountability: Whose responsibility is it to ensure that the Council's records are accurate before officers are dispatched to a home?
What specific actions will be taken to ensure that "unable to locate"
is no longer used as an excuse for failure to act with professional thoroughness?
Public Accountability: The public deserves to know how the Council can justify a system that through its own inaction enables abusers time to hide victims and evade the law.
It is a matter of urgent public interest that the Council ceases these failures and starts exercising its legal authority to hold perpetrators accountable.

The Government's recent announcement of a comprehensive review of the Dog Control Act is a start.
Unfortunately, this review is looking at the wrong end of the leash.
The emphasis continues to be on dangerous dogs, with only a slight mention of the owners.
The reality is that the real danger lies with the human perpetrators who inflict evil onto their dog victims and the wider community.

While tougher penalties after a tragedy may satisfy a public desire for justice, they do nothing to address the lack of human accountability and the ongoing enabling of the owner before an attack occurs.
The dog that is to be euthanized for attacking is the victim of human evil, enabled by the current failure of the Dog Control Act 1996 and the Animal Welfare Act 1999 to work in cohesion.

The real cost of this institutional failure is the suffering of a defenseless animal and the heartbreak of the community and rescue groups who have to hold that animal while it struggles and dies because the system waited too long or just did not act

The Dog Control Act is primarily used by Councils to manage roaming or aggressive behavior, often treating the dog as a problem to be destroyed, while, the Animal Welfare Act is used by the SPCA and Police to deal with cruelty, treating the dog as a victim.
Because these two acts do not work in cohesion, a person can be investigated for a dangerous dog without any mandatory check into the human treatment or torture that caused that behavior.

There is an urgent need for human accountability.

Regards,
[redacted]
[redacted]

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Tell us why

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N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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N/A

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Transport. For a evergrowing city I think this is important to limit the traffic in the city

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Economy, Job Opportunities, Community Assistance

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Waitematā

Waitematā Local Board Feedback:

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Tell us why

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

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

Support

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

Support

C. Reduce community grant funding and accommodation grant funding.

Do not support

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

I don’t know

E. Reduce funding for environmental management activities.

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

Support

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Community spaces and public transport. Study at uni in city but live east

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Tell us why

cannot afford it

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

The cost of living is too high. I disagree with raising taxes.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Ōrākei

Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

Support all

Tell us why

People and environment are important

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

A. Increase community-use sports fields provision either through redevelopment or expansion of our asset portfolio to address the forecasted move of Auckland Cricket into Colin Maiden Park and other demands on our sports fields.

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

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5578

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Support most

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Removing parking space restrictions has actually increased on-street parking pressure and impeded traffic flow.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. What do you think of Onehunga Business Association Inc's proposal to reduce the geographic boundary of the Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme, and amount of targeted rate to be collected?

Tell us why

Question 4: Other feedback

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

Multi-ethnic cultural connections

Question 6: City centre

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

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,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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Do not support any

Tell us why

cannot afford it

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

The living costs are too high. I don't agree with the related increase.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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Support all

Tell us why

people and environment are most important priorities

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Transport

Safety

Environment

Social connection

Respect for culture & diversity

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

Waitematā Local Board Feedback:

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

Tell us why

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

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

Do not support

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

Do not support

C. Reduce community grant funding and accommodation grant funding.

Do not support

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

I don’t know

E. Reduce funding for environmental management activities.

Do not support

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

Do not support

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Expenditure deficits must be accrued alongside long-term holistic planning. Debt is not bad if long term efficiency is the primary objective. Uni student.

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Tell us why

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I don’t know

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Support

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Do not support

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Support

E. Reduce funding for environmental management activities.

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repeat problem must improve

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I have no opinion at the moment, but I hope parking can be free.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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Economy first, the economy is really bad right now.

Question 6: City centre

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5602

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Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback:

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Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

Waitematā Local Board Feedback:

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

Tell us why

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

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Do not support

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Support

C. Reduce community grant funding and accommodation grant funding.

Do not support

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

Support

E. Reduce funding for environmental management activities.

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

Do not support

Question 4: Other feedback

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road safety rules for E-bikes & scooters

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5603

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Local Board: I don't know

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Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

No

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Henderson-Massey

Henderson-Massey Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

Question 4: Other feedback

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

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N/A

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Waitematā

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Tell us why

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

Support

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Do not support

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Support

E. Reduce funding for environmental management activities.

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

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5608

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N/A

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Tell us why

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Do not support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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

Do not support

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Would look at cuts around policing (militant aspects) with an emphasis on community boards/policing. uni student

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5624

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N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Waitematā

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Tell us why

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I don’t know

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Support

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

Waitematā Local Board Feedback:

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

Tell us why

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

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

Do not support

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

I don’t know

C. Reduce community grant funding and accommodation grant funding.

Do not support

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

Do not support

E. Reduce funding for environmental management activities.

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

Do not support

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Question 6: City centre

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

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#5639

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No

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Henderson-Massey

Henderson-Massey Local Board Feedback:

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

Support all

Tell us why

Question 4: Other feedback

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Support most

Tell us why

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Tell us why

Good to be close when its not high traffic

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

Support most

Tell us why

I support because it focuses on transport and water infrastructure. However I'm concerned about the rates as it is high.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

They are reasonable and improves services. However increasing these may negativity affect residents

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Albert-EdenSupport most

Question 4: Other feedback

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#5694

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N/A

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#5695

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Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

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Upper Harbour

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.

B. Reduce grants funding.

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

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

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

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

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#5710

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Support most

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Manurewa

Manurewa Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

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

A. Allocate up to $1.5 million of funding to support delivery of the Manurewa War Memorial Park multi-sports pavilion.

B. Deliver a new multi-cultural initiative that responds to demands for increased ethnic engagement.

C. Develop a civics education initiative that helps people understand the role of local boards and how they can get involved.

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

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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.

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Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback:

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

dont know how I feel about it

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

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I am a school student and I use public transport. All the prices are too high

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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.

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

Although I understand improving city rail link will improve economic and transport options not sure if I support a 7.9% increase especially when a lot of people live paycheck to paycheck

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I agree with water as water is crucial for many different things. May not agree residential increases this could place expert on people already struggling

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

PuketāpapaDo not support mostDo not support most of the rate increases because it increases the burden on homeowners and businesses and business owners and decentivises them

Question 4: Other feedback

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A lot of the rate increases going to place necessary pressure on individuals already struggling, people don't have jobs. If there was economic opportunities I would be more inclined to support their initiatives.

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I think community centers and services are showing important they empower and uplift people that may be marginalized and disempowered transport would be second because I believe that easy transport and safety and who also is utmost important for the well being of all citizens It sets the precedent for social development and improving social economic

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

The rubbish bin is totally wasted money, you know why.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Aotea/Great Barrier

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Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

No good service, only extra money, unsatisfactory.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Rodney

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

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#5870

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

A property tax hike is acceptable when the economy is good and income is stable, but since both are currently at their worst, it is questionable how we will be able to pay.

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reasonable

Question 3: Local board priorities

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N/A

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I hope that during these difficult times for everyone, the City Council moves in a direction that helps its citizens rather than raising taxes.

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Support all

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I disagree with raising the parking fee for residents.

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Upper Harbour

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Upper Harbour

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

Support most

Tell us why

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Upper Harbour

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Given the current economic difficulties, the practice of significantly increasing taxes on residents warrants further study.

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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 consumer spending and fail to boost the economy or infrastructure usage.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Upper Harbour

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support most

Tell us why

In a sluggish economic environment, a significant increase in household taxes will directly impact residents' quality of life.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

A better solution is 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

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Upper Harbour

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Tell us why

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

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Upper Harbour

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The goal is to minimize the burden on residents while pursuing development.

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support most

Tell us why

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We understand the tax and fee changes, but hope to reduce the burden on residents and improve service efficiency.

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Hibiscus and Bays

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#6029

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Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback:

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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.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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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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While developing, we should try to reduce the burden on residents.

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

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

Do not support any

Tell us why

N/A

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Not supported

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Not supported

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Question 6: City centre

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

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Your feedback:

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

Do not support any

Tell us why

N/A

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Not supported

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

N/A

Question 6: City centre

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

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

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#6042

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Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback:

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Do not support any

Tell us why

N/A

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I do not support this; I do not want any further tax increases.

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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#6051

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

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Tell us why

N/A

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Q5 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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Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback:

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

Do not support any

Tell us why

Reasonable planning and strategies, rather than simply increasing land taxes.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

The 7.9% proportion is too high.

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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Not supported

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#6056

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Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback:

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

Do not support any

Tell us why

The government's annual costs are increasing too much, adding extra burden to people's lives.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

None of them support

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

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

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Support most

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I hope the city council will improve service efficiency while raising fees, but please also consider the financial burden on some families.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Howick

Question 4: Other feedback

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It is recommended to improve public transportation accessibility, improve road conditions, and strengthen community environmental protection.

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Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

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Support most

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Lower the percentage increase in property 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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Support most

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I do not support raising all property taxes. For example, it is unreasonable to raise property taxes on vacant commercial storefronts that generate no waste.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōtara-Papatoetoe

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In terms of economic development, New Zealand is a typical example of high consumption and low income, with rapid population loss. Without economic development, other aspects cannot be improved.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

no

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

no

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Tell us why

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I disagree with raising property taxes

Question 3: Local board priorities

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N/A

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Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Aotea/Great Barrier,Devonport-Takapuna

Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

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

A. Improvements to the library service including additional programmes.

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

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

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

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Support most

Tell us why

I understand that money is limited and we may all have less access to money, But it's hard for some people to get around the areas, some people go to work etc so this would be really important.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

It should be shared equally among everyone not only a specifically one person so rates are important.

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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I feel like we need to find out how they relate to each other which can help us find the root cause.

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I believe wate should have its own focus as not enough pressure is put on the ongoing water crisis

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Good! by placing a charge on non-enviromentally freindly options it diverts people's likelihood to use them and rely on more sustainable options.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Good, its good to see more focus on the enviromental and maori heritage

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Water. Water price needs to be higher to facilitate the desalination of water at a cheaper price. WE are going through a water crisis that isnt being recognised and we are going to run out of clean water in a decade

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

Improving transport throughout auckland should be a huge priotirty

Question 6: City centre

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

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

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#6148

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

Do not support any

Tell us why

N/A

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

Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

The 7.9% rate increase is absurbly high considering the cos tof living conditions in Auckland

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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Support all

Tell us why

Im a young man who uses transport, no brainer. Im for transport other stuff are cool to

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I reckon you gotta decrease the bus fair

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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bus prices gotta go down

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Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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#6160

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Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback:

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I don't know

Tell us why

Auckland transport is too expensive not for only vulnerable but also for generals

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

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Question 4: Other feedback

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

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

i dont know

Question 3: Local board priorities

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N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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Other (please specify):

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#6165

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Support most

Tell us why

I like the idea of investing in transport and so on but the rates increase holds back my full support

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I do not like the idea of increasing residential parking permit fees unless its in richer areas such as botany. If so, I like these changes

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

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Question 4: Other feedback

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

I believe transport services should be one of the top priorities -> regarding both costs and safety. As a student, I use public transport daily. Often I feel unsafe due to the presence of disorderly passengers that reek of drugs/alcohol. Also the prices have been steadily rising, getting to school is becoming more expensive. It is simply worrisome."

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

Support most

Tell us why

I understand the need for such essential services and though I myself do not contribute to rates or am affected by rate increases, the proposed endeavors will be of great significance to those who get by using public transport.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

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Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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

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

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

I believe public transport should be the paramount endeavour prioritized by the council. As it currently stands, the whole city suffers from frequent traffic congestion, which often leads to tardiness in educational and professional spaces, and holding this particular service to light would remedy the issue and make transportation more convenient

Question 6: City centre

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

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

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#6196

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Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback:

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

Support all

Tell us why

because we need a light rail system like Paris

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

w change

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#6207

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Your feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

I think the current plan is alright and will continue to improve Auckland

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

Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I feel these changes are fairly good although they could be altered to further improve them

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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

N/A

Question 6: City centre

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

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#6213

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Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

It can always be improved, and it sounds really expansive

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I feel as though the rates increase is a lot, and it could be better if its more spread out

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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Please extend this to the outskirts as well and nearby cities to places wgere could see something simila

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

Public places like museums, libraries and schools

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Local Board: I don't know

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

Support most

Tell us why

Transport very important however increase in already increasing rates seems difficult

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I don't pay rates so I don't know

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?

Flood resistance as it has one of the most significant impacts on residence

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Support most

Tell us why

I think the general idea is good but a little too 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

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

N/A

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#6224

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Do not support most

Tell us why

High property rates discourage home ownership, CRL was not a critical investment until improving bus timetables

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

good

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei

Question 4: Other feedback

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

Get rid of the unitary plan

Question 6: City centre

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#6232

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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback:

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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?

Ōtara-Papatoetoe

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Feedback:

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

I don't know

Tell us why

Tell me why

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing and other pressures, we must address an increase in the cost of delivering existing services within its current funding. To balance the budget, we are considering a Local Services Targeted Rate, changes to service levels or fees, or a combination of both approaches. We could introduce a Local Services Targeted Rate of $1.1 million capital value based rate charged to all properties (this would be around $27 based on average value urban residential property in the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area) to cover the increased cost of delivering existing services. What do you think about this option?

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

A. Reduce maintenance - Stop scheduled bollard and post-and-rail maintenance, stop scheduled maintenance for bush areas (except High Value/Ecological), change garden edging to chemical application, cease infill planting and mulching in amenity gardens and reclassify re-vegetation areas to bush areas.

B. Reduce library hours: Ōtara Library, reduction of 4 hours per week; Papatoetoe Library, reduction of 2 hours per week; Tupu Youth Library, reduction of 5 hours per week; Manukau Library, reduction to a 6-day service, close on Sundays.

C. Reduce discretionary spending on community grants, community and/or environment projects.

D. Increase to fees for "Plus" (spa, sauna, and steam room entry) services by $1 at Ōtara Pool and Leisure Centre and Papatoetoe Centennial Pool (PCP).

E. Charge adult visitors from outside the local board area at Ōtara Pool and Leisure Centre and Papatoetoe Centennial Pool (PCP).

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

4. Overall, how do you think the local board should address the cost increases?

Question 4: Other feedback

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#6237

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

Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#6253

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#6425

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Tell us why

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Tell us why

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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.

I don't know

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.

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)

U should not reduce any budget to shorjunction or any other youth organisation as it offer many opportunities.

Question 4: Other feedback

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I want more skateparks and better and faster transport.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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?

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Submitter details:

Organisation: N/A

Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback:

Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:

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

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

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

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I am submitting in opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to advocate for substantial restraint in wasteful council spending.I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. This is a real not just inflationary rise and adds approximately $320 to the average household's bill on top of a long trend of costly growth. Since 2010 rates have increased 85 percent far outpacing inflation and population growth. The plan allocates 4.4 percent to CRL operating costs plus 2 percent for existing assets and 1.5 percent for new assets tied to growth which together drive the bulk of the increase. It is reasonable to expect that ratepayer funds

be used more efficiently and the council rigorously look for savings.The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb spend on consultancy and professional services. Consulting spending of about $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant earning roughly $200k is excessive when council already employs extensive internal staff resources. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have grown well beyond inflation while bureaucratic functions and six-figure salaries have risen sharply. A smaller leaner organisational footprint would help cap rates growth to more moderate levels.I support freezing staffing levels and reducing payroll by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. I also support capping consultancy spend and renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors to gain savings of about $30“50 million. Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants could save about $20 million bringing the rate rise closer to 3 percent if combined with a disciplined budget.Specific programmes that should be reconsidered include the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million annually and emits more carbon than it saves and Māori-focused spending such as the Ngā Mātārae department costing around $10 million per year.It is disappointing that the rhetoric about controlling council expenditure and rates does not match the plan and budgeted rate increases. Private businesses and households have to operate within their means while council seems unable to manage their operations without constantly expecting excessive funding increases.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,
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6895,339319,,I don't know,Do not support most,I am submitting my views on the proposed 2026/27 Annual Plan. I support a respectful evidence-based approach to budgeting and urge Council to oppose the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase.I oppose the 7.9% increase. The announced increase breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs plus 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets. This level of growth is unsustainable for households especially given Auckland's 30% real rates rise since 2022 (vs. 12% inflation). A 3% cap is more reasonable and aligned with ratepayers' capacity.I agree that the Council needs to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to cut spend on consultancy and professional services. The current consultant spend of $126 million per year with hundreds of thousands to individual consultants is excessive and should be streamlined. I also support freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not filling non-essential vacancies which could save at least $17 million immediately.I disagree with continuing the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and per submitter briefing emits more carbon than it saves. I also support reducing Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) department as this function is not a core local government obligation.I submit an alternative budget approach: reduce new Council spending by at least $150 million (2%) to cap average residential rates increases at about 3%. This would be achieved by: $50 million from personnel costs through organisational change and hiring freezes; $50 million from capping consultancy spend; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Additional points: pressure is needed on the salary ladder and wage growth which has outpaced inflation and is increasingly out of sync with the private sector; a sinking lid approach is required to remove non-core roles and activities; rates are increasingly taking a larger share of households' disposable

income requiring a long-term spacial plan and democratic input.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6914,339299,,I don't know,Do not support most,I write in a constructive solution-focused manner to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to advocate for meaningful cuts to wasteful council spending.1) Rate increase and spending reform- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. This would equate to roughly $320 for the average household on top of a period where rates have risen 85 percent since 2010 far outstripping inflation.- To align rates with a more sustainable path I support reducing new Council spending and capping average residential rate rises to around 3 percent as proposed in the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget by cutting unnecessary operating and backroom costs.2) Specific spending reductions- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and in my view emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; in my view this could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.3) Context and fairness- The proposed 7.9 percent rise is part of a broader pattern of rising costs with operating expenditure growing well ahead of inflation and a large share allocated to consultants and six-figure staff costs. A rebalancing toward core statutory and essential services is warranted.In closing I request a plan that prioritises essential services restrains non-core spend and implements the Ratepayers' Alliance framework to keep rates within inflation-adjusted targets. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6976,339235,,I don't know,Do not support most,1. Overall rates and rationale- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. The current rate burden has risen to $4069 on average with a real increase since 2022 of 30 percent while inflation runs higher overall. A rate rise this large is unsustainable for households and does not reflect value for money.2. Expenditure reductions a priority- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.- The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled costing $36 million per year and reportedly emitting more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) given this is a matter of local government scope and not prescribed in statute.3. Alternative budget approach- I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping average residential rates to around 3 percent. This would be achieved through targeted reductions in personnel costs capping consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.4. Observations- Since the 2010 amalgamation rates have increased by a

disproportionate 85% outpacing inflation and population growth. The council should prioritise core municipal functions and essential services over expanding overhead consultants and niche programmes.Wayne Brown was elected on promises to curb wasteful spending; there is concern that this commitment has not been honoured in practice.I urge the Council to adopt a fiscally prudent budget that realigns to essential services and transparent spend controls enabling a below-inflation rate outcome for households.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

6986,339223,,I don't know,Do not support most,I submit my opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase for 2026/27 and urge a substantial reduction in wasteful Council spending. The current rate path is unsustainable for households and workably unaccountable to ratepayers.Key points:1) Rates strategy must reflect inflation and household affordability. The proposed 7.9% increase equates to about $320 more per average home on top of a real 30% increase since 2022 (vs 12% overall inflation). This is not affordable for many ratepayers and it fails to align with a reasonable commitment to value for money.2) Expenditure reform is essential. The Council should reduce corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services. The Alliance estimates $126 million per year spent on consultants across the group with the average consultant earning around $200k. Direct operational costs and personnel costs have grown far faster than inflation while essential services risks are rising.3) Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs. Halting hiring for non-essential roles and freezing vacant positions would save at least $17 million immediately releasing funds for core services.4) Reprioritise funding away from discretionary spend. Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and is claimed to emit more carbon than it saves. Rethink Māori-focused spend such as the Ngā Mātārae (Maori outcomes) department which amounts to about $10 million per year as this is not a core local government function.5) Budget discipline to cap rate rises. A targeted reduction of new council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) would cap rates to around 3% if allocated to essential services and statutory functions rather than discretionary grants.In line with these positions I support reducing new Council spending capping consultant expenditure renegotiating contracts 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7036,339173,,I don't know,Do not support most,I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and urge a plan to cut wasteful spend so that ratepayers are not subjected to a cumulative real increase well above inflation.I oppose the 7.9% rise and support a policy to cap average residential rate increases at approximately 3% by delivering $150 million in spending reductions across the Council and CCOs. This aligns with the joint aim to curb unaffordable costs for households while preserving essential services.Key areas for immediate savings and reform include:1) Reduce personnel costs and freeze non-essential vacancies. The Council should halt hiring for non-essential roles and substantially reduce payroll costs which would deliver immediate relief and is consistent with a prudent public sector approach.2) Cap spending on consultants and professional services. Current consultant and contractor costs are

excessive; a reduction of $50 million should be achievable through organisational change procurement discipline and renegotiated contracts.3) Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation. Target a $30 million saving by improved procurement practices and standardisation across the Council and CCOs.4) Reprioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants. Reallocating resources away from non-core activities will help protect core services while lowering rate pressures.5) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme. At $36 million per year it costs more in emissions reductions than it saves diverts funds from essential services and should be halted.6) Freeze or reduce Māori-specific spending. The $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) is not a local government core function and should be curtailed.These measures plus the proposed reductions in personnel and consultancy would keep the rate rise within more affordable bounds and address wasteful backroom spending identified in the Ratepayers' Alliance briefing.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7058,339151,,I don't know,Do not support most,I submit in a formal and respectful manner to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for reductions in wasteful Council spending.Key positions- I oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9% noting the proposed rise equates to approximately $320 for the average household on a current average bill of $4069. Since 2022 the real increase is 30% (in 2022 dollars) against 12% cumulative inflation a ballooning cost to households.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items. The current pattern shows consultants cost about $126 million per year across the Council group with $60 million by the Auckland Council parent and an average consultant salary around $200k.- The Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and according to analysis emits more carbon than it saves.- The Council should freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- The Council should cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) recognising this as not a core local government function.Rationale and alternatives- The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap average residential rates at about 3%. Specific measures include: $50 million in personnel cost reductions via organisational changes and a hiring freeze; $50 million in capped consultancy spend; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.- Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have risen far faster than inflation underscoring the need for structural efficiency rather than further rate hikes.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7069,339140,,I don't know,Do not support most,I write respectfully to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to urge a clear targeted program of savings focused on wasteful expenditure and non-essential activities.Key concerns and positions- I oppose the average

residential rates increase of at least 7.9%. With the current average bill around $4069 and real increases well above inflation since 2022 it is essential to constrain rates growth to reflect value delivered to ratepayers.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. A leaner organisational structure will better align costs with core statutory services.- Spending on consultancy and professional services should be curtailed rather than continually increasing. Reducing external advisers will lower operating costs without compromising statutory duties.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and based on available data emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. This measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the roughly $10 million per year on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government role and should be reprioritised toward essential services.Alternative budget approach- The Ratepayers' Alliance recommends reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap the average residential rates increase at around 3%. This would be achieved through: $50 million in personnel cost reductions via organisational change and a hiring freeze; $50 million in caps on consultants; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.ClosingI respectfully request that the Council adopt a prudent service-focused budget that lowers the proposed increase and demonstrates restraint in discretionary and non-essential spending.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,
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7093,339116,,I don't know,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed 7.9 percent increase as excessive especially given the real increase in rates since 2022 and the council's own breakdown of costs. The plan would add approximately $320 more per average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. Rates have risen 85 percent since the Super City amalgamation well beyond inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). I urge the council to cap the average residential rate increase at 3 percent consistent with the Ratepayers' Alliance framework.I support significant reductions in expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and I request a reduction in spending on consultancy and professional services. The current level of outsourced advisory work appears excessive and warrants restructuring and tighter renegotiation of contracts.I also call for cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. Funds saved here should be redirected to essential services with measurable public benefit.I support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could deliver savings of at least $17 million immediately. This aligns with prudent management of personnel costs highlighted in independent assessments of council expenditure.I request cutting Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) where there is no clear local-government role. Resources should be prioritised toward statutory and essential services rather than discretionary programmes.As an alternative budget I support reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent) to limit rate rises to 3 percent. This includes: $50 million from personnel costs via organisational changes and freezes $50 million from caps on consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million toward prioritised statutory services over discretionary grants.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a

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7119,339090,,I don't know,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed rates increase and support a more affordable approach for Auckland households. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 with real increases since 2022 of 30 percent while cumulative inflation sits around 12 percent. The breakdown shows 2 percent for maintaining existing assets 1.5 percent for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs. In a city of growth and competing priorities a rate rise approaching 8 percent is unsustainable for many households and is not aligned with inflation or household budgets.To achieve a fairer outcome I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget which proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (roughly 2 percent) to cap the average residential rates increase at about 3 percent. This includes:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: $50 million- Capping spending on consultants: $50 million- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionI urge the Council to reduce wasteful expenditure particularly in corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and to curb spending on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these items. The data show Council payroll and related costs are substantial with staff on six-figure salaries and consultants costing hundreds of millions across the organisation. Freezing vacant non-essential roles could save at least $17 million immediately.I also oppose continued or expanded Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) since local government prioritises statutory and essential services. It is appropriate to direct resources to core services that households rely on and to ensure value for money.In summary I request the Council to prioritise lower rates increases and targeted cost reductions to reflect a prudent value-for-money approach.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7135,339074,,I don't know,Do not support most,Based on the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing this increase is excessive given current ratepayer burden and Council spending patterns. The real increase since 2022 is 30 percent in rates (in 2022 dollars) with inflation running at 12 percent and rates have risen 85 percent since the Super City reforms. Housing this at roughly $320 extra per average household is disproportionate to the benefit delivered.Agreed positions- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9 percent.- The Council needs to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council needs to reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continue to increase these expenditure items.- The Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- The Council should freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles as this alone would save at least $17 million right away.- The Council should cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year spent on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a role of local government.Additional context- Current operating patterns show payroll and related costs plus consultants rising faster than inflation. Direct operating expenditure grew by 78% from 2013 to 2023

while inflation was 29%.- The proposed 4.4% of the increase allocated to CRL operating costs represents a heavy ongoing expense; combined with 2% for maintaining assets and 1.5% for new assets the total burden falls on ratepayers without clear demonstrable return.- The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget demonstrates a feasible path to cap the increase at approximately 3 percent by cutting $150 million through targeted personnel restraint consultant caps vendor renegotiation and prioritising statutory services.I urge the Council to adopt these savings prioritise essential services and moderate the rates increase accordingly.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7208,339001,,I don't know,Do not support most,My overall position is constructive and solution-focused: I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a substantial reduction in wasteful Council spending so ratepayers are not unduly burdened.Key points:- The proposed 7.9% increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a long-run trend where rates have risen 85% since 2010 far above both inflation (about 34%) and population growth (about 22%). A more affordable path is required.- The Council should implement the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget. Reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) would cap the average residential rates increase at about 3%. This would be achieved by: - Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: $50 million. - Capping spending on consultants: $50 million. - Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million. - Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 million.- Specific spending reductions supported by my submission include: - Cut spend on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. - Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles (saving at least $17 million immediately). - Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and is argued to emit more carbon than it saves. - Freeze or reduce Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae (Maori Outcomes) department about $10 million per year on the basis that this is not a core local government function.- Other factual context from credible sources consulted in this process shows that direct operating expenditure rose well ahead of inflation and that payroll and consultancy costs comprise a significant portion of the Council's expense base.Conclusion:Given these points I request that the Council prioritise restraint on operating costs reduce consultancy and backroom spend and prevent further rate rises beyond inflation by adopting the Ratepayers' Alliance savings plan. This approach protects household affordability while preserving 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7214,338995,,I don't know,Do not support most,1) Expenditure reform as the priorityThe Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. A focus on downsizing non-essential administrative layers is essential to prevent further rate shock to households.2) Cut consultancy and professional servicesCurrent spending on consultants and contractors is excessive. Freeze or sharply reduce these costs and reallocate funds to core services. The briefing shows $126 million per year across the Council group including high consultant pay which is unsustainable for ratepayers.3) Cancel non-core programmesThe Food Scraps Programme

costing $36 million per year and claiming carbon savings that are not clearly demonstrated should be cancelled. This aligns with prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary programmes.4) Freeze staffing and payroll where non-essentialFreeze recruitment for vacant non-essential roles and pause discretionary salary growth. The briefing notes significant payroll expenditure growth with thousands of six-figure salaries and a substantial rise since 2022. Not hiring for non-core positions would save at least $17 million immediately.5) Target Māori-specific spendingReduce Maori outcomes spending such as the Ngā Mātārae department's roughly $10 million per year on the basis that this is a function less appropriately funded by local government. Reallocate these funds to essential services that benefit all ratepayers.Alternative budget proposalAdopt the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by about $150 million (2%) capping the average residential rate rise to around 3%. This involves: $50 million savings from personnel costs $50 million from limiting consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7215,338994,,I don't know,Do not support most,I submit in a detailed and evidence-based manner to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for reducing wasteful council spending.1) Opposition to the rate rise and rationaleThe proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase is excessive equating to about $320 for the average household when the current bill is $4069. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% far outstripping cumulative inflation (about 34%) and population growth (22%). The breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs yet the core concern remains: rates increases are not aligned with real value received by ratepayers. A more prudent approach is needed to keep ratepayer bills in line with inflation and essential service delivery.2) Wasteful spending and concrete reductionsI support substantial reductions in consultancy and professional services spending. The Alliance briefing notes about $126 million per year spent on consultants across the Council group (averaging $200k per consultant) indicate a clear opportunity to economise. I urge the Council to implement aggressive cost containment by capping external expertise and favouring in-house capability where appropriate. Additionally the Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled as it costs $36 million per year and is reported to emit more carbon than it saves. Finally I urge targeted reductions in Maori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department Ngā Mātārae as these functions should be addressed by local government only to the extent that statutory duties require.3) Budget guidance and alternative pathwayThe Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap the average rate increase at around 3%. This includes savings from personnel costs through organisational changes and freezes capping consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.In closing I request careful consideration of these savings to protect ratepayers from disproportionate increases and to curb wasteful spend. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7223,338986,,I don't know,Do not support most,Key concerns and positions- The proposed 7.9% average residential rates rise is excessive. This uplift would equate to about $320 for the average household on top of already high bills. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% far outpacing both inflation (34%) and population growth (22%) and the real burden on households continues to grow.- Wasteful expenditure must be addressed. I call for reductions in corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and a meaningful restraint on consultancy and professional services rather than ongoing increases in these spend items.- Targeted reductions in statutory costs and essential services should be prioritised over discretionary grants. The Council must align spending with core functions of local government not duplicate or expand non-essential programmes.- Maori-specific spending should be reassessed. The current approach to Maori outcomes including Ngā Mātārae appears disproportionate for a local government remit; reducing this area would help limit rate increases while preserving essential services.Supporting data and rationale- The 7.9% increase is comprised of 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Given the scale of ongoing operating costs and the cost of maintaining and expanding assets a tighter spending posture is warranted.- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping average rates increase at 3% through targeted savings: $50 million from personnel costs $50 million from consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million from prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.ClosingI respectfully request the opportunity to present at hearings to further outline these concerns. 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7249,338960,,I don't know,Do not support most,I submit in formal opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and in support of alternatives that reduce wasteful expenditure while protecting essential local services.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% average increase is excessive in real terms. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 with a real increase since 2022 of about 30% against 12% inflation. The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs plus 2% for existing assets and 1.5% for new assetsyet the overall burden falls on households already stretched.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb spending on consultancy and professional services which total around $126 million per year (with $60 million by the Council itself). Reducing these costs is consistent with keeping rates increases closer to inflation.- Specific measures I support include cancelling the Food Scraps Programme estimated at $36 million per year which also emits more carbon than it saves and freezing staffing or reducing payroll by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- The Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget demonstrates a feasible path to cap the rate rise at about 3% by saving $150 million through: $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes; $50 million from consultants; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.Additional points- Direct operating expenditure and staff costs have risen far faster than inflation in recent years underscoring the need for a rigorous efficiency review and prioritisation of core services over growth in non-essential items.ConclusionI urge the Council to adopt the Alternative Budget measures to modestly constrain rate increases and to restore prudent

financial management by cutting wasteful spend and freezing non-essential staffing.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7316,338893,,I don't know,Do not support most,Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% rise translates to about $320 more per average household on top of an already excessive rate burden. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% in real terms far above inflation and population growth.- The breakdown shows 4.4% of the increase funds CRL operating costs with 2% for existing assets and 1.5% for new assets. This structure places disproportionate weight on ratepayers while project delivery costs rise elsewhere in the organisation.- Council spending on consultants and backroom functions is unsustainable: $126 million per year across the group with the average consultant paid around $200k. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have grown at well above inflation while eighteen corporate and business support functions accounted for $868.4 million in direct expenditure.- There is a pressing need to freeze staffing or reduce payroll by not filling non-essential vacancies which could save at least $17 million immediately. Reducing consultancy renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors would save further hundreds of millions in the medium term.- The Council's 'Māori outcomes' spend is excessive for a local government mandate and should be reassessed. The proposed annual allocation of $10 million in this area (Ngā Mātārae) is not a core local government function and should be pared back.Alternative budget proposalThe Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance' recommends reducing new spending by $150 million (2%) capping average residential rates increases at 3% by:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: $50 million- Capping spending on consultants: $50 million- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionClosingI urge the Council to prioritise essential services and belt-tighten discretionary spend before imposing higher rates on households. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7424,338779,,I don't know,Do not support most,I am submitting views on the proposed 2026/27 annual plan and the suggested average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent.I oppose the proposed increase and urge the Council to prioritise cost restraint and value for ratepayers. The current and historical context matters: since 2010 rates have risen by about 85 percent far outpacing inflation and population growth. The breakdown of the 7.9 percent increase2 percent for maintaining assets 1.5 percent for new assets and 4.4 percent for CRL operating costshighlights that a significant portion is tied to ongoing operating costs rather than essential service delivery. To achieve affordability I support an alternative budget approach that reduces new and ongoing spending across the Council and CCOs and caps rate rises to closer to 3 percent.I request action in these specific areas aligned with the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal:- Reduce personnel costs by freezing vacancies and avoiding non-essential hires which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Curb consultancy and professional services; the current level consumes substantial resources and should be tightened with a target reduction of $50 million.- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to save a further $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services

over discretionary grants saving $20 million.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing around $36 million per year due to its higher carbon emissions than savings.- Cut spend on Māori-specific initiatives such as the Ngā Mātārae/'Māori outcomes' department where about $10 million per year is allocated as this role is not a core local-government responsibility.These measures would reduce overall expenditure by about $150 million and help cap average residential rates increases to roughly 3 percent delivering more affordable and sustainable council services.I would prefer to be kept informed and do not wish to speak at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7612,338586,,I don't know,Do not support most,I submit this formal input in strong opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 which would add approximately $320 to the average household bill and represent a real burden above inflation.Key concerns and positions:- I oppose a 7.9% rates rise. The current rate burden has grown by 30% in real terms since 2022 while cumulative inflation sits around 12%. Rates increases should be aligned with inflation and essential service needs not capitalised spending growth.- The Council must reduce wasteful or non-core spending before asking ratepayers to fork out more. In particular curb expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and rein in consultancy and professional services that have risen well beyond inflation.- The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled. It costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves; this is not a value-for-money use of ratepayer funds.- Freezing staffing and reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles would deliver immediate savings (potentially at least $17 million) and should be prioritised.- Māori-specific spending including the $10 million/year allocated to the Māori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) department should be reconsidered. This is not a core function of local government and should be deprioritised in favour of statutory and essential services.Alternative budget approach:- I support the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council spending by about $150 million (2%) capping the average rates increase at around 3%. This entails: $50 million from personnel cost controls $50 million from cap on consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.I request consideration of these points as part of the consultation. 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7621,338577,,I don't know,Do not support most,I write to express concern about the proposed average 7.9% residential rates increase and to offer constructive alternatives focused on reducing wasteful spending and protecting essential services.1) Opposition to the proposed increase. I oppose an average residential rates rise of 7.9% which translates to about $320 for the average household. Since 2022 rates have risen 30% in real terms far exceeding inflation. A sustainable approach requires keeping rate increases in line with inflation and essential service delivery not a continued spending spike.2) Reducing backroom corporate and management costs. The council and CCOs collectively sustain substantial payroll and back-office functions. I support reducing corporate and backroom office expenditure and freezing non-essential roles to deliver meaningful savings.3) Reducing consultants and professional services. Spending on consultants and

contractors is excessive. I advocate capping these costs and pursuing in-house efficiency and greater vendor consolidation to deliver essential services more cost-effectively.4) Cancelling the Food Scraps Programme. The Food Scraps Programme costs around $36 million per year and in its current form emits more carbon than it saves. I request its cancellation or a tightly scoped cost-effective alternative aligned with core council objectives.5) Payroll and staffing controls. Freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles could save at least $17 million immediately. A targeted hiring pause focused on essential roles will stabilise costs while maintaining critical services.Supporting data and rationale: the proposed 7.9% increase comprises 2% for asset maintenance 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Since amalgamation rates have risen 85% while population grew by 22% and inflation by roughly 34% indicating a structural need to reform excessive non-essential expenditure before raising rates further.Appreciate your time to consider this submission ,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,, ,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7668,338530,,I don't know,Do not support most,I submit in strong and direct terms to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and to demand a programme of spending restraint across the Council and CCOs.The proposed 7.9% increase is not acceptable when the ratepayers have already faced a 30% real increase since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) and when inflation has run far lower than that rise. The breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Ratepayers should not subsidise continued growth in operating costs and excessive project spend at the expense of household budgets.I agree with the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance positions that the Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase those items. The extensive use of consultants and six-figure salaries in the payroll is a core driver of cost growth. The plan should address payroll restraint freeze vacancy non-essential hires and simplification of corporate functions.I also oppose the Food Scraps Programme as a poor value proposition that costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. This is an area where funds could be redirected to essential services.I support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which the briefing notes could save at least $17 million immediately.I further oppose discretionary Māori-specific spending such as the $171 million over ten years on Ngā Mātārae/Māori outcomes. Local government should prioritise statutory and essential services over non-core programmes.To achieve a more affordable rate rise I support the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap on rates) focusing on payroll restraint reducing consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0 ,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7691,338507,,I don't know,Do not support most,The likely rise about $320 for the average household is well above inflation and represents a real burden on households already stretched by cost-of-living pressures. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 meaning a real increase of around 30% since 2022 far exceeding CPI growth.I support a programme of prudent

fiscal restraint at the council and CCO level. The Council needs to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to curb spending on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these areas. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance suggests that staff and efficiency measures can achieve meaningful savings.I also support phasing out non-essential or costly initiatives. In particular I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. I further support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.Additionally I believe the Council should reassess specific spend on Māori outcomes. The proposal to allocate around $10 million per year to the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) is not a function of local government and continuing such spend should be reconsidered in favour of essential statutory services.The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget demonstrates that a 3% cap on average rates increases is achievable with a $150 million reduction in new spending prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.I would welcome a chance to speak at hearings to elaborate on these points; however I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7723,338475,,I don't know,Do not support most,I submit my views on the proposed 2026/27 annual plan and the intended average 7.9% residential rates increase.1) Opposition to the proposed rates rise and the need for restraint- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% which equates to about $320 for the average household on the basis that rates have risen far faster than inflation and population growth since the Super City era. The current average bill is $4069 and the real increase since 2022 is around 30% in 2022 dollars with inflation at about 12%.- The breakdown shows 4.4% of the increase goes to CRL operating costs with 2% for maintaining assets and 1.5% for new assets. I urge Council to prioritise essential services and affordable funding whilst limiting discretionary spend.2) Reducing wasteful or discretionary Council spending- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate/backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb spending on consultancy and professional services. The Alliance indicates consultant spend runs at about $126 million per year across the Council group including high average pay for consultants; this area should be targeted for savings.- I urge freezing vacancies or reducing payroll costs by not filling non-essential roles arguing that safeguarding frontline services and critical operations should take priority. The Alliance's proposal suggests a potential immediate saving of at least $17 million through staffing controls.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and reduce non-essential programmes. In particular I support the proposal to review and limit initiatives that do not directly serve ratepayers' core needs.3) Specific programme considerations- I support reducing Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) department arguing that this falls outside the core functions of local government and should be redirected to essential services.ClosingI request consideration of a reform plan to cap rate increases at around 3% by reducing new Council spending by about $150 million and implementing the above measures.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7737,338461,,I don't know,Do not support most,Key position- I oppose the 7.9% average increase and support reducing expenditure across the Council and CCOs particularly in corporate and backroom functions consultancy and professional services.- The proposed spend on CRL operating costs consultants and high payroll costs is excessive. Spending on consultants averages $200k per recipient and total consultant expenditure runs at $126 million per year; payroll costs are $1.3 billion with many six-figure salaries. These figures are unsustainable if we are to keep rates increases in check.- I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the average rates rise at around 3%. This includes: a $50 million reduction from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes a $50 million cap on consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.- I oppose high discretionary outlays such as the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year) unless proven to save net emissions and cost in the long term and I support freezing or reducing non-essential staffingespecially vacant roles that do not deliver essential services.Additional points- The ratepayer perspective should prioritise essential services and statutory duties over expansive discretionary programmes.- Public transport priorities matter but transport decisions should not come at the expense of household ratepayers. If future-proofing transport is pursued it must demonstrate clear cost-benefit to residents.ClosingI request consideration of a measured efficiency-driven plan that reduces wasteful expenditure and caps rate increases to around 3% through targeted cuts and reform rather than across-the-board tax rises.I would like the opportunity to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7751,338447,,I don't know,Do not support most,Based on the Council's own figures this represents approximately a $320 increase for the average household on top of a current average rates bill of $4069. Since 2022 the real increase in rates is about 30 percent far outpacing cumulative inflation. Given these pressures I oppose the proposed rise and urge a substantial restraint in Council spending.I support the following positions:- Oppose the 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and advocate for a rate increase more closely aligned to inflation and prudent budgeting.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council must reduce spending on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year spent on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a local government core function.Additional context and requests:- The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget shows potential to cap rate increases by reducing new Council spending by about $150 million (2%) through targeted reductions in personnel costs consultants contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.- Please stop non-essential spending to prevent continued annual rises in rates.I request that the Council prioritise essential services and transparency in budgeting and seriously consider the proposed savings measures above before approving any rate increases.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,

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7769,338429,,I don't know,Do not support most,I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase and urge a serious reduction in wasteful Council spending before any further rate hikes are approved.I agree that the Council must reverse or constrain expenditure that does not align with core statutory and service responsibilities. Specifically:- Oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent; the Council should keep increases well below this level and if possible closer to 0“3 percent by cutting wasteful spending rather than asking ratepayers to bear the burden.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. A leaner organisation will deliver essential services more efficiently.- Reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these items. The briefing shows $126 million per year in consultant costs across the Council group with high average payouts; reform is overdue.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and according to the briefing emits more carbon than it saves.- 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.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) since this is not a function of local government.Additional point: Ratepayers are not your blank cheque; take ownership for waste within your own organisation Wayne.The Council's spending on six-figure salaries consultants and other operating costs has risen far faster than inflation while rates for residents have risen 30 percent in real terms since 2022. A responsible alternative budget is available: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent) to cap the rate rise at about 3 percent focusing on statutory and essential services and restraining discretionary grants.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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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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N/A

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7860

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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit in formal opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% in the 2026/27 annual plan. This rise equates to about $320 for the average household and compounds a real increase in rates that far exceeds inflation.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% split includes 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Taken together this pattern results in a real burden on households while evidence shows rates have risen 85% since 2010 outpacing inflation and population growth.- Spend on consultants and backroom functions remains excessive. The Alliance notes $126 million per year across the

Council group is directed to external advisers with the average consultant earning around $200k. Personnel costs have grown far faster than inflation and direct operating expenditure rose by 78% from 2013 to 2023.- Specific programme spending warrants scrutiny. The Food Scraps Programme costs about $36 million per year and according to the Alliance briefing emits more carbon than it saves. I support reviewing that programme's scope and outcomes.- The Alliance proposes an alternative budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the rate rise to about 3% through targeted savings: - Freeze or reduce non-essential staffing to save around $17 million immediately. - Cut expenditure on consultants by $50 million. - Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors for $30 million. - Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving $20 million.- I also advocate reducing Māori-specific spending such as the alleged $10 million per year for the Maori outcomes department Ngā Mātārae and argue that such functions should be aligned with core local government responsibilities.In summary a more prudent fiscal approach is required: reduce wasteful corporate spending and consultancy costs pause non-essential staffing renegotiate contracts and protect essential services. A 3% cap better aligns with inflation living costs and the interests of ratepayers.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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N/A

Question 6: City centre

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7924

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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: I don't know

Your feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. This equates to about $320 for the average household and far exceeds the rate of inflation with current average rates at $4069 and a real increase since 2022 of around 30 percent. The breakdown shows 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs which I consider spend that should be scrutinised and justified more robustly against essential services.I urge the Council to implement meaningful reductions in wasteful expenditure and to align spending with statutory and essential services over discretionary items. In particular the Council should adopt the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance Proposals to reduce new

Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap rates increases at about 3 percent. Specifically:- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Curb spending on consultants and professional services aiming for a $50 million reduction.- Pursue contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to save a further $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving $20 million.I also call for targeted reductions in specific programmes and spending that do not meet core local government priorities:- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze or reduce Māori-specific spending including the Ngā Mātārae/'Māori outcomes' department currently around $10 million per year as this is not a core local government role.The Council must demonstrate stewardship by reducing corporate and backroom expenditure across both the Council and CCOs and by cutting consultancy and professional services as outlined above. An alternative budget that aligns with these reductions would keep rates increases within a reasonable inflation-aligned range and protect essential Auckland services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

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

N/A

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7942

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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backroom and corporate spending. The Council must cut spend on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Direct operating expenditure has risen well beyond inflation and staff costs dominate the budget.3) Cut consultancy and professional services. Spend on consultants and contractors is excessive; cap and reduce these costs to deliver essential services more efficiently.4) Cancel discretionary programmes with high emissions or questionable value. Specifically cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.5) Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs. Freeze non-essential hires and reduce payroll by not filling vacant roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.6) Scale back Māori-specific spending. The $10 million per year allocated to Ngā Mātārae/Māori Outcomes in this context should be reviewed as part of delivering essential statutory services not discretionary programmes.A Targeted Alternative Budget is needed: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap rates increases at about 3% through expenditure controls on personnel consultants contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation while prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants. Stop the waste.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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N/A

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Tell us why

I am submitting in a strong and direct manner to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 which equates to around $320 for the average household. This level of increase is not affordable and far outstrips both inflation and real gains in services. I urge Council to rethink its spending and adopt a prudent budget that protects households while preserving essential services.Key concerns and positions:- Oppose the 7.9% rate rise. The funding gap should be closed by reducing expenditure rather than imposing higher bills on ratepayers.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Wasteful

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Key concerns- The 7.9 percent increase equates to about $320 extra per average household on top of a real rates rise of around 30 percent since 2022 (versus 12 percent inflation). This is unaffordable for households already stretched by cost pressures.- A substantial portion of the increase is tied to CRL operating costs (4.4%) with only 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets. Given the scale of growth we should prioritise essential services and fiscal restraint.- The Council's overall expenditure patterns show a need for change: consultants cost about $126 million annually across the group with the average consultant around $200k and payroll and 'other expenses' rising

faster than inflation. Direct operating expenditure rose 78% from 2013 to 2023 well above cumulative inflation.- The proposed budget relies on high levels of discretionary spending including six-figure salaries across the workforce (thousands of staff paid above $200000) and extensive corporate and backroom costs (18 corporate and business support functions costing $868.4 million).Agreed actions- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9%.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services instead of continuing to increase spending on these lines.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year and reportedly emitting more carbon than it saves. This is another ideologically driven mantra that in practice does not work and burdens ratepayers with cost. - Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Curb Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae Māori Outcomes budget of around $10 million per year recognising this is not a central local government remit. There is no need to fund Māori over any other ethnic group. This funding if any should come from central government. The iwi are double dipping when taking this money from both central and local government. The Māori culture should live and survive organically and not be financially supported anyone other than those who think it is useful. It is not the responsibility of ratepayers to fund this one culture. Proposed alternativeAdopt the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to cut new Council spending by $150 million (2%) thereby capping rates increases at around 3% through targeted savings in personnel consultants contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Tell us why

I oppose the proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase. The current rate burden with an average bill of $4069 (up from $2781 in 2022) has already outpaced inflation and population growth since 2010. The 7.9% rise comprises 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Given historical growth in rates and spending I urge the Council to pursue substantial efficiency gains before lifting rates again.I urge the Council to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to curtail consultancy and professional services. Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance data show annual

consultant costs of about $126 million across the Council group with the average consultant paid roughly $200000. Direct operating expenditure and staff costs have risen well above inflation while many discretionary items continue to be funded. A reduction in these areas is essential to stabilise rates.I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. I also 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 agree that the Council should cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a local government core function. Reprioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants is prudent.I note serious reservations about Wayne Brown's management and I encourage further scrutiny of management practices and budget drivers.In summary I urge a pathway to cap the average residential rates increase at a more modest level correspondingly funded by targeted savings in back-office costs consultants and non-essential programmes.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.I submit and oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent for 2026/27 which equates to about $320 for the average household on the grounds that rate increases must be restrained relative to inflation and real household affordability.The key concerns and positions I wish to record are as follows:1) Oppose the 7.9% rate rise. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% far exceeding inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). The proposed increase is not acceptable when households face real cost pressures and the current rate base already reflects significant annual growth.2) Wastage and backroom costs. The Council needs to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to curb consultancy and professional services which together comprise substantial annual outlays. A focus on leaner operations is essential.3) Spending on programmes and staff. I support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could deliver meaningful savings immediately.4) Specific programme savings. I oppose the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. I also oppose ongoing expenditure on Māori outcomes as a separate department given the view that core local government responsibilities should prioritise statutory and essential services over such discretionary programmes.5) Alternative budget and affordability plan. The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes a targeted reduction in new Council spending of $150 million (2% cap) to hold the average residential rate increase to around 3%. This would be achieved by- reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze ($50m)- capping consulting spend ($50m)- renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors ($30m)- prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants ($20m)In closing I urge careful scrutiny of the 7.9% proposal and support a path to significant efficiency improvements toward a more affordable rates outcome and responsible governance.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Tell us why

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#8175

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Based on the Alliance briefing this would equate to about an extra $320 for the average household on top of a long-standing real increase in rates that far exceeds CPI and population growth. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 with the real increase since 2022 around 30 percent versus 12 percent overall inflation.I support reducing wasteful Council spending to align rates with community priorities. Specifically:- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing these items to rise.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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year) which in my view emits more carbon than it saves and reallocate funds to core services that Auckland families rely on.4) Staffing and payroll controls. Freeze non-essential hiring and reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which would deliver immediate savings (at least $17 million). There has been a concerning growth in staff costs and six-figure salaries; directing resources toward frontline services is essential.5) Rebalance Māori-focused spending. I oppose expanding the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) at approximately $10 million per year arguing that this is not a core local government role and should be reassessed in favour of statutory obligations.6) Alternative budget approach. The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) enabling an average rate increase closer to 3% if permitted by cap. This includes targeted savings from personnel consultants contract renegotiations and prioritising essential services over discretionary grants.ClosingI urge the Council to adopt a disciplined spending plan that reflects ratepayers' expectations and the long-term financial health of Auckland.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.The proposed rise around $320 for the average household is not acceptable given ongoing cost pressures on households and the Council's own spending patterns.Key concerns- The 7.9% increase is not economically sustainable when real rates growth since 2022 runs about 30% far outstripping cumulative inflation (12%). The bulk of the increase (4.4%) goes to CRL operating costs with only 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows. This structure compounds pressure on ordinary households.- Council spending on consultants and backroom functions is excessive. Total consultant expenditure is about $126 million per year; the average consultant earns around $200k and the payroll and related costs have risen well ahead of inflation.- Direct operating expenditure has grown 78% from 2013 to 2023 far above the 29% inflation benchmark. Staff costs continue to escalate with thousands on six-figure salaries and a rising number paid more than the mayor.- Wasteful programs must be reassessed. The Food Scraps Programme costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. The Māori outcomes budget (Ngā Mātārae) of about $10 million per year is not a core local government function and should be re-prioritised.- The proposed cut in rates is achievable through prudent savings: reduce personnel costs with a hiring freeze for non-essential roles cap consulting spend renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors. An alternative budget proposing a $150 million reduction (2%) would cap the rate rise at around 3% and protect essential services.Requested actions- Agree to reduce new Council spend by $150 million (2%) delivering a maximum average rate increase near 3%.- Implement organisational change to freeze non-essential vacancies cut consultant reliance renegotiate major contracts and prioritise statutory services over discretionary grants.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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#8531

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