# Annual Plan 2026/2027

## Written Feedback

## Kaipātiki Local Board

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7225**

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**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9%. At approximately $320 more per household this rise far exceeds both inflation and reasonable efficiency gains. The current average rates bill is about $4069 and the real increase since 2022 runs well above inflation while population growth has outpaced rate increases in the past. The ratepayer burden must be controlled through meaningful savings not across-the-board rate hikes.Key points and a responsible path forward:1) Expenditure discipline across the Council and CCOs. The current trajectory shows significant growth in staff costs consultants and backroom functions. We must reduce corporate and backoffice

spending to protect essential services and avoid unnecessary rate increases.2) Cut consultancy and professional services. Spending on consultants remains a major pressure. A practical reduction is required to bring operating costs in line with actual needs and outcomes.3) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme. The programme costs around $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. Redirect these funds to essential services with measurable benefits.4) Freeze staffing or reduce payroll by not filling vacant non-essential roles. A pause or targeted cuts in vacant positions would save at least $17 million immediately and improve operating efficiency.5) Cut Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' allocation of about $10 million per year. Local government should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary programmes.Guidance from the Ratepayers' Alliance suggests reducing new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) to cap the average residential rates increase at 3%. This can be achieved through:- Reducing personnel costs via organisational changes and a hiring freeze- Capping consultant spend- Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors- Prioritising statutory services over discretionary grantsI trust Auckland Council will consider these concrete savings and reject further rate pressure on households.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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## Question 3: Local board priorities

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**#7229**

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### Tell us why

I am writing to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and to urge meaningful reductions in wasteful Council and CCO spending.The proposed increase averaging about $320 more per household is well above inflation and well beyond what ratepayers can sustain. Since 2022 residential rates have risen by about 30% in real terms while inflation has run higher in recent years. The breakdown shows 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This structure compounds cost pressures on households already stretched by the cost of living.I agree the Council should reduce expenditure on corporate

and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and cut the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continue to grow these items. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance calculations indicate consultant spending at about $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant receiving around $200k plus a payroll and external contracting profile that is excessive for core services. The Council must also pause and reassess discretionary programmes that are not essential to statutory obligations.Specific reductions I request include:- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and from Alliance analysis emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.I support the Ratepayers' Alliance's alternative budget approach to cap the rate rise at 3% by reducing new spending by $150 million prioritising statutory and essential services and reforming procurement and vendor arrangements to deliver real savings.The Council must cut spending the way ratepayers do: we cannot afford another rise driven by non-essential programmes and bloated back-office costs. We need a lower rate rise do less if need be. It is your job to prioritise spending not just charge us all more. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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**#7293**

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

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### Tell us why

1) Overall position and rationaleI oppose the proposed average 7.9% rates rise. Since 2010 rates have increased by 85% far outstripping inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). The proposed 7.9% increase would add approximately $320 to the average household bill on top of a current average rate of $4069 while real pressures on household costs remain high. I support a targeted reduction in expenditure to align rates with inflation and essential services.2) Wasteful expenditure and cost-saving measures- Reduce spending on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles

which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Curb spending on consultancy and professional services instead of continuing to grow these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costs $36 million/year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves).- Reconsider and cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million/year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a function of local government.3) Alternative budgeting approachI support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) targeting savings to cap the rate rise at around 3%:- $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes.- $50 million from capping consultant spend.- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation.- $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.4) Additional notesAny routine berm maintenance (mowing litter) should be charged to the property owner's rates rather than being allocated to the general rate pool.In closing I request the Council recognise the need to constrain the rate rise and to implement targeted verifiable cost reductions before considering further increases.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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**#7332**

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9%. With the current average residential bill around $4069 the uplift translates to roughly $320 for the average household a real burden in an environment where costs are already high. The Alliance's briefing highlights that rates have risen 85% since 2010 well above inflation and population growth and I cannot support a continued pattern of increases that outpace both inflation and household budgets.I support a clear reduction in wasteful Council spending and a focus on essential services:1) Reduce corporate and backroom office costs across the Council and CCOs.2) Reduce spend on consultancy and

professional services rather than allowing these items to rise further.3) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and is alleged to emit more carbon than it saves.4) Freeze staffing or reduce payroll by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.5) Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a core local government function.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget which proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the rate increase at about 3%. This includes $50 million savings from personnel cost adjustments $50 million from capping consultancy spend $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants. These steps would help restore alignment between rates and value and protect households from ongoing cost pressures.Closing: I request that the Council consider these changes seriously and prioritise affordability and core local government functions in the final plan.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

N/A

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

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

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

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

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

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

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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7397**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in a personal and sincere voice to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and to call for tight control of council expenditure.Key concerns and requests:- The proposed 7.9% average increase is excessive. With a current average rates bill of about $4069 and a real increase of 30% since 2022 (well above general inflation) further rises should be resisted. I urge Council to cap rate increases at meaningful inflation-aligned levels and to prioritise essential services over discretionary spending.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The current pattern shows

high payroll and administration costs that do not align with ratepayer affordability.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services. The Alliance's figures show about $126 million per year across the group including $60 million by the Auckland Council parent. Cutting non-essential consultancy is essential to slowing rate increases.- 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. A targeted hiring freeze would deliver immediate savings (notably at least $17 million).- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department Ngā Mātārae. This is not a core local government function and should be re-evaluated to protect essential services for all ratepayers.Additional context:Ratepayers are burying the burden of rising costs while witness to ongoing growth in consultants six-figure salaries and other discretionary items. I seek a balanced budget that prioritises statutory obligations and core services while aggressively reducing wasteful or duplicative spending.In closing I would like the opportunity to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

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

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

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

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

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| | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
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| | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7416

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

1. Opposition to the rates increase and call for expenditure restraintI oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% which translates to about $320 for the average household given current bills of $4069 and a 30% real increase since 2022. The 7.9% uplift is not justified by inflation or Auckland's growth and I urge Council to instead pursue meaningful savings to cap increases at or below 3 percent.2. Reduced spending on corporate backroom and consultancy costsThe Alliance has highlighted excessive spending on consultants ($126 million per year across the Council group) and high corporate/office functions ($868.4 million in direct expenditure for 18 functions). I support

reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze on non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately and I support capping consultancy and professional services to halt growth in these areas.3. Specific efficiency proposals- Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles achieving immediate savings.- Cap spending on consultants and renegotiate contracts to consolidate vendors and reduce overall external spend.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants ensuring ratepayer funds are allocated to core municipal functions.4. Reducing Maori-focused spendingI contest the level of Maori-specific spending including around $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) and I view some of this as beyond local government's core remit. I support reallocation of such resources toward essential services and core responsibilities.5. Additional concernsThere is concern over overall payroll growth and backroom function costs which have risen faster than inflation and population growth. A focused review of personnel costs and non-core expenditures is warranted to protect ratepayer interests and maintain essential services.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

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

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

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### 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

#7417

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The current average residential rates bill is $4069 and since 2012 the cumulative rise has been well ahead of inflation and population growth with real increases far outpacing any corresponding gains in service delivery. The proposed 7.9% increase is not acceptable when a substantial portion funds CRL operating costs and when there is clear opportunity to reduce wasteful expenditure.I agree that the Council must restrain growth in expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce spend on consultancy and professional services. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget demonstrates that by reducing new Council spending by

$150 million (a 2% reduction) the average residential rates increase can be capped at about 3%. Specific measures include:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles ($50 million).- Capping spending on consultants ($50 million).- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation ($30 million).- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants ($20 million).I also urge the Council to cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves. In addition freezing staffing and reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles would yield immediate savings (at least $17 million). I further believe that Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) should be reconsidered as this is an area not traditionally within local government core responsibilities.In summary I oppose the proposed 7.9% rate rise and urge a comprehensive downward revision of operating and personnel costs a cap on consultants and prioritisation of essential services. I support a targeted affordable rate package achieved through prudent spending reductions as outlined above.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7427**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Key points1) I oppose the proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase. This amounts to approximately $320 for the average household while real increases since 2022 have already reached around 30% in real terms far outpacing cumulative inflation. Rates are not affordable for many ratepayers who are bearing the cost of continuing asset and operating expenses.2) Wasteful and excessive spending must be trimmed. The Alliance highlights substantial costs in consultants back-office functions and discretionary programs. Reducing corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and limiting consultancy and professional services should be a priority before

raising rates further.3) Specific programme reductions and payroll restraint are warranted. Cancel the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year with questionable net carbon benefit). Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. Reconsider Māori-focused spending including the Ngā Mātārae 'Maori outcomes' portfolio cited as about $10 million per year as this is not a core local government function.4) Alternative budget to cap rate increases. The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (roughly 2%) via: $50 million from personnel costs through organisational changes and hiring freezes; $50 million by capping consultancy spending; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants. This approach enables a maximum average rate rise of around 3%.ClosingI urge Auckland Council to prioritise essential services improve efficiency and restore affordability for ratepayers by restraining wasteful spending and proceeding with a prudent evidence-based budget that aligns with inflation and community needs. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7431

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. At approximately $320 extra per year for the average household this level is inconsistent with inflation and with the population and asset pressures faced by ratepayers. Since 2022 Aucklanders have seen a real rates increase of around 30 percent (in 2022 dollars) against a cumulative inflation of about 12 percent while ratepayer spend continues to rise regardless of household hardship. The breakdown shows 2 percent for maintaining existing assets 1.5 percent for new assets as the city grows and 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs. This mix warrants scrutiny if we are to avoid a disproportionate burden on

households.I support cutting wasteful expenditure and reducing corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The Alliance briefing highlights annual consultant spend of $126 million across the Council group with the average consultant earning around $200000 plus substantial payroll and backroom costs (e.g. 6123 staff on six-figure salaries 72 staff paid more than the mayor). Direct operating expenditure has risen far faster than inflation and 18 corporate and business support functions account for nearly $868 million in direct expenditure. These figures indicate substantial room to improve efficiency.I support targeted reductions in Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). Local government should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary initiatives and this area should be reconsidered within a more limited outcome-focused framework.Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (about 2 percent) to cap the increase at 3 percent. This would involve: $50 million in personnel cost reductions via organisational change and a hiring freeze; $50 million cap on consultants; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.In summary I urge a revision of the plan to limit rate increases and pursue meaningful efficiency gains.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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**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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# Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7467**

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**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

1. Position on ratesI oppose the average 7.9 percent residential rates increase. This level equating to about $320 for the average household is not affordable in the current environment. The real increases since 2022 have already reached 30 percent in 2022 dollars while overall inflation sits around 12 percent. A more prudent approach is needed to keep rates in line with inflation and essential service delivery.2. Budget priorities and spending reformI support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and I advocate for a reduction in consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these costs. The

Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance demonstrates that substantial savings are feasible if personnel costs are restrained and external contracts are renegotiated or cancelled where non-essential.3. Specific steps to reduce rate pressure- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cap spending on consultants and external contractors; pursue vendor consolidation and contract renegotiations to save significant sums.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants to protect core functions while trimming non-essential programmes.4. Additional points for consideration- Make the removal of problem trees more easy improving safety and reducing long-term maintenance costs.- Improve maintenance of council berms to prevent avoidable damage and runoff issues contributing to resilience and cost efficiency.5. Alternative budget framingFollowing the Ratepayers' Alliance approach target a reduction in new Council spending by about $150 million (2%) which would allow an average rates increase near 3 percent and protect essential services.ClosingI request that the Council considers these measures to curb the proposed rates increase while continuing to deliver core municipal functions efficiently. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7474**

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**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% increase is excessive amounting to about $320 more per average household while the Council's own data show a real-terms increase well above inflation since 2022. A rate rise like this expands the financial burden on households regardless of improving outcomes.- Wasteful backroom and corporate spending must be addressed. Council and CCO payroll and consultancy costs are unsustainably high with 6123 employees on six-figure salaries more than 70 earning above $200000 and consultants costing hundreds of millions. A reduction in personnel costs and cap on consultancy is essential.- The focus should be on essential services only: rubbish

collection roading and transport maintenance water infrastructure housing regulation and recreation spacesâ€not discretionary programmes. The North Shore does not benefit from rail projects in proportion to the rate impact and these levies must be justified against essential services.Agreed positions- Oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9%.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services; implement hiring freezes and avoid filling vacant non-essential roles to save at least $17 million immediately.- Freeze or reduce payroll costs where vacancy management allows and prioritise essential services over discretionary programmes.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) if this is not a core local-government function.Supporting this I endorse the Council's alternative budget approach of saving $150 million by cutting non-essential expenditure thereby capping the rate rise to around 3% and restoring trust in prudent stewardship of public funds.ClosingThis submission is made to advocate for a sustainable threshold-based approach to Council funding that protects essential services while reducing waste and excessive overheads.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7481**

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**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Key points- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. This rate rise would cost the average household approximately $320 and represents a rate of87 which far outpaces inflation and household wage growth.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Current payroll and related costs plus high-cost consultants are driving unnecessary growth in rates.- Spending on consultancy and professional services should be reduced rather than continually increased. The current level of external advice is a prime area for savings.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year

and appears to emit more carbon than it saves. It is not essential statutory activity for local government and should be halted.- 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 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae). This is not a core local government function and should be scaled back.Context and suggested savings- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) which would cap the rate rise at roughly 3 percent. This should be pursued through targeted organisational changes a hiring freeze vendor consolidation and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.- Concrete allocations cited in the briefing show that personnel costs six-figure salaries and consulting have grown well ahead of inflation compounding rate pressures on households.ClosingI request that my submission be considered in full and that I am not seeking to speak at a hearing.

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

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## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7500

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I note the proposed 7.9% rise equating to about $320 for the average household and I consider this excessive given the Council's track record on spending. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% far outpacing inflation and population growth. The current breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for growth and 4.4% for CRL operating costs; in aggregate the burden on households is unsustainable.Agreeing with the Alliance's position I urge reductions in expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. I also support reducing spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to escalate these costs. The

current level of external advice and contracted services is a major driver of rate increases and should be restrained.I request cancellation of the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year on the basis that it emits more carbon than it saves. Redirecting these funds to essential and statutory services would better serve ratepayers.I support freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately. Additionally I oppose ongoing large-scale Māori-specific spending in the Ngā Mātārae (Maori Outcomes) area estimated at around $10 million per year if the programme is not clearly aligned with core local government responsibilities. In my view these functions should be prioritised within statutory and essential services.As an alternative to the proposed increases I favour the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to cap rates increases by reducing new Council spend by $150 million (2%) including: $50 million from personnel costs $50 million from consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million from prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Closing: I request to present at hearings to speak to these points. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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## Question 3: Local board priorities

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7512**

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase for 2026/27 and in support of reducing wasteful Council spending. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022; the real increase since 2022 is 30 percent (in 2022 dollars) versus 12 percent overall inflation. The proposed 7.9 percent increase comprises 2 percent for maintaining existing assets 1.5 percent for growth in new assets and 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs. I do not accept this as responsible management of ratepayers' money.I strongly agree 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 grow these items. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance suggests an alternative budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent) to cap the rate rise at 3 percent including:- A $50 million reduction in personnel costs through organisational change and hiring freezes for non-essential roles.- A $50 million cap on consultants and professional services.- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation.- $20 million prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Other specific measures I support include cancelling the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million per year) which by Alliance analysis costs more carbon than it saves. Freezing staffing or reducing payroll by not filling vacant non-essential roles would deliver immediate savings estimated at least $17 million. I also oppose continued or expanded spending on Māori outcomes as currently framed; the Alliance notes about $10 million per year spent on the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which I believe should be reviewed for alignment with local government responsibilities.In summary rates increases should be limited to inflation or less with a clear focus on essential services and a significant reduction in wasteful and discretionary expenditure. I urge careful consideration of expenditure controls before approving any further rate increases.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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## Question 4: Other feedback

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7521

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## 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 submit in formal opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a program of prudent cost-reduction across the Council and CCOs prior to any rate setting.Key concerns and positions1) Rates increase and affordability. The proposed 7.9% average uplift equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% while inflation has risen around 34% and population growth about 22%. I oppose any increase above inflation and support actions to keep rates aligned with essential services and responsible budgeting.2) Wasteful spending and backroom costs. The Council should

reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions and curb consultant and professional services. Annual consultant spend across the Council group totals $126 million with the average consultant receiving around $200k. Direct operating expenditure and staff costs have risen faster than inflation with payroll and related costs dominating 1.3 billion in payroll alone and $590 million on consultants and contractors.3) Alternative budget and targeted savings. I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) achieving a 3% average rate increase. Specific measures include:- Freeze non-essential hiring and reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant roles.- Cap spending on consultants and professional services.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to achieve savings.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.4) Specific programmes and targeted reductions. I oppose funding directed to areas outside core local government responsibilities. In particular I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme (costs $36 million/year) and reducing Māori-focused spend such as the Māori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) budget of about $10 million per year reflecting a view that these are not roles of local government.ConclusionI submit that the Council must prioritise affordability reduce wasteful expenditure and implement the proposed savings plan to limit rate increases while maintaining essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

N/A

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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| | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
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### 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

**#7531**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The proposed increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a real rate rise well above inflation since 2022. The current average rates bill ($4069) has grown substantially and the cumulative cost burden on households is unsustainable.I support the Ratepayers' Alliance position that 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 allowing further growth of these items. The 7.9% increase breakdownâ€2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for growth-related assets 4.4% for CRL operating costsâ€demonstrates a heavy

tilt toward operating costs rather than essential service improvements and wasteful spending should be addressed first.I also oppose funds being diverted to programmes with questionable value. The Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and as alleged emits more carbon than it saves. In addition freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles could save at least $17 million immediately a prudent step before increasing levies on ratepayers. The Council should cap or reduce spending on consultants and professional services by reallocating resources to core statutory and essential services.Further the Council should critically examine Māori-specific spending. The proposed $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) represents a cost that many ratepayers do not see as a core local government function and should be reconsidered within the budget constraints.In sum I urge a revision to cap average residential rate increases at or below 3% by delivering a $150 million reduction in new Council spending through personnel cost controls consultant spend caps contract renegotiations vendor consolidation and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

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

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

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### 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

**#7550**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## 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 opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase and in support of a rigorous programme to reduce wasteful Council spending and restructure expenditure toward essential local government functions.1. Opposition to the rates increase and overall spending concerns- I oppose the average 7.9 percent rates rise which would mean an approximate $320 increase for the average household and a real-terms burden rising faster than inflation.- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance analysis shows that since 2010 rates have risen by 85% far outstripping inflation and population growth. A pause and restraint on non-essential spending are

required before further levies on households are considered.2. Reducing wasteful and discretionary spending- I urge reductions in corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Cap and reduce spending on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing growth in these fees.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year which is said to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.3. Specific budget adjustments aligned with the Ratepayers' Alliance plan- Adopt the 2 percent spending reduction target to cap rates increases at around 3 percent by: reducing personnel costs through organisational change and hiring freezes; capping consultant spend; renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.- Consider reducing Maori-specific spend such as the Ngā Mātārae (Maori Outcomes) allocation of about $10 million per year in line with the view that local government should prioritise core functions.In summary a prudent targetted cost-control approach is required to avoid a higher-than-inflation rates impact on households while preserving core services. I request that the Council consider these reductions before approving any rate increase.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

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

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

N/A

# Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7606**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9%. The proposed rise equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a real rates increase already far outpacing inflation since 2022. Since amalgamation rates have grown by 85% while inflation is roughly 34% and population growth about 22%. This burden falls on households who are already stretched.I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and slowing growth in consultancy and professional services. The Council's reliance on consultants and high payroll costs is unsustainable. Direct operating expenditure has risen well ahead of inflation and

payroll plus 'other expenses' have grown disproportionately. I call for an urgent organisational review to streamline services and lower ongoing costs.I call for cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and in my view emits more carbon than it saves. Resources should be redirected to essential services with demonstrated benefit to residents.I support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. A hiring pause will help maintain services without forcing households to bear higher rates.I oppose Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae). While I believe in respectful partnership local government should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary programmes that do not align with ratepayer expectations.Proposed alternative budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap rates growth at around 3% by cutting personnel costs capping consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising essential services over discretionary grants.Thank you for considering these points.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7620**

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The rate rise is roughly $320 for the average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 while inflation has run about 12% in the same period. This level of increase is not affordable for many households and risks undermining essential services.I propose the following measures consistent with a responsible disciplined budget that prioritises core council functions over discretionary spend:1) Cap and reduce overall expenditure growth by at least $150 million aiming to keep average rates growth to around 3%. This aligns with the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to fund essential services while limiting unnecessary cost growth.2) Reduce personnel costs and payroll

inflation. Freeze non-essential hires and avoid filling vacant non-critical roles to save at least $17 million immediately.3) Curb expenditure on consultants and professional services. Cap and renegotiate contracts and pursue vendor consolidation to achieve at least $50 million in annual savings.4) Revisit contract terms and seek efficiencies through organisational reform. Target $30 million in savings from renegotiations and better procurement practices.5) Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants. Reallocate resources away from non-essential programmes toward core City and community services.6) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme currently costing about $36 million per year which evidence shows emits more carbon than it saves.7) Reduce Māori-focused spending including the Ngā Mātārae (Maori Outcomes) initiative which totals around $10 million annually arguing that this is not a core local-government duty.These steps would limit rate increases to around 3% and direct scarce funds to essential services Aucklanders rely on daily.I request to speak at hearings to present these points in detail. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7622**

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**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in a detailed and evidence-based manner to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to advocate for restraint in wasteful Council spending.Key points- I oppose the average residential rates rise of 7.9 percent (approximately $320 for the average household) and request that Council cap rate increases much closer to inflation or below given the real increases since 2022 and the cumulative pressures on households.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Our ratepayers deserve a leaner organisational footprint before asking households to shoulder higher

bills.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves to reallocate funds to essential services.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would deliver immediate savings of at least $17 million.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a role traditionally undertaken by local government.Rationale and proposed savings- The ARAs' alternative budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) to keep the average rate rise to approximately 3%. This includes: $50 million from personnel cost reductions through organisational change and freezing non-essential hires $50 million from capping consultants $30 million from renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.- Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% far outstripping inflation; consolidation of wasteful expenditures is overdue. Direct operating expenditure has grown well beyond inflation and a more disciplined approach is required.Additional points- I have no interest in the underground rail link operating expenses being funded by higher rates; I consider it a misallocation of capital and ongoing costs given current usage and impact on ratepayers.- The amalgamation narrative should not excuse ongoing overspend; efficiencies must be found before placing further burden on households.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

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

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

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

N/A

# Question 6: City centre

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

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7627

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Key positions:1) Reject the 7.9% increase. The Council must not raise rates above inflation. The proposed increase which equates to about $320 for the average household is excessive given the 30% real rise since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) alongside 12% cumulative inflation. A more prudent path is to cap rate increases at around 3% by trimming Council costs.2) Cut back-office and corporate spend. The Council and CCOs should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions and slow the growth of payroll and external contractors. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget shows $150 million in savings to cap rates at 3%.3) Reduce consultancy and professional

services. Do not continue to expand external consulting and professional services; instead implement cost controls and vendor consolidation to save about $50 million.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme. The programme costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves; discontinue it.5) Freeze staffing and payroll improvements. Freeze vacant non-essential roles and reduce payroll costs immediately which could save at least $17 million right away.6) Curb Māori-specific spend. Scale back Māori Outcomes expenditure (Ngā Mātārae) including the $10 million per year allocated as this is not a local government core function.7) Stop wasted road spend. Stop the chronic wastage on NZTA roading projects city-wide until value for money and effectiveness are demonstrated.In summary a material reset of operating costs contractor spend and non-core programmes is required to bring rates back to a realistic affordable level for households while preserving essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7635**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Since 2010 rates have risen 85 percent far outpacing inflation and population growth. I urge Council to pause this rise and pursue meaningful savings.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce Council expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and to cut spending on consultancy and professional services. The current pattern of hiring consultants and maintaining high payroll costs is unsustainable for households facing tight budgets. I also oppose continuing the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and does not demonstrably save carbon compared with its emissions.Specific measures I urge

the Council to adopt include:- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cancel or heavily reprioritise Māori-specific spend such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' department estimated at around $10 million per year as this is not a core function of local government.- Reduce spend on consultants and professional services by at least $50 million and renegotiate contracts to improve value for money.- Streamline expenditure across vendor contracts with a focus on consolidation to reduce total operating costs and prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.I am aware of the alternative budget proposing a 3 percent cap by reducing new Council spending by $150 million achieved through organisational change a hiring freeze and vendor consolidation. If the Council cannot justify higher spending I urge adoption of this prudent path.Additional concerns I wish to emphasise include ongoing uncertainty around infrastructure delivery and cost overruns and the need for transparent costed business cases before approving major projects or ongoing programmes.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7638**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The current average rates bill is about $4069 a 30% real increase since 2022 while inflation has been 12%. A 7.9% rise is not affordable for households and does not reflect value for money.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position to reduce Council spending on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to curb consultancy and professional services. The current pattern shows consultant spend at about $126 million per year across the Council group with Auckland Council alone bearing roughly $60 million and an average consultant pay around $200000. Direct operating expenditure has grown 78% from 2013 to 2023 well above inflation and

payroll costs total about $1.3 billion. These figures indicate room to streamline without compromising essential services.I urge cancellation of non-core programmes that do not deliver material community benefits notably the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. The council should also freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.I also request a reduction in Māori-focused expenditure including the $10 million per year allocated to the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae). Local government's core role is to provide essential statutory services; some targeted programmes fall outside necessary mandates and should be reconsidered with a focus on core services and efficiency.To achieve the desired outcome the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget proposes a $150 million reduction in new spending (2%) thereby capping rates increases to 3%:- $50 million from personnel costs via organisational changes and a hiring freeze- $50 million from consultants and professional services- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation- $20 million by prioritising statutory services over discretionary grantsAdditional point: the council should prioritise basic services for growth while actively lobbying central government to adjust obligations that exceed local governance responsibilities.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.1. Opposition to the rates increaseI oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% (approximately $320 for the average household). Since 2022 the real increase in rates is around 30% in 2022 dollars far exceeding cumulative inflation of about 12%. The rate rise breakdownâ€2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for growth-related new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costsâ€does not justify a further squeeze on households that are already paying substantially more than inflation.2. Reducing wasteful and non-essential expenditureThe Council must reduce spending on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and cut consultancy and professional services rather than increasing these items. Direct operating expenditure has risen well ahead of inflation and the payroll/consultancy bill remains a core driver of cost growth. I support the Ratepayers' Alliance target to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) which would help cap rates increases to around 3% with a plan to restore affordability.3. Specific programmes and spending to pause or cancelI asks the Council to cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. I also support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately. In addition I oppose further funding to Māori-focused programmes such as the $10 million/year for the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which I view as outside the core responsibilities of local government.4. Procurement and governanceExamine procurement procedures to ensure cost-effective contracts with decision-makers clearly accountable and a sustained effort to cut spending. This approach should accompany any restraint in staffing and service delivery ensuring efficiency gains are realised.ClosingI respectfully request that my submission be considered and 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

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

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## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7666

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**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I write to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to call for a focus on reducing wasteful Council spending. The rate rise would add about $320 for the average household on top of a cumulative real increase since 2022 that far outstrips inflation.Key positions1) Oppose the 7.9% increase. Ratepayers cannot sustain a rise this high when historical increases have grown well above inflation and population growth since the Super City reorganisation.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs. Substantial savings are possible by trimming overheads rather than expanding costs at the centre.3) Curb consultancy

and professional services. The spend on consultants is excessive and rising; freezing or reducing these costs should be a priority.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme. It costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves representing poor value for ratepayers.5) Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling non-essential vacancies. Halting recruitment in non-critical roles could save at least $17 million immediately.6) Cut Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local-government function.7) Support alternative budgeting that prioritises statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and pursue vendor consolidation and contract renegotiation to realise further savings.Additional points- Far too much is spent on consulting with Māori with no tangible benefits; iwi have substantial assets and should self-fund where appropriate.Budget alternativeA 2% reduction in new Council spending could cap the rate rise at around 3% achieved by: reducing personnel costs through organisational change capping consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising essential services over discretionary programmes.I would like the opportunity to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7671

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**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I am submitting in a strong and direct manner to oppose the current trajectory of rate rises and to demand clear verifiable reductions in wasteful Council spending.Key points- I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and I call for a halt to continued growth in consultancy and professional services.- The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled as it costs about $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves. This is not a cost-effective outcome for ratepayers.- Staffing levels must be frozen where possible and payroll costs reduced by not filling vacant non-essential roles. This would deliver

immediate savings of at least $17 million.- I oppose continuing to fund Māori-specific programmes at high levels. The $10 million per year spent on the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) is not a function of local government and should be redirected to essential services.- The IT and digital front should be leveraged to improve efficiency and reduce staff costs not to justify growth in back-office roles. My experience with Council responsiveness confirms the need for leaner operations.Support for an alternative approach- I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap the average residential rates increase at around 3%: - $50 million via personnel cost reductions and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles - $50 million by capping consultancy and professional services - $30 million through contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants- These measures would restore fiscal discipline and align rates with actual service delivery needs rather than perpetuating a broad inflationary uplift.Additional comments- The lack of adequate assessment and consultation prior to the food scraps initiative is concerning. Ratepayers should not bear the cost of a poorly designed program.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

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

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

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

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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7686**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The current trajectory shows that rates increases have outpaced inflation and population growth for years placing growing pressure on households.Agreed positions and proposals:- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9 percent. A more modest affordable path is needed.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs including cutting non-essential personnel costs and consolidating functions where possible.- Reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to escalate these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year

and appears to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; doing so could save at least $17 million immediately.In alignment with the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget I support reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the rate rise at around 3 percent. Specific measures include a $50 million reduction from personnel costs through 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.Additional context:- The council's overall spend on consultants backoffice functions and six-figure salaries has risen materially since 2022 while operating expenditure has outpaced inflation. A focused efficiency drive is warranted before asking households to bear higher rates.- It is reasonable to prioritise essential services and reform discretionary spend to protect households from untenable rate rises.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

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### Q5 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

**#7688**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in strong and direct terms to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to urge a comprehensive reduction in wasteful Council spending.Key positions:- Oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. The proposed rise translates to about $320 for the average household on top of a long trajectory of rate increases since 2010 that have far outpaced inflation.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The current data show substantial spending in staff consultants and back-office functions that do not align with a responsible affordability path for ratepayers.- Curb consultancy

and professional services spend. With $126 million per year across the Council group and an average consultant pay of around $200000 the scale of external advice should be brought into check.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. This is a clear example of discretionary spend that should be stopped in favour of essential services.- 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 on the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function. Reallocate funds to statutory and essential services.Grounded framework:- The Council should adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance proposed alternative budget: reduce new spending by $150 million (about 2%) to cap the rate rise at around 3 percent through targeted reductions in personnel costs consultants contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.- This approach recognises the real increases since 2022 and aligns with maintaining essential services while restoring affordability for households.I request that this submission be considered in full and that the Council adopts a disciplined value-for-money spending plan that protects ratepayers from inflationary pressure.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

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

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# Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7710

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**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge the Council to prioritise expenditure reductions to keep rates closer to inflation and to protect essential services.Key points- The proposed 7.9% average increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of an already high current average bill of $4069. Since 2022 the real increase in rates is around 30% well above cumulative inflation of 12%.- The cost drivers are disproportionate: 4.4% for CRL operating costs plus 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets to accommodate growth.- The Council's spending profile shows significant waste that should be addressed before raising rates

further: $126 million per year on consultants across the Council group (including $60 million by the Auckland Council parent; average consultant about $200000) staff costs rising sharply and $868.4 million spent on 18 corporate and business support functions.- Māori outcomes spending ($171 million over 10 years) and other payroll/contracting patterns should be reconsidered in favour of core statutory duties and essential services.Agreed positions and actions- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9% and pursue a target closer to 3% by curbing discretionary spending.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year which emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which should not be a core local government function.Alternative budget approach- Reduce new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) to cap the average rate increase at around 3%: - $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes - $50 million from capped consultancy spend - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million from prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grantsI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7712**

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**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## 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 a formal submission opposing the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and urge a program of substantial spending restraint across the Council and CCOs.I agree with the need to rein in wasteful public expenditure and oppose a rates rise that exceeds inflation. The proposed 7.9% increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022. The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs and 2% for maintaining existing assets with 1.5% for new assets. This level of growth is unsustainable for ratepayers already facing tight budgets.I call for immediate reductions in corporate and backroom office spending

across the Council and CCOs and a reduction in consultancy and professional services rather than continued growth in these areas. The Council's payroll and external contracting costs have grown far faster than inflation with consultants costing the ratepayer hundreds of millions annually. A cap on spending and a review of vendor contracts are essential.Specific measures I support:- 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 filling vacant non-essential roles a move that could save at least $17 million right away.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.- Reduce overall personnel costs by organisational change and a hiring freeze; cap spending on consultants; pursue contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget indicates a path to cap average rates increases to around 3% with a $150 million reduction in new Council spending. These steps are fair necessary and respectful of ratepayers' investment in their communities.Additional point: All costs to do with Wine Brown himself.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7739**

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**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

1) Opposition to the proposed 7.9% average residential rates increaseI oppose an average residential rates rise of 7.9% (approximately $320 for the average household). Since 2010 rates have risen 85% in real terms well above inflation and population growth. The current average rates bill is $4069 with the real increases since 2022 far outstripping inflation. The proposed splitâ€2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costsâ€appears disproportionate to the value of outputs delivered to households.2) Wasteful expenditure and the need for cost reformI urge the Council to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the

Council and CCOs and to curb consultancy and professional services spending rather than continuing to increase these items. Total spending on consultants and contractors is excessive with $590 million overall and $126 million annually across the Council group. A targeted reduction is essential to keep rate increases within affordable bounds.3) Specific savings and reallocationI support reducing non-essential spending by freezing staffing or not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. I also support capping consultancy spend and pursuing contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to deliver meaningful savings. Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants should guide budget decisions.4) Reducing targeted programmes and Māori outcomes spendI disagree with funding levels for non-core programmes; in particular consider reducing 'Māori outcomes' spend such as the $10 million per year on Ngā Mātārae which is not a core local government responsibility. I also request a full review of the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and in my view emits more carbon than it saves.5) Additional pointsI am concerned that cycleway and road-design choices adjacent to Mangere Bridge contribute to congestion by reducing road width and parking. A review to balance cycle infrastructure with practical on-road capacity is warranted.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

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

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

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

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

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| | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
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### 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

**#7745**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit my formal opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and urge a focus on reducing wasteful Council spending. The impact on households is substantial: the average residential bill would rise by about $320 with current average rates at $4069. Since 2010 rates have increased 85% while population growth has risen by 22% and overall inflation has far outpaced this growth.I support the following positions:- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9%.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council should reduce spend on

consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to 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 a measure that would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year on the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing this is not a function of local government.Additional points:- There appears to be insufficient audit/management of performance and results; stronger oversight is needed to ensure value from every dollar.- Ratepayers should not be treated as cash cows; there must be accountable demonstrable savings before any further rate increases are considered.In line with the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget I support reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap) to keep the rate rise to around 3% prioritising essential services and statutory requirements while cancelling or scaling back discretionary programmes.Please consider more rigorous cost control vendor consolidation and a clear performance framework before approving any rate increase.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

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

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

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

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

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

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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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| | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7755**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit this submission to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for substantial reductions in wasteful council spending with a constructive path toward keeping rates affordable.Key points- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% (about $320 for the typical household). The current average bill is $4069 and since 2022 rates have risen by 30% in real terms well above inflation. A return to more prudent budgeting is necessary.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Direct operating expenditure has grown far faster than inflation and staff and contractor

costs are ballooning. Cutting these functions is essential to restraint rate increases.- I support reducing spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these items. Consultants currently cost hundreds of millions across the Council group and a cap is warranted to protect ratepayers.- I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- I support freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose ongoing or expanding Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae (Maori outcomes) department which amounts to about $10 million per year arguing that these roles should be within the core statutory responsibilities of local government only where appropriate.Alternative budget and impact- The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap the rate rise to roughly 3%. This would be achieved by: reducing personnel costs via organisational change and freezes ($50 million); capping consultants ($50 million); renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors ($30 million); prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants ($20 million).This approach preserves essential services while controlling costs and ensuring affordability for households.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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

N/A

# Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7761**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

1) Rates and affordability- The proposed 7.9% increase equates to about $320 for the average household on a current average bill of $4069. Since 2010 rates have risen 85%â€well above inflation and population growth. A more prudent path is to cap rate rises closer to or below inflation with targeted efficiency gains.2) Wasteful expenditure and reform priorities- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut consultancy and professional services.- The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled as it costs $36 million/year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs

by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Review and remove unnecessary road works to prioritise essential capital and statutory services.3) Specific funding concerns- Māori-specific spend should be reassessed; the $10 million/year allocated to the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) is not a role of local government and should be redirected to core municipal functions.- A practical alternative budget is needed: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) bringing the average residential rate rise down to approximately 3% as follows: - $50 million from personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze - $50 million from capping consulting spend - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants4) Accountability- Direct operating expenditure has risen far faster than inflation and population growth; the Council must demonstrate cost-effectiveness and value for money before further rate increases are approved.ClosingI request to speak at hearings to provide further context and evidence supporting these positions. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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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

**#7782**

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**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Based on current disclosures this equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a 30 percent real increase since 2022 (with cumulative inflation at 12 percent). Given these pressures rates increases should be aligned with inflation and the Council's ability to deliver essential services not expanded as a means to fund growing operating costs.The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance considers excessive discretionary spending to be a primary driver of the proposed rise. In particular the Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services which have grown far faster than

inflation. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have risen well above inflation in recent years with payroll and consultant spend contributing significantly to ratepayer burden. A tighter approach to contracting and vendor consolidation is essential.I support the Alliance's proposed alternative budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% cap) to keep the residential rate increase to around 3 percent. This would be achieved by:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles saving $50 million.- Capping spending on consultants at $50 million.- Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors for $30 million.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants for $20 million.In addition I request the Council to reconsider certain programmes and allocations that do not represent core local governance responsibilities including the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves and the ongoing spend on Māori outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) approximately $10 million per year. I recognise the importance of community outcomes but these activities should be delivered in a manner consistent with local government responsibilities not as growth areas funded by ratepayers.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7786**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9%. This level exceeds inflation and places an ongoing burden on households already stretched by rising costs. The proposed increase is not matched by commensurate improvements in essential services.I support reducing wasteful Council spending and in particular cutting back on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and its CCOs. I also urge reducing spend on consultancy and professional services rather than permitting continued growth in these areas. The Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. I also advocate freezing

staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. Furthermore I support cutting Māori-specific spending such as the approximately $10 million per year on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.I note that the Ratepayers' Alliance proposes an alternative budget that would reduce new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) enabling an overall rates increase capped at around 3%. Key measures include: $50 million from personnel cost reductions $50 million from restricting consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Additional point: I would prefer resurfacing roadwork that prioritises durability and quieter longer-lasting materials over projects that are unnecessarily noisy or short-lived.In closing I request that this submission be considered in formulating a plan that delivers essential services while avoiding wasteful expenditure and unreasonably high rate increases. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7827

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The current average residential bill is $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of around 30% in the face of just 12% cumulative inflation. A rate increase of this magnitude constrains households already dealing with rising costs and strains essential services.I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and cutting the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing these items to grow. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget proposes a $150 million reduction in new Council activity (about 2%) to constrain the rates rise to around 3%. Specific measures include: freezing non-

essential staffing and reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant roles which could save at least $17 million immediately; capping consultancy spending at $50 million; pursuing contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation worth $30 million; and prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants at $20 million.Additionally I request cancellation of the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and is alleged to emit more carbon than it saves. I also call for restraint on Māori-focused expenditure including the roughly $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which I believe should remain the province of central government rather than local councils.I urge a thorough review of personnel costs including reducing payroll through hiring freezes on non-essential roles and a broader efficiency program to address the 78% growth in direct operating expenditure from 2013â€2023 far above inflation. Reducing the Council's reliance on consultants and corporate functions should be a priority alongside a commitment to maintaining essential infrastructure and services.Additional points: reconsider expenditure on cycleways and walkways as a priority over basic service maintenance. Focus resources on essential city infrastructure and practical fiscally responsible improvements that benefit the broad community not select groups.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

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# 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

#7831

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**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a rigorous reconsideration of Council spending to align with ratepayer interests and inflation.Key concerns and evidence:- The proposed 7.9% increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a real increase since 2022 of 30% in rates while cumulative inflation runs around 12%. The breakdown shows 2% to maintain assets 1.5% for growth-related assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This trajectory is unsustainable for households already financially stretched.- Since 2010 rates have risen 85% far outstripping inflation (34%) and far above population growth (22%). A more prudent approach is

required.- Wasteful or non-core expenditure should be pruned to protect essential services. I support reducing corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cooling the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing continual growth.- The Food Scraps Programme costs $36 million per year and according to the Alliance briefing emits more carbon than it saves. This should be cancelled.- Staff costs present a major pressure: freezing staffing and/or cutting payroll by not filling vacant non-essential roles would save at least $17 million immediately.- Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) is not a local government core responsibility and should be re-evaluated.- I support the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the rate rise at about 3% through targeted cuts in personnel costs cap on consultants contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services.Conclusion:I urge the Council to deliver a fiscally responsible plan that prioritises essential services reduces wasteful spending and aligns rates with inflation plus sustainable growth. A 3% cap would be more family-friendly and Council-focused on value for money.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7845**

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I write as a ratepayer who is concerned about the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and the level of discretionary spend within the Council and CCOs. I oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9 percent and urge a credible plan to reduce wasteful expenditure before any rate rise.Key concerns:- The proposed rise translates to about $320 more per average household on top of a long pattern of rising costs. Since 2010 rates have increased by 85% well above inflation and population growth which raises questions about value for money in how rates are spent.- A substantial portion of the increase is tied to CRL operating costs (4.4%) new

assets (1.5%) and maintenance of existing assets (2%). A thorough audit of ongoing operating expenses and project costs is required before approving higher bills.- The Council should urgently address wasteful spending. In particular I support reducing personnel costs through hiring freezes and not filling non-essential vacancies and cutting spend on consultants and professional services. The Alliance's proposal targets savings from payroll consultants and vendor contracts to keep rates more affordable.- I oppose continuing or expanding discretionary spending; a focus on statutory and essential services must come first. I also oppose the Food Scraps Programme (reported as costing about $36 million annually and not clearly delivering the intended carbon savings) and would like consideration of its cancellation.- A reallocation principle is warranted: distribute rate money more evenly across Auckland including a focus on ensuring that residents on the North Shore and Hibiscus Coast are not disproportionately disadvantaged.Alternative budget proposal:- Reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap) achieving an average rate increase around 3%: - Freeze or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles: save at least $17 million. - Cap spending on consultants: save $50 million. - Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors: save $30 million. - Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: save $20 million. - Streamline organisational and backroom functions: save $50 million.Sincerely{name redacted}{address redacted}{email redacted}I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

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

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# Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7855**

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## Submitter details:

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**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

1. I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% which equates to about $320 for the average household. Rates should grow in line with inflation not exceed it and certainly not at a rate that undermines affordability for households already stretched by high living costs.2. The Council must curb wasteful expenditure across the organisation. I request a rigorous review of corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs with a focus on simplification and consolidation to reduce unnecessary layers and overheads.3. I urge cutting consultancy and professional services. The current trajectory of external contractors and advisers is unsustainable

and diverts funds away from essential services that ratepayers rely on.4. Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. This is a clear example of misallocated funds that could be redirected to maintain essential services.5. Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles. Halting new hires in non-critical areas would deliver immediate savings of at least $17 million.6. Reconsider Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). This is not a core local government function and should be redirected to statutory and essential services.7. Adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget approach: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the average rate rise to about 3% through targeted measures including: $50 million savings from personnel $50 million from consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Additional comment: While I respect public consultation the ongoing level of expenditure beneath the promised gains to ratepayers is unacceptable. The public deserves transparent verifiable savings before any rate rise is considered.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7866**

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**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in formal opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent for 2026/27 which amounts to roughly $320 for the average household and a real burden on households already facing high inflation. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 a 30 percent increase in real terms since 2022 far above inflation. I urge the Council to ensure any rate changes are aligned to essential services and value for money.I support the following positions:1) Oppose the 7.9% average increase; seek a cap near 3% by reducing wasteful spend.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.3)

Reduce spending on consultancy and professional services rather than permitting continual growth.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costs $36 million/year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves).5) Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.6) Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year on the Māori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) department as this is not a core local government function.Rationale and context:- The breakdown of the proposed 7.9% increase includes 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for growth-related assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs; overall this drives a substantial fiscal burden on ratepayers.- The Council's spending on consultants totals about $126 million per year across the group; the average consultant pay is around $200000.- Direct operating expenditure has risen sharply with payroll at about $1.3 billion and consultants/contractors at $590 million while 18 corporate functions accounted for $868.4 million in direct expenditure.Alternative Budget proposal:Reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap) to deliver a 3% rate rise achieved by: $50 million from personnel costs $50 million from consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations/vendor consolidation and $20 million by prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.I request consideration of these points in the consultation process and ask that the Council publish a transparent independent analysis of any proposed savings measures.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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## Question 4: Other feedback

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

N/A

# Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7872**

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**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

This level of uplift is not affordable and is not justified by current service delivery.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% rise translates to about $320 more per average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 (to $4069 from $2781). Rates increases must be aligned with inflation and real service improvements not kept rising to fund higher operating costs.- Breakdowns of the increase show 4.4% for CRL operating costs and ongoing growth-related costs with only 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets. This reflects a spend prioritisation that I question.- Wasteful expenditure must be addressed first. Council spending on consultants and professional

servicesâ€$126 million per year across the Council group including about $60 million by the Auckland Council parentâ€drives payroll and operating costs up without demonstrable value. A typical consultant earns around $200k; this is not sustainable.- Direct operating expenditure has risen far above inflation (78% 2013â€2023 vs 29% inflation). Payroll alone is $1.3 billion; consultants/contractors $590 million; 18 corporate and business support functions cost $868.4 million. These figures demand immediate restraint.- The Maori Outcomes budget (Ngā Mātārae) at about $10 million per year is not a core local government function and should be reconsidered. The Council should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary programmes.Agreed actions to achieve a smaller rate increase- Reducing personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze: save about $50 million.- Capping spending on consultants: save about $50 million.- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: save about $30 million.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: save about $20 million.- Overall aim: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the average rate increase at around 3%.Additional points- Return to a paid rubbish collection model that rewards recycling; fix roads properly the first time rather than repeat repairs. These steps would reduce front-line costs and improve outcomes.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7876**

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## Your feedback:

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

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### Tell us why

I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge the Council to cap rate rises at around 3% by trimming wasteful and non-essential spending. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 and the real increase since 2022 is 30% in 2022 dollars far outstripping inflation.2. I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cutting consultancy and professional services. The Alliance briefing shows Council group consultancy spending at $126 million per year (Auckland Council parent alone about $60 million) with average consultants earning around $200k. Direct operating expenditure and

personnel costs have risen well ahead of inflation while staff totals and six-figure salaries have grown significantly. To bring costs back into line I support a targeted reduction in personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately and capping consultancy and vendor spend.3. I call for cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. I also urge policy focus on essential statutory services over discretionary grants and a programme of contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to achieve meaningful savings (targeting about $30 million).4. I support the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) to cap the rate increase at 3%. This should be achieved by:- Reducing personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles ($50 million);- Capping spending on consultants ($50 million);- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation ($30 million);- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants ($20 million).5. Additional points: Infrastructure investment should be fit-for-purpose and cost-conscious avoiding 'gold-plated' projects. Empower community boards to develop local ideas at catchment level and explore decentralized cost-effective solutions. The current approach to large projects (CRL Convention Centre) warrants close scrutiny to avoid cost blowouts being socialised to ratepayers.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7901

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**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

1. Overall funding stance and reasonable alternative- The current proposal amounts to an average increase of about $320 per household. This represents a real (inflation-adjusted) rise well above household tolerance. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance has outlined an alternative budget reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap the rate rise at around 3%. This requires a focus on reducing payroll limiting consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.2. Specific spending controls aligned with my position- Reduce personnel costs by freezing hiring for non-essential roles and pursuing

targeted organisational changes. This could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cap spending on consultants and professional services; current engagement of external adviceâ€estimated at hundreds of millions across the Council groupâ€must be reined in to ensure value for money.- Prioritise statutory and essential services; scale back discretionary programmes including allocations that do not deliver core public outcomes.3. Spending reallocation and targeted reductions- I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs to improve efficiency.- I oppose continuing or expanding non-essential spend including the ongoing allocation to Māori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae). I believe local government should prioritise core services and transparent governance over these specific programmes.4. Specific local concerns and accountability- While I recognise the need for safety and transport improvements proposed large-scale operational expenditures should be costed with clear benefitâ€cost analyses. For example the approach to infrastructure projects should avoid wasteful or duplicative works that increase rates without proportional outcomes.- I urge management to enforce accountability on contractors where spending and project results do not meet expected safety and efficiency standards including reviewing high-cost low-value initiatives.Examples include:Council needs to fire people or impose penalties on Auckland Transport contractors who do patently stupid things like building multiple pedestrian crossings (Westmere) where the white stripes are on white concrete and the white stripes have faded already after only 18 months of use necessitating repainting for safety at additional expense.In the same area in our street William Denny Ave Westmere - AT are to build five speed humps (in one street !) which will force all local traffic to re-route via the clogged up roundabout that supports the main arterial route of West End Rd / Garnet road onto Meola Rd to Point Chevalier and onto the North Western motorway.We will all need to repeatedly get all our 'bump-stops' replaced on our cars because of this stupidity by AT that is costing millions to get built.It is not too late to stop this William Denny Ave madness. Please halt this wasteful spending immediately!ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7936**

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

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### Tell us why

I submit in formal opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent for 2026/27 which equates to about $320 for the average household. The current average residential rates bill is about $4069 and real rate increases since 2022 have already reached 30 percent far outstripping cumulative inflation. I urge Council to align any increase with prudent fiscal management and inflation not continued growth of backroom and discretionary spending.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance positions to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to constrain consulting and professional services.

The rates rise is being driven in part by 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs and ongoing asset maintenance and new asset costs; I request transparent prioritisation of statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and non-core activities.I reject continuing or expanding spend on consultancy and contractor services. The Alliance briefing highlights about $126 million per year in consultant fees across the Council group with average consultants earning substantial sums; this is unsustainable and not aligned with ratepayer interests. I also call for cancellation of non-core programmes such as the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and is claimed to emit more carbon than it saves.I support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not filling non-essential vacancies which could save at least $17 million immediately. In addition I support reducing Māori-specific spending such as the roughly $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a core local-government function.In total I advocate for a Ratepayers' Alternative Budget approach: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping average residential rates increases to about 3 percent. This would require organisational changes a hiring freeze vendor consolidation and renegotiations to protect essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7971

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### Tell us why

Key concerns and positions- Oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% (about $320 for the average household). Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% far outpacing inflation and population growth. I urge council to limit increases to no more than 3% by curbing wasteful spending and improving efficiency.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut spending on consultancy and professional services. The current level of consultants costs and related outsourcing is an unnecessary burden on ratepayers.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8049**

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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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 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and to the level of Council spending that underpins it.1. Rate increase and affordability- I oppose the average 7.9% residential rates rise which equates to about $320 for the average household. This is not sustainable for households already facing rising living costs.- Since 2010 rates have risen 85% far outpacing inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). The current trajectory is untenable for many ratepayers.2. Spending priorities and spending controls- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.-

Spend on consultancy and professional services should be reduced rather than continued growth.- There should be a pause on non-essential payroll and staff hires; freezing vacancies would save at least $17 million immediately.- A cap on spending on consultants and a focus on contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation are essential.3. Specific programmes and Māori outcomes- I oppose the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- I support reducing Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Ngā Mātārae department (Māori outcomes). Many use of local government funding in this area is not a core statutory function and should be reconsidered.4. Alternative budget rationale- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap average residential rates increases at around 3%: - $50 million saved from personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze - $50 million saved from capping spending on consultants - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants5. General context- Households are struggling to afford the basics; the Council must live within its means and cap rates now.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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

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

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

**#8052**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I'm writing to register strong respectful opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and to urge a programme of spending restraint that prioritises essential services.I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. This would be approximately $320 more per household on top of a cumulative real increase since 2022 of 30 percent while inflation has risen around 12 percent. The current ratepayer burden is unsustainable especially given rising living costs and stagnant wage growth.I request the Council to adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance approach to reduce wasteful expenditure by at least $150 million allowing the average rate

rise to be capped at around 3 percent. Specific measures include:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles saving about $50 million.- Capping spending on consultants and external professional services at $50 million.- Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors to save about $30 million.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving about $20 million.I also urge the Council to cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. In addition freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles could save at least $17 million immediately. I do not support expanding or maintaining the current level of Māori-specific spending in 'Maori outcomes' (Ngā Mātārae) which amounts to about $10 million per year as this is not a function of local government.The Council should remove or scale back unnecessary backroom functions and reduce the spend on consultants rather than continuing a trend of higher operating and staff costs. Direct operating expenditure has risen markedly since 2013 while ratepayers face real cost pressures.Thank you for considering these inputs. I would welcome the opportunity to speak at hearings to present further details but I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8065**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Key points- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% (about $320 for the average household) as it far exceeds inflation and represents a real burden on households. The current average residential rates bill is about $4069 with a 30% real increase since 2022 in 2022 dollars well above cumulative inflation.- The proposed breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs on top of 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets. I urge prioritising essential services and restraining non-essential costs.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut spend on consultancy and

professional services rather than allowing these items to rise.- The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled as it costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this would provide immediate savings of at least $17 million.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government responsibility.- Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) to cap the average residential rates increase at around 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.Additional contextStop spending on non-essentials and focus funds on what is strictly necessary. As ratepayers in our 70s we must manage within means and expect the Council to do the same.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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## 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

**#8070**

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## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in personal and sincere terms to oppose the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase and to urge substantial trimming of wasteful Council spending.Key concerns- Proposed rates increase: 7.9% average (about $320 for the average household) is above inflation and well beyond the level many households can absorb. I cannot support increases that outstrip inflation and erode household living standards.- Spending and efficiency: The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services that continually rise. The current level of external advice and

payroll costs is unsustainable.- Specific programmes and staffing: I support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. I also oppose allocating further funds to discretionary items and programmes that do not deliver essential services.- Programmes with questionable value: Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and in my view emits more carbon than it saves.- Māori-specific spending: I oppose continuing to fund the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) at $10 million per year as a core local government function. Rates relief should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary spending in this area.Alternative budget approachBased on the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance plan reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap the rate rise at about 3%. This includes:- $50 million from personnel costs through organisational change and non-essential hiring freezes- $50 million from capping consultant spending- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation- $20 million prioritising statutory services over discretionary grantsContextSince 2010 rates have risen 85% outpacing inflation and population growth. I voted for change in earlier terms and am dismayed by the direction. If these commitments to reduce wasteful spending are not demonstrated I will reconsider my vote.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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# Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8144**

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## Submitter details:

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**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I record my position that the Council should cap rates increases well below inflation. The proposed 7.9 percent rise equates to about $320 for the average household while the real increase since 2022 is already around 30 percent in 2022 dollars against 12 percent cumulative inflation. To protect households I support the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent) and to cap the rate rise at around 3 percent through targeted savings.Key actions I support include: reducing corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs; cutting spending on consultants and professional services; cancelling the Food Scraps Programme

which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves; freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately; and cutting Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Ngā Mātārae/Māori outcomes area as this is not a core local government function.Additional areas where savings can be found include renegotiating contracts vendor consolidation and prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants. The Council's current expenditure on consultants contractors and six-figure salaries for staff is a primary source of upward pressure on rates; the public deserves transparency and a clear link between spending and service delivery.I request that the Council consider these measures as a practical path to delivering necessary services while protecting households from excessive rate increases. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8170**

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**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

1. Position and rationale- I oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase. This rise is well above inflation and does not reflect responsible budgeting for Auckland's present and future needs.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.2. Specific expenditure reductions- Cancel or severely limit 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 a measure that

could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.- Scrap non-essential items such as the Rail link to the airport which appears preferential and is not delivering demonstrable returns.3. Budget reallocation and reform- Adopt the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap on rate increases) through: $50 million in personnel cost reductions via organisational changes and hiring freezes; $50 million cap on consultants; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; $20 million prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.- Prioritise essential services and statutory obligations over discretionary programmes to stabilise ratepayer costs and improve value for money.4. Additional points- The current trajectory shows rates rising far ahead of population growth and inflation since 2010; this must be reversed.- A leaner more transparent budget with measurable savings will restore public trust.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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| | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
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| | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8179**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

1. Rates and affordability- The proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent is not affordable for many families. The average current residential rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 with a real increase of about 30 percent since 2022 when adjusted for inflation. The claimed benefit of this rise is not clear given such a large uplift amid economic pressures on households.2. Spending reductions and governance- The Council must prioritise reducing wasteful corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs. Total staff and operating costs have risen well beyond inflation with personnel costs and other expenses increasing by twice the rate of inflation

between 2022 and 2025.- Tackle consultant and professional services spend. Annual council-wide consultant spend is about $126 million including $60 million by the Auckland Council parent with many consultants earning around $200k. A cap and renegotiation are warranted.- Freeze non-essential staffing and reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could deliver immediate savings of at least $17 million.3. Specific programme and expenditure controls- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Reduce Māori-specific spending perceived as not core to local government functions including the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' department expenditure of around $10 million per year.4. Alternative budget approach- Align with the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) thereby capping average rates increases to around 3 percent. This would be achieved through personnel cost reforms a cap on consultants contract renegotiations vendor consolidation and prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.Additional point- The average resident cannot afford such extortionate rates increases and benefits are not evident beyond consulting and back-pocket deals. The council must rein in spending and make prudent fiscal choices in the current climate.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

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

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

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

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

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

N/A

# Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8224**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit this formal objection to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and to call for substantial reductions in wasteful Council spending.1) Rates and core spending- The proposed 7.9% average increase is excessive and should be capped. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance has shown a feasible path to keep rate rises to around 3% by reducing new spending and focusing on essential services.- Realistic restraint is warranted given that since 2010 rates have grown 85% while population growth and inflation have not kept pace.2) Wasteful and excessive expenditure- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office

functions across the Council and CCOs.- Spending on consultants and professional services must be reined in; the current level is unsustainable and diverts funds from essential services.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae (Maori outcomes) department which amounts to about $10 million per year as this falls outside the core responsibilities of local government.3) Alternative budget and prioritisation- Adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the average rate rise at 3%. Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and optimise vendor contracts through renegotiations and consolidation.ClosingI request the opportunity to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8258**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit this formal submission in strong opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent for 2026/27 and in support of a prudent reduction in Council spending to curb waste and protect households.Key positions1) Oppose the 7.9% average residential rates rise. The current reality shows a 30% real increase since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) against 12% cumulative inflation. A rate rise of nearly 8% is excessive in that context and ignores the burden on ratepayers already stretched by inflation and cost of living pressures.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs. The current spending on consultants is

unsustainable: $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant around $200k. A substantial cut is needed.3) Curb consultancy and professional services. The Council should halt or substantially reduce spend on external advisers and renegotiate contracts to deliver core services more efficiently.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme. At $36 million per year it costs more in emissions than it saves and diverts funds from essential services.5) Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs by not hiring for non-essential roles. A targeted freeze could save at least $17 million immediately.6) Cut Māori-specific spend such as the Ngā Mātārae (Māori outcomes) department about $10 million per year as this is not a core local government function.Additional pointsAucklanders are increasingly frustrated with perceived 'ATM' funding of Council activities. A concerted effort to cut fat in the payroll consulting and discretionary programmes is essential to restore public trust and ensure essential services are funded.ClosingI would like the opportunity to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

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### 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

**#8265**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the 7.9% average increase. With a current average residential bill of $4069 this would equate to about $320 more per household a real increase far beyond what households can sustain given the inflationary environment. The rate rise should be aligned with inflation and the Council should prioritise essential services and basic city upkeep over new or expanded programmes.The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes a prudent alternative budget that would cap the rate rise and reduce non-essential expenditure by about $150 million (2%) including:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze on vacant non-essential roles saving at least

$17 million immediately.- Capping spending on consultants and professional services saving about $50 million.- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation saving about $30 million.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving about $20 million.I agree the Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce consultancy and professional services rather than continue to increase these items. Current figures show high spending on consultants with aggregate costs across the Council group and payroll and contractor services running well above inflation over the past decade.I also urge cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. In addition freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles will yield immediate savings.I disagree with continuing Māori-specific spending at levels such as the approximately $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) given this is a core local government concern that should be prioritised within statutory services.The council should get back to basicsâ€address grime weeds and dirty streets. Basic housekeeping and city tidiness are essential to residents and businesses.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#8267

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The current average residential rates bill is already $4069 and real increases since 2022 equate to about 30 percent in 2022 dollars far outpacing cumulative inflation. A rate rise of nearly 8 percent when inflation and population growth are not addressed places an unfair burden on households.I accept the need to fund essential services but there must be tighter restraint on expenditure. The breakdown shows 4.4 percent of the proposed increase goes to CRL operating costs while 2 percent is for maintaining existing assets and 1.5 percent for new assets as Auckland grows. Yet the Council's overall spending trajectory remains unsustainable. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternatives

propose a $150 million reduction in new spending (about 2%) enabling a cap of around 3 percent on rates through targeted measures.I therefore urge the Council to:- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Curb consultancy and professional services spend instead of allowing further increases.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and is claimed to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a local government core function.Additional concerns include the broader pattern of cost growth: payroll and contractor costs have risen markedly with substantial six-figure salaries and elevated spending on consultants. The proposed approach seems to prioritise expanding bureaucracy over preserving essential services.In summary I request that the Council pursue substantial efficiency gains and prioritise statutory services over discretionary items so that ratepayers are not asked to fund wasteful expenditure. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

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## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8269**

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**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Key points1) Rates increase and affordability. The proposed 7.9% average residential rise equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a now $4069 annual bill. This represents a real-terms increase well above inflation and is a substantial burden for households already squeezed by cost pressures.2) Spending reform needed before further increases. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance plan calls for cutting new expenditure by at least $150 million to cap rates growth at around 3%. 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 millionAgreed positions- Oppose the average 7.9% residential rates increase.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across both the Council and CCOs.- The Council must reduce spending on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing around $36 million per year given its higher carbon emissions than savings achieved.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.Additional pointWhy can't the Council spend within its means and avoid effectively 'borrowing' from ratepayers to fund endless programmes?ClosingI request to present my submission at hearings to outline these concrete savings and affordability measures.Sincerely{name redacted}{address redacted}{email redacted}I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8274**

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

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### Tell us why

I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% which equates to about $320 for the average household. Since 2022 real rates increases have risen 30% (in 2022 dollars) against a cumulative inflation of 12% while population growth has driven some cost pressures. I believe there are more responsible ways to fund essential services without placing an excessive burden on households.Key concerns and proposed actions:1) Expenditure on corporate and backroom functions. The Council and CCOs should streamline operations and reduce spending on corporate overheads. A targeted review of staff roles and non-essential functions is warranted to align costs

with core statutory responsibilities.2) Consultants and professional services. Freeze or curb consultant spend and renegotiate contracts to achieve savings rather than allowing continued growth in this area.3) Food Scraps Programme. Cancel this project which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.4) Staffing and payroll. Freeze hiring for non-essential vacancies and/or substantially reduce payroll costs; the Alliance indicates that not hiring for vacant roles could save at least $17 million immediately.5) Māori-specific spending. Reconsider the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) emphasising that local government should prioritise statutory and essential services.Alternative budget framework:- Reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) aiming to cap the average rates increase at around 3%: â€¢ $50 million through personnel cost reductions and hiring freezes â€¢ $50 million by capping consultants â€¢ $30 million via contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation â€¢ $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grantsI urge the Council to prioritise essential services improve efficiency and protect households from excessive rate increases. These steps would demonstrate prudent stewardship and align with reasonable expectations of ratepayers.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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## Question 4: Other feedback

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8280**

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a substantial restraint on Council spending to protect households from mounting bills.Key concerns- The 7.9% rise translates to about $320 extra per average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. This compounded increase far outstrips general inflation and population growth since 2010 and it risks choking household budgets.- A fair path is to reduce new and ongoing operating costs. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes a plan to reduce new spending by at least $150 million capping the rate rise to around 3% by prioritising essential statutory services over discretionary

items.- I support reducing corporate and backroom costs across the Council and CCOs and cutting consultancy and professional services rather than letting these items grow again.- I oppose the Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million per year given its carbon footprint relative to its savings.- Freeze staffing and reduce payroll by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose ongoing Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department Ngā Mātārae; local government should prioritise statutory functions over these allocations.- There is a concern over the level of consultants and external contractors; a renegotiation of contracts and vendor consolidation could deliver meaningful savings.Rationale- Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% well above inflation and population growth. A leaner organisation can maintain essential services without placing higher burdens on ratepayers.- The proposed allocation to CRL operating costs and growth in payroll and external contractors must be rebalanced in favour of core services and asset maintenance not expanding non-essential projects.Additional pointWhy are millions spent on overlay Māori consultancy when core local government responsibilities must come first?I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#8312

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

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### Tell us why

Key points- The proposed 7.9% rates rise is excessive. With an average residential bill now about $4069 the 7.9% uplift translates to roughly $320 per household deepening the real burden on ratepayers already facing inflation and slower wage growth.- There is clear evidence of escalating non-productive spend. Council spending on consultants averages $126 million per year across the group with the Auckland Council parent alone receiving about $60 million and an average consultant at around $200000.- Corporate and backroom costs including personnel and 'other expenses' have risen faster than inflation while frontline services and statutory obligations must be

protected.- The proposed plan relies heavily on CRL operating costs and new asset provision. A prudent approach would prioritise essential services and value-for-money investments at current expenditure levels or below.Agreed positions and requests- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9% and seek to cap rate increases well below inflation.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Reduce expenditure on consultancy and professional services; renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to realise ongoing savings.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme estimated at $36 million per year given its carbon outcomes and opportunity costs.- Freeze or reduce Māori-specific spending including the $10 million/year allocated to the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing that local government should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary programmes.Alternative budget approach- Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance proposed budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap). This would keep the average rate increase to around 3% and protect households from unnecessary cost shocks.ClosingI request that the Council consider these positions seriously and adopt a savings-focused plan that prioritises essential services and value-for-money.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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## Question 3: Local board priorities

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#8317

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I write to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to urge a rigorous program of cost reduction across the Council and CCOs before any rate rises are approved.Key points shaping my submission:- The proposed 7.9% increase translates to about $320 for the average household on an already high current average bill of $4069. Since 2022 rates have effectively risen by 30% in real terms far outpacing inflation (12%). The 7.9% split shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for growth-related new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs highlighting a disproportionate burden on households.- Since the Super City amalgamation rates

have risen 85% well above inflation and population growth. This trajectory is unsustainable for households and stifles affordability.- I support reducing wasteful spending: cut the spend on consultants and professional services and curb corporate and backroom office costs. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance shows consultant costs at about $126 million per year across the Council group including high average consultant pay.- I support freezing staffing or reducing payroll by not filling non-essential vacancies which could save at least $17 million immediately. Payroll and related expenses have risen markedly while key statutory services must remain protected.- I oppose funding and expansion of discretionary programmes that do not deliver clear measurable benefits to ratepayers. In particular I oppose the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- I oppose expanding Māori-specific spending beyond what is essential for local government scope. The $10 million/year for the Maori outcomes function (Ngā Mātārae) should be reassessed in the context of council responsibilities.Alternative budget approach:- Implement a targeted $150 million reduction in new Council spending (2%) enabling a cap of around 3% rates achieved through personnel cost reductions capping consultancy spend renegotiations vendor consolidation and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8339**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a focus on cutting wasteful expenditure to keep rates affordable for households.Key points for consideration1) The need to reduce Council waste and backroom costs. The current structure shows high levels of spend on consultants and corporate functions with $126 million per year across the Council group and 6123 staff on six-figure salaries. A more efficient organisation is essential to avoid unnecessary rate pressure on households.2) Reduce consultancy and professional services. The briefing highlights substantial outlays on external advice. Capping and renegotiating these contracts would free funds

for essential services and help limit rate increases.3) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme. At $36 million per year and with emissions outcomes not demonstrably offset by the savings this programme should be reviewed and halted if benefits are not clear and certain.4) Freeze staffing and payroll costs. Freezing non-essential vacancies and pausing hires would deliver immediate savings. The submission points to significant payroll costs and reducing non-essential roles would help keep rates increases to a minimum.5) Cut Māori-specific spending. The $10 million per year on the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) is presented as not a statutory local-government function. Reallocating or scaling back this spend would align with a narrower statutory mandate and reduce pressure on rates.6) Adhere to an affordable prudent budget. The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (about a 2% reduction) to cap rate increases at around 3%. This includes personnel cost reductions consultant caps and smarter procurement.ConclusionI urge Auckland Council to pursue substantial efficiencies and re-prioritisation rather than pursuing a 7.9% average rate increase. Prioritise essential services reform procurement and review discretionary programmes to minimise rate burdens on households.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

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

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

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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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| | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8359**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% which would be approximately $320 for the average household on the basis that rates have already risen well ahead of inflation and population growth since 2010.Key background for consideration- The current average residential rates bill is about $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of around 30% (versus 12% cumulative inflation). The breakdown of the 7.9% proposal allocates 4.4% to CRL operating costs 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows. This demonstrates a substantial uplift in operating costs rather than core efficiency gains.- The Council and its CCOs

spend heavily on consultants ($126 million per year across the group; the Auckland Council parent $60 million) and on six-figure salaries (6123 staff; 464 earning more than $200k; 72 staff paid more than the mayor). Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have grown well ahead of inflation.- A considerable portion of expenditure (including $171 million over 10 years on Maori Outcomes) is not core statutory service delivery and should be subject to reform.Agreed positions and proposed reductions1) Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9% and press for containment to align with inflation and essential services.2) Reduce corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs to improve value-for-money.3) Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing continued growth in this area.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.5) Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately.6) Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) consistent with the view that core local government responsibilities should not be delegated to dedicated separate agencies.Alternative budget context- The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) enabling a cap of around 3% for average residential rates.ClosingI urge Council to prioritise statutory and essential services implement targeted cost reductions and avoid unnecessary rate increases.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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N/A

# Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8392**

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## Submitter details:

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**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge the Council to align fiscal policy with inflation and essential service delivery.1) Rate increase and spending restraint- I oppose the 7.9% average residential rates rise and support limiting rate increases to no more than 3% as proposed by the Ratepayers' Alliance. A smaller increase is achievable by prudent expenditure control across the Council and CCOs.2) Reduce non-core spend- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut consultancy and professional services. The current level of outsourcing and specialist advice is

excessive and unsustainable for ordinary ratepayers.3) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. Resources should be redirected to essential services with proven climate and community benefits.4) Freeze staffing and payroll- Freeze staffing increases and/or reduce payroll by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. This alone could save at least $17 million immediately contributing to a smaller rate rise.5) Reconsider Māori-specific spend- Reassess and reduce Māori-specific spending such as the Maori outcomes allocation (Ngā Mātārae) cited as about $10 million per year as this is not a core local government function. Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary programmes.Additional context- All councils should remember their core responsibility to maintain essential city functions while avoiding policies that merely create perception without delivering tangible cost-effective outcomes for ratepayers.I request the Council consider reallocating funds toward core services and critical infrastructure rather than expanding backroom or discretionary programmes. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8439**

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**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the proposed 7.9 percent increase and support substantial effort to reduce wasteful and unnecessary Council spending so that ratepayers are not required to carry a higher burden. The current trajectory shows rates increases well above inflation and population growth with a 30 percent real increase since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) and an overall 85 percent increase since the Super City amalgamation. A rate rise of 7.9 percent is inconsistent with prudent stewardship of ratepayer funds.I advocate for the Council to implement the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget which targets a cap of around 3 percent for residential rates by reducing non-core expenditure by

approximately $150 million per year. Specific measures I support include:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles saving around $50 million.- Capping spending on consultants and professional services at $50 million.- Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors to save about $30 million.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants with $20 million preserved for core functions.I further support discounting wasteful programmes including cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. I also urge freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. I believe there is also merit in reviewing Māori-specific spend such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) and aligning resources with core local government duties.Key data supporting restraint include: the average residential bill is currently about $4069 and the Council's operating expenditures and 18 corporate/support functions are large and growing while ratepayer affordability remains a priority. A more prudent targeted allocation of resources will better serve the city's long-term needs and ensure essential services are protected.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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

**#8453**

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**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## 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 my strong opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a substantial reduction in wasteful Council spending before any rate rise is approved.1) Opposition to the rate increase- The proposed 7.9% average residential increase is excessive given that the current average bill is $4069 and rates have risen 85% since the 2010 amalgamation far outpacing both inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). A 7.9% rise with 2% for existing assets 1.5% for growth-related assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs fails to reflect prudent budgeting or genuine efficiency gains.2) Reducing wasteful council expenditure- Council spending on consultants

is untenable: $126 million per year across the Council group including $60 million by the governing Auckland Council with average consultants earning about $200k.- Corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs are excessively costly and should be streamlined.- Direct operating expenditure has risen far faster than inflation while payroll and personnel costs have grown markedly. There are clear opportunities to curb non-essential spending.3) Specific savings priorities- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year which has carbon impact that outweighs anticipated savings.- Freeze staffing and reduce payroll by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut or reallocate Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) department which is not a core function of local government.4) Alternative budget approach- Align with the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal: reduce new Council spending by about $150 million (2%) capping average rates rise to around 3% by prioritising essential services and reducing discretionary spend. This would require reforms in personnel costs consultant spend renegotiations and vendor consolidation.ClosingI request that Council pause approving a 7.9% increase and implement the outlined reductions to bring rates to a fairer level that aligns with inflation and essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8459**

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**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The current average rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 and the real increases since 2022 run at about 30% in 2022 dollars well above cumulative inflation. A 7.9% rise is not affordable for households and fails to reflect prudent budgeting or value for money.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position that the Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and significantly cut the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than perpetually increasing these lines. In addition the Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled as it costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it

saves.Further the Council should freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that would save at least $17 million immediately. I also oppose ongoing or expanding Maori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) which I do not consider a core local government function.To ensure a fairer outcome I endorse the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) to cap the average rate increase at about 3%. This would involve:- 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 millionIn summary I oppose the proposed 7.9% rate increase and urge a focus on cutting wasteful and non-essential expenditure while protecting essential services. I request the opportunity to speak at hearings to elaborate on these points.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

- **Introduction of a refuse bin/bag exchange fee**
- **Changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas**
- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

N/A

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

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

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

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

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

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

| Rank | Area |
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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
| | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
| | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
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| | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8466**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The current average residential bill is $4069 and since 2022 real rate increases have been 30% far above inflation. With a substantial portion of the proposed rise allocated to CRL operating costs (4.4%) new assets (1.5%) and maintenance of existing assets (2%) there is clear scope to align spending with essential services and fiscal responsibility.I support meaningful reductions in corporate and backroom costs across the Council and CCOs and a cap on consultancy and professional services. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap rates growth at around 3%. Specific

steps include:- Freeze staffing and suspend hiring for vacant non-essential roles saving at least $17 million immediately.- Curb spending on consultants by $50 million and renegotiate contracts to consolidate vendors saving a further $30 million.- Cap overall consulting and professional services at a lower level to reflect prudent management of scarce ratepayer funds.In addition I urge cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. This is a discretionary cost that should not be funded from ratepayers' pockets when essential services require protection. Furthermore I oppose ongoing and potentially duplicative Māori-specific spending; the $10 million per year allocated to Ngā Mātārae should be reassessed as it is not a core local-government role.Taken together these measures would reduce new spending support essential services and keep rate increases within a modest predictable range. The Council must prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and non-core programmes to restore public confidence and ensure value for money.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

N/A

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

| Rank | Area |
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| | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
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| | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8493**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and urge a reallocation of discretionary spending to protect households especially fixed-income pensioners.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% increase translates to about $320 more per average household on top of a current average rates bill of $4069. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% well above inflation while cumulative population growth has been far more modest. This is unsustainable for ratepayers many on fixed incomes.- The breakdown of the increase shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs and 1.5% for new assets with only 2% for maintaining existing assets. The burden

rests on households without clear proof of value for money in several line items.- The Council spends heavily on consultants ($126 million per year) and on backroom corporate functions ($868.4 million in direct expenditure across 18 functions). These costs must be scrutinised and trimmed before asking households to shoulder more.Agreed positions and proposed actions- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9% and instead target a maximum increase closer to 3% in line with the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new spending by $150 million (2%) and cap rate rises through targeted savings.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs; cap and reduce spending on consultancy and professional services.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costing $36 million/year) as it provides limited net carbon savings.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles aiming to save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year on the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) noting this is not a core local government function.Additional pointI am a pensioner on a fixed income and cannot afford any rate rise. Please adjust spending accordingly so households are treated fairly.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

| Rank | Area |
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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8494**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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

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

**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 submit my opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a rethink of wasteful Council spending. The current average rates bill is $4069 and since 2022 rates have risen 30% in real terms while inflation has risen about 12%. A 7.9% rise with 4.4% allocated to CRL operating costs and only modest gains from asset maintenance or growth compounds the burden on households.I agree with the following positions:- Oppose the average residential rates by at least 7.9%.- The Council needs to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council needs to reduce spend on consultancy and professional services

rather than continue to increase these expenditure items.- The Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme (about $36 million per year) which in my view emits more carbon than it saves.- The Council should freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- The Council should cut Māori-specific spending such as the roughly $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which I believe is not a local-government core function.I am concerned that spending on consultants is currently around $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant paid about $200000. Direct operating expenditure has grown well ahead of inflation and personnel costs have risen sharply. A targeted reduction in non-essential payroll and contractor costs would protect essential services and avoid rate increases that exceed household inflation.I urge a transparent evidence-based budget with a 3% cap on average residential rates by applying a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (2% cut). This includes a freeze on non-essential hires capping consultant spend renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8510**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

This submission is made on behalf of ratepayers who oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and seek immediate reductions in wasteful Council spending.I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent (about $320 for the average household). Since 2012 rates have risen well ahead of inflation and population growth and the plan relies on ongoing operating costs for CRL and a substantial increase in asset maintenance without demonstrable efficiency gains. I urge the Council to adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget to cap rate increases at 3 percent by reducing new spending by $150 million. This requires:- Reducing personnel

costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles delivering about $50 million savings.- Capping spending on consultants and professional services at $50 million.- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation worth $30 million.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 million.In addition I support the following key positions:- The Council must cut expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- The spend on consultancy and professional services must be reduced not increased.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing about $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 which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a core local government role.Additional point: ratepayers are not an unlimited source of income. Incomes have not kept pace with rate rises so a responsible council must seek efficiency and targeted cost reductions. Consider using special purpose rates on developers to fund council costs for developments.I request the opportunity to present at hearings is not required; however I am available if the Council wishes to engage further.

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

**Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces**

**work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8514**

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in a constructive solution-focused manner to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to advocate for targeted savings to reduce ratepayer burdens.1. Opposition to rates increase and framing- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent which equates to about $320 for the average household. This rise is well above inflation and places a disproportionate burden on households already facing cost pressures.- The current ratepayer burden has grown markedly since 2010 with rates up 85 percent in real terms far outpacing inflation (12 percent) and population growth (22 percent). A more disciplined approach

to spending is warranted.2. Spending reductions and efficiency measures that will lower rates- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year which appears to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cap or reduce Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which should not be a core local government function.3. Alternative budget approach- I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) which would cap the average rate increase at around 3 percent. This would be achieved through a combination of personnel controls consultant spend reductions contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.ClosingI urge the Council to adopt a rigorous efficiency programme and re-prioritise expenditure to protect households from higher rates while maintaining essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

N/A

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
| | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
| | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
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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

**#8539**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## 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 write to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and to urge a program of savings focused on reducing wasteful Council spending so ratepayers are not asked to bear a higher bill than inflation.The 7.9% rise would add roughly $320 to the average household rates bill on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) and a cumulative inflation gap of around 12%. Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have risen 85%â€well ahead of inflation and population growth. The breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. While growth and essential

maintenance are valid the overall level is unsustainable for households particularly when wasteful overspending continues.I agree that the Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and its CCOs and reduce consultancy and professional services. The spending on consultants is highâ€about $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant earning around $200000. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have grown well ahead of inflation. A meaningful step is to freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this alone could save at least $17 million immediately.In addition I urge cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. I also ask for cutting Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year for the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) consistent with the view that the core duties of local government do not require this expenditure.To keep rates closer to inflation and protect essential services I support reducing overhead and fixing procurement practices. The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget suggests reducing new Council spending by about $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap the rates increase at about 3%.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

N/A

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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| | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8572**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase for 2026/27 and to the overall trajectory of Council spending.I oppose the 7.9 percent increase which equates to about $320 for the average household and I note the briefing shows a real increase in rates since 2022 of 30 percent (vs. 12 percent general inflation). The breakdown of the increaseâ€2% for existing assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costsâ€illustrates how ongoing costs are projected to rise while efficiency gains appear insufficient.Agreed positions:- Oppose the average residential rates by at least 7.9%.- The Council needs to reduce expenditure on

corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council needs to reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continue to increase these expenditure items.- The Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- The Council should freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million right away.- The Council should cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local-government role.Additional point:Just stop unnecessary spending. The briefing documents show ongoing growth in personnel costs and six-figure salaries alongside substantial consultant and contract expenditures; reform is essential to bring rates back toward a more sustainable level.I accept the need for essential services but the current plan relies too heavily on rate increases instead of prudent governance. A first step should be a targeted cap on non-essential spend with a clear kim-proof savings plan of at least $150 million to keep increases around 3 percent as outlined by the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

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

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

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

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

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

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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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| | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8574**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

1. Overall view and key concern- I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. This would amount to about $320 for the average household on top of a real increase in rates since 2022 that is already around 30 percent (in 2022 dollars) while cumulative inflation runs about 12 percent.- The breakdown of the increase (2% to maintain assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows 4.4% for CRL operating costs) displays a heavy reliance on existing and new costs rather than demonstrably delivering essential services at restraint.2. Wasteful spend and reform priorities- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across

the Council and CCOs and cut spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these items.- The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled as it costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that would save at least $17 million immediately.- Reconsider Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) given the view that this is not a core local-government function.3. Alternative funding approach- I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) to cap the average residential rates increase at 3 percent. This can be achieved through: a) $50 million by trimming personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze; b) $50 million by capping consultants; c) $30 million via contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; d) $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.4. Conclusion- It is reasonable to insist on restraint in non-essential spending and targeted reform to protect households from excessive rate rises while still delivering core services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8584**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

A 7.9% rate rise is excessive when inflation and population growth are not driving equivalent increases in service value. The proposed breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs plus 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% far outpacing inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). The current average residential bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 with a real increase well above price changes. This cannot be justified by the stated needs.I urge the Council to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to curb consultancy and professional

services. Auckland's spending on consultants is around $126 million per year with the average consultant earning about $200k. Personnel costs and other expenses have grown faster than inflation while direct operating expenditure rose 78% from 2013 to 2023. A more efficient leaner organisation would lower the cost base without sacrificing core services.Specific spending reductions should include:- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million per year which emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing growth and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million/year for the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.I also support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping average residential rates increases to about 3% through targeted reductions in personnel consultants contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.I request careful consideration of these measures to deliver sustainable essential services while avoiding unsustainable rate increases.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

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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

**#8585**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Key context- The proposed increase would add about $320 per average household on top of a current average bill of $4069.- Since 2010 rates have risen 85% far above cumulative inflation (about 34%) and population growth (22%) underscoring the need for restraint.- The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs with the remainder for maintenance and growth; I question whether this rate path is sustainable or necessary at this level.Agreed positions and requested actions1) Oppose the average residential rates rise by at least 7.9%.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.3) Reduce spending on

consultancy and professional services rather than allow these items to grow further.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.5) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.6) Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year spent on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) which I believe falls outside the core role of local government.Additional context- The Council's 'Alternative Budget' frameworkâ€reducing new Council spending by $150 million to cap rates increases at about 3 percentâ€offers a realistic path to protect ratepayers while continuing essential services. This includes: $50 million in personnel cost reductions $50 million in consultant spend reductions $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.ClosingI urge the Council to adopt a fiscally prudent plan that prioritises essential services and household affordability rather than allowing unaffordable rate increases and discretionary spend to continue unchecked.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

N/A

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

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8590**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in a personal and sincere tone to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for significant reductions in wasteful Council spending.I note that the proposed increase translates to about $320 for the average household with the current average bill around $4069. Since 2022 residential rates have risen by roughly 30% in real terms well beyond general inflation. The rate increase is broken down as 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for growth in new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. I believe there is room to dampen this rise by reforming how the Council spends.Agrees: I oppose the 7.9% increase and call for substantial

expenditure reductions across the Council and CCOs. In particular:- Reduce corporate and backroom office functions to lower overheads.- Cap spending on consultancy and professional services; stop the ongoing rise in these costs.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs around $36 million per year and based on available analysis emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll by not hiring non-essential roles (this measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately).- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which I do not see as a core local-government responsibility.I support an alternative budget approach that prioritises essential statutory services over discretionary grants and aims to cap rate increases at around 3% by achieving: $150 million of annual savingsâ€via organisational change and hiring freezes ($50 million) capping consultants ($50 million) renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors ($30 million) and $20 million for essential services.Closing: I respectfully request the Council considers these reductions and the rationale for a lower rates increase when finalising the plan. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

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

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

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### 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

**#8619**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The proposed 7.9% increase is excessive. It equates to about $320 extra for the average household on top of last year's bill taking the current average residential rates to beyond $4000 per year. Since the 2010 amalgamation rates have risen 85% far outpacing inflation and population growth. The breakdown of this rise includes 4.4% for CRL operating costs alongside funding for existing and new assets yet no clear evidence is provided that such increases are delivering commensurate value to ratepayers.A constructive path exists. I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget which would cap the rate rise at about 3% by reducing new Council spending by $150 million

(2%): - Reduce personnel costs through organisational changes and a hiring freeze: $50 million- Cap spending on consultants and professional services: $50 million- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors: $30 million- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionSpecific annual savings I urge you to realise include:- Freeze hiring for vacant non-essential roles to save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut spending on consultants and backroom functions; the current level is unsustainable at $126 million per year across the Council group.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze or reduce Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a core local government function.Given these points a responsible approach is to prioritise essential statutory services and reduce discretionary expenditure rather than impose an above-inflation rate hike on households. I request that you consider these reforms to keep rates affordable and ensure prudent use of ratepayer funds.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#8627

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9 percent. The current average residential rate bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 with a real increase of about 30 percent since 2022 (versus 12 percent cumulative inflation). The proposed 7.9 percent rise includes 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs and only 2 percent to maintain existing assets with 1.5 percent for new assets tied to growth. This is excessive in the current economic climate.I urge the Council to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to markedly curb consultancy and professional services. The Alliance briefing highlights about $126

million per year on consultants across the Council group including $60 million by the Auckland Council parent. A substantial reduction here would help cap rates increases to safer levels.I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which cost $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. I also advocate freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. Further I call for cutting Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.Additional points: I live on a North Shore street where road maintenance has been inadequate due to material choices and speed humps continue to waste resources and disrupt vehicles. The Takapuna Golf Course proposal demonstrates cost overruns when alternative options (open-channel solutions) were available but not chosen. Belt tightening is essential in these tough times and I urge Council to prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.I would like the opportunity to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8638**

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a critical re-prioritisation of Council spending to protect households from unaffordable increases.Key reasons for opposition:- The 7.9% rise translates to approximately $320 extra per average household on top of a rate bill that has grown from $2781 in 2022 to $4069 today a 30% real increase in rates since 2022 (against 12% overall inflation).- The plan allocates 4.4% of the increase to CRL operating costs with 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows. This framework does not sufficiently constrain runaway spending or deliver value commensurate with the burden placed on

ratepayers.- The Council should urgently reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb the spend on consultancy and professional services which are escalating at rates well above inflation.- The proposed budget includes discretionary programmes such as the Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million/year. I support canceling this programme on grounds of cost and carbon impact relative to savings.- I support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose continuing or expanding any Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year on the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) given my view that such roles are not a function of local government.Additional points:We already face high rates without comparable public transport options in our area. There is a lack of services such as public bus or rail connectivity for many residents. Street cleaning in our area is insufficient with debris from Council trees on nearby reserves remaining until complaints are lodged.Proposed alternative budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap) achieving about a 3% rates increase through targeted reductions in personnel costs consultant spend contract renegotiations and prioritising essential services.Please do look into the above points raised and I would very much appreciate the council's consideration not to further increase the already very high rates we pay. Thank you.Sincerely{name redacted}{address redacted}{email redacted}I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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

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# Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#8643

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

My position is clear: oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and advocate for substantial reductions in wasteful Council spending before considering any rate rise.Key facts informing this submission:- The proposed average residential rates increase is 7.9% (about $320 for the average household). Since 2010 rates have risen 85%â€well above inflation and population growth with real increases far outpacing our community's ability to pay.- The 7.9% rise comprises roughly 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs.- Auckland Council spends heavily on consultants ($126 million per year across the

Council group) and on corporate/backroom functions (eighteen corporate and business support functions costing $868.4 million in direct expenditure).- Other wasteful or discretionary spending includes the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year) and Māori outcomes funding (Ngā Mātārae) at about $10 million/year which should be prioritised by local government only where statutory duties require.Position and asks:- Oppose the average 7.9% residential rates increase and seek to cap increases at or near inflation with a target of a 3% increase by implementing substantial savings.- Reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to achieve the cap via: - Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: save $50 million. - Capping spending on consultants: save $50 million. - Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: save $30 million. - Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: save $20 million.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year) and reallocate resources more effectively as emissions reductions do not justify the cost.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Reduce Māori-specific spending (Ngā Mātārae) and other non-essential programmes not mandated for local government.Closing:I request that my submission be considered in full and I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

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## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

N/A

# Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#8690

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the average 7.9% increase. The burden falls hardest on households already paying $4069 on average with real increases well above inflation since 2022. The proposed splitâ€2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for growth and 4.4% for CRL operating costsâ€does not justify ratepayers carrying a near 8% rise when efficiency and reform are achievable.The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services spend. The Alliance's analysis shows consultants cost about $126 million per year across the group with large portions paid to non-core activities. Direct

operating expenditure and staff costs have grown far faster than inflation; payroll alone is $1.3 billion with $590 million spent on consultants and contractors. A focus on organisational change hiring freezes for non-essential roles and vendor consolidation would reduce costs without compromising essential services.I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves. Reducing wasteful programmes is a prudent step to protect ratepayers' money and reallocate funds to essential services.I also urge freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which the Alliance estimates could save at least $17 million immediately. In addition cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a core local government function.Finally prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants. An overall reduction in new Council spending by at least $150 million (2%) would cap the rate increase to about 3% and protect households from excessive cost pressures.The council needs to stop wasting money.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

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## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8699**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit this formal objection to the proposed 2026/27 annual plan and the average residential rates increase of 7.9%.- I oppose the 7.9% average rate rise. This would equate to about $320 for the average household and represents a real-terms burden well above inflation given rates have risen 85% since 2010 while inflation has been around 34% and population growth about 22%.- I urge reductions in wasteful Council spending particularly in corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and in consultancy and professional services. The current level of external advisory costs including consultants is not sustainable.- I support the proposed

Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) so average residential rates increase is capped at around 3%. This includes: a $50 million reduction in personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles; $50 million saved by capping consultancy spending; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.- I request the cancellation of the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- I support freezing staffing levels or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose ongoing Māori-specific spending as currently allocated such as the approximately $10 million per year for the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a core local government function.Additional note: as a businessperson I question how cost controls have been managed under the current leadership; it is essential to demonstrate disciplined cost management in the public sector.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8705**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% average increase translates to about $320 more per household on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85%â€well above inflation and population growth. This is unsustainable for ordinary households.- The rate increase is driven largely by operating costs for CRL and by maintaining and funding new assets. A 4.4% share for CRL operating costs plus asset maintenance and growth crowds the budget beyond what residents can bear.- Spending patterns show substantial escalation in personnel costs and external contracting. Council payroll and related expenses plus consultants and contracted services are excessive for a

council of Auckland's size and responsibilities.- Corporate and backroom functions consume large sums; and consultant spend remains high. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance notes $126 million per year on consultants across the Council group with $60 million by the council parent alone and many consultants averaging six-figure salaries.- Māori-specific spending including Ngā Mātārae totals about $171 million over ten years. This is not a core local government duty in the sense required and could be redirected to essential services.- The proposed alternative budget: cap average residential rates to around 3% by trimming $150 million (2% reduction) through: reducing personnel costs freezing non-essential vacancies capping consultancies renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.- Elderly households are particularly vulnerable to rising rates; relief should reflect social equity concerns.Specific asks- Reduce new Council spending by at least $150 million to cap rates increases near 3% as outlined above.- Freeze non-essential staffing and curb payroll growth; reduce consultants and professional services; renegotiate vendor contracts.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costs $36 million/year) due to higher emissions than savings.- Reassess Māori outcomes spending ensuring alignment with core local government duties and value for ratepayers.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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

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

N/A

# Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8710**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The current rate path which equates to roughly $320 extra per average household far outstrips both inflation and population growth since the Super City reforms and it does not reflect value for money to the ratepayer.Key concerns and positions:1) Rates and inflation. The proposed 7.9% rise represents a real increase over inflation and productivity gains. I urge the Council to keep rate increases aligned with inflation as supported by the Ratepayers' Alliance's approach to limit growth in overall spending.2) Wasteful expenditure. The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and sharply curb consultancy and

professional services spent year after year. Current data show substantial costs in consultants and contractors that could be redirected to essential services.3) Discretionary programmes. Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves and pause non-essential initiatives while reviewing priorities.4) Payroll and staffing. Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.5) Māori outcomes funding. I oppose continued high levels of Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing this is not an appropriate function of local government.6) Alternative budget approach. Adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the rate rise to approximately 3% by trimming personnel costs capping consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services.In summary a restrained cost-focused approach will deliver a fairer outcome for ratepayers while preserving essential services. I request that the Council consider these measures in the final budget.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearingI submit in strong opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase and urge a plan to reduce wasteful Council spending to bring rates back in line with inflation and household budgets.I oppose the 7.9 percent increase and support a targeted reduction in expenditure that reflects Council's actual needs. The current proposal embeds a 2% maintenance 1.5% growth in new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs with rates running well ahead of inflation since the 2010 amalgamation. Realistically rates have risen 30% since 2022 in today's dollars while inflation has risen far less. This is not affordable for households.I AGREE that the Council must cut back on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce spending on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these lines. The Council's spending on consultants and contractors ($590 million) and the payroll burden (1.3 billion) are excessive for a council delivering statutory and essential services. Direct operating expenditure has grown well ahead of inflation while personnel costs have surged.I AGREE the Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled costing about $36 million per year and reportedly emitting more carbon than it saves. I also AGREE that staffing should be frozen or payroll costs reduced by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a move that could save at least $17 million immediately.I AGREE that a reallocation away from Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) should be considered consistent with the view that local government should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary programmes.To align with financial reality I support the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million to cap rates increases at about 3 percent focusing on hiring freezes consultant caps contract renegotiations and essential services.You cannot spend what you do not have. Live within your means as we all have to.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing..

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8734**

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## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Key concerns- The 7.9% rate rise is excessive relative to inflation and current Council expenditure. The proposed increase amounts to about $320 for the average household on top of a long-running pattern of rates growth well above inflation since the 2010 amalgamation.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. A substantial portion of spending funds non-core activities rather than essential services.- The spend on consultancy and professional services must be restrained. Reducing external experts will help capture savings for ratepayers.- The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled. It costs around

$36 million per year and based on available information emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. This change alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a clear local-government core function. Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Budget alternative and RationaleBased on the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the average residential rates increase at 3%. This would be achieved through: $50 million in personnel cost reductions via organisational change and hiring freezes; $50 million in limiting consultants; $30 million in contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants. These steps align with responsible stewardship of ratepayers' funds and focus on core Council responsibilities.Additional pointStop wasting our rates on items outside the Council's core role; we are not a bottomless pit of money.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8735**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to demand strategic reductions in wasteful Council spending.Key points:- The 7.9% rise is excessive when measured against inflation and population growth. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of 30% (versus 12% cumulative inflation). The proposed breakdownâ€2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costsâ€demonstrates that a large portion funds long-term projects rather than essential immediate services for ratepayers.- Council spending is out of step with ratepayer interests. Spending on

consultants stands at $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant receiving around $200k. Payroll and related costs have risen sharply with 6123 staff on six-figure salaries and 72 staff paid more than the mayor alongside a payroll of $1.3 billion and $590 million on consultants and contractors.- Prioritising efficiency is essential. The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and cut the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these items.- Specific programme reductions are warranted. Cancel the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year) which reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Rebalance funding priorities. Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year allocated to the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.Public-finance reasoning:- A targeted reduction of new spending by $150 million (2%) under the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget would cap the average rate rise at ~3% achieved through: $50 million from personnel costs $50 million from consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations/vendor consolidation and $20 million from prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.In summary I urge the Council to rein in wasteful spending prioritise essential services and adopt a lower rate rise aligned with inflation and growth realities. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

N/A

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

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

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

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

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

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

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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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| | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
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### 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

**#8772**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The rate increase is significantly above inflation and represents an ongoing real burden on households.Key points:- The proposed 7.9% increase comprises 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% far outpacing inflation and population growth.- I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance plan to cap rates growth at 3% by reducing total Council spending including cutting payroll and consultancy costs and renegotiating vendor contracts.- Specifically I agree with reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles which

could save at least $17 million immediately; capping spending on consultants; pursuing contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.Additional context and requests:- A substantial reduction in corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs is essential to align costs with core public services.- The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled as it costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- I oppose continued growth in payroll and consultant expenses; freezing vacancies and reducing non-essential roles will contribute to meaningful savings.- I support reducing Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to Ngā Mātārae where such spending is not a core local government function.- Practical efficiencies should include reducing Council branding and vehicle signage limiting non-essential community days and better caretaking of local parks and toilets. Reallocate resources toward essential services such as footpaths street lighting public safety and resilience through community hubs. Use existing staff and partnerships with universities/training providers to deliver community feedback initiatives with minimal reliance on external consultants.In closing I request that the Council consider the outlined efficiency measures to keep rate increases to a minimum while protecting essential services and local accountability.I would like the opportunity to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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

**#8795**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent and urge a rethink of council spending to avoid unnecessary burden on households.1) We oppose the 7.9% uplift. The proposed increase represents approximately $320 more per average household on top of a 30% real rates rise since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) and 85% since the Super City amalgamation. The current average rates bill is $4069 with growth far outpacing inflation and population increases. A higher-than-inflation rise undermines household budgeting and erodes confidence in local governance.2) Expenditure reductions must precede further rate increases. The Council should

reduce spending on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services. The current annual consultancy spend is $126 million across the Council group including $60 million by the Auckland Council parent with average consultants earning around $200k. Direct operating expenditure and staff costs have grown well beyond inflation while critical services face funding pressure.3) Specific measures in line with ratepayer interests. I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year) which based on available data emits more carbon than it saves. I also support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not filling non-essential vacancies which could save at least $17 million immediately. Additionally I oppose expanding Māori-specific spend such as the $10 million/year allocation to the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing this is not a core local government function and should be redirected to essential services.4) Alternative budget approach. The Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new spending by $150 million (2%) caps the rate rise to about 3% by: (a) reducing personnel costs through organisational change and hiring freezes; (b) capping consultant spend; (c) renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors; (d) prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Closing: I request that my submission be considered carefully in setting the 2026/27 rates and budget with a preference for the outlined reductions to deliver a sustainable affordable rates outcome.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

N/A

# Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8819**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

1) Rates are rising well above inflation. The proposed 7.9% increase translates to about $320 more per average household on a current average bill of $4069. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% far exceeding cumulative inflation (about 34%) and population growth (22%). A more modest increase is appropriate to protect households already struggling to make ends meet.2) Reduce backroom and corporate expenditure. The Council must cut spend on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Current payroll and support costs are bloated with thousands on six-figure salaries and owners of high remuneration. Redirect savings to essential services.3) Curb

consultancy and professional services. Spending on consultants and contractors is unsustainable and should be capped. The briefing shows $126 million per year across Council group with the average consultant paid around $200k. Reducing these costs will lower ratepayer burdens and improve efficiency.4) Cancel discretionary programmes with high emissions or low value. Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million/year and emits more carbon than it saves. This aligns with prudent fiscal management and environmental stewardship.5) Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs. Freeze vacancies where roles are non-essential and halt non-critical recruitment which could save at least $17 million immediately. A tighter payroll approach is a direct responsible step to stabilise rate rises.6) Reconsider Māori-specific expenditure. Cut the Māori outcomes spend (Ngā Mātārae) of about $10 million per year as this is not a core local government function.Additional points: Many households are already under financial pressure; the proposed rates hike is unsustainable for Aucklanders. The perception that only certain leaders benefit financially undermines public trust.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8841**

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**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge Council to adopt a more prudent path that reduces wasteful spend and protects essential services for ratepayers.Key context and concerns- The proposed 7.9% increase translates to about $320 more per average household on top of a rates bill that has risen 85% since the 2010 amalgamation. This far outpaces both inflation (about 12%) and population growth (around 22%). A more sustainable approach is required.- The 7.9% increase is driven in part by ongoing operating costs including CRL-related expenses and a substantial reliance on new assets. There is a clear opportunity to reallocate scarce ratepayer funds

toward essential services rather than expanding backroom functions.Agreed positions and requested actions1) Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9%.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.3) Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing these items to rise.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emissions metrics indicate it does not deliver net carbon savings.5) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.6) Cut Māori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year allocated to the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) recognising that this is not a core local government function.Alternative budget approachI support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) to cap rates growth at roughly 3%:- $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes- $50 million from capping consultancy spend- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation- $20 million by prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grantsClosingI request that the Council consider these reductions seriously to deliver a fair affordable rates path while safeguarding essential services for all Aucklanders.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

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# 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

#8857

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**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

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### Tell us why

Based on the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing this would equate to about $320 extra for the average household on top of a long-run trend of rising costs that far outpace inflation.My positions:- Oppose the 7.9% increase. The average rates bill has risen from $4069 now to reflect a 30% real increase since 2022 while overall inflation has been far lower. Costs are not being constrained despite growing population.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The current level of payroll consultants and six-figure salaries is untenable and must be streamlined.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services. The

Alliance highlights $126 million per year across the Council group including $60 million by the Auckland Council parent with average consultants earning around $200k. This is an area where savings can be made without harming core services.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million annually and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. The Alliance notes that freezing vacancies could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) which I believe is not a core local government function.I also endorse the proposed Ratepayers' Alliance alternative: cap the rate rise to 3% by reducing new spending by about $150 million via personnel cost controls limiting consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.In closing I request that Council prioritise efficiency and core services before approving further rate increases. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8860**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and call for a program of substantial spending restraint to protect households and ensure funds are directed to essential services.1) Rates and affordability- The proposed 7.9% average increase equates to roughly $320 for the average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 (inflation-adjusted). This level is unaffordable for many ratepayers and far exceeds necessary maintenance and essential growth needs.2) Expenditure reductions and waste reduction- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spending on consultancy

and professional services rather than continuing to grow these items.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and based on independent analysis emits more carbon than it saves.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants; limit non-core or political initiatives that inflate costs.3) Specific targeted savings- Cap and reduce personnel costs; the payroll figure is already substantial and freezing vacancies would deliver immediate relief.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' portfolio (approximately $10 million per year) as this is not a core local government function.4) Alternative budget framework- Implement a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (2% reduction) to cap the rate rise at around 3% allocated as follows: $50 million from personnel costs $50 million from consultants $30 million from contracts and vendor consolidation and $20 million from prioritising statutory services.ClosingI request that the Council consider these measures to reduce wasteful spending and to limit the rate increase ensuring core Auckland services are funded more prudently.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

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### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8887**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Kaipātiki

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

1) Rates increase and affordabilityI oppose the 7.9% average residential rates rise which equates to roughly $320 for the average household given that the current average bill is $4069 and real increases since 2022 have already outpaced inflation. The ratepayer community seeks restraint that aligns with inflation and population growth rather than continued growth in operating and capital costs funded by households.2) Spending reductions not more wasteThe Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing shows substantial outlays on corporate and backroom functions consultants and contractors. I urge the Council to cut these discretionary expenditures. Specifically:- Reduce

personnel costs by freezing vacant non-essential roles to save at least $17 million immediately.- Curb consultancy and professional services by $50 million.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to save a further $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants with a net saving that helps cap rate rises.3) Specific programme rationalisationCancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. I also question continuing a dedicated Māori outcomes budget (Â£Ngā Mātārae) of around $10 million per year given that many local government roles should be focused on core statutory functions rather than niche programmes.4) Overall budget disciplineThe combined effect of payroll and other expenses has outpaced inflation in recent years. By implementing the above reductionsâ€especially a hire freeze and a targeted reduction of consultancy and backroom spendingâ€the council can maintain essential services while delivering a much more affordable rates outcome for residents.I request consideration of these measures to deliver a responsible defensible budget that respects ratepayers' ability to pay. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8904**

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### Tell us why

I submit in opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and in support of substantial reductions in wasteful council spending and a focus on essential services.Key concerns and positions1) Rates increase: I oppose the average residential rates rise of 7.9% (about $320 for the average household) and urge a cap around 3% or less by delivering meaningful savings elsewhere. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% while inflation and population growth trends show other pressures on households.2) Wasteful expenditure and backroom costs: The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Direct

operating expenditure has grown well above inflation in recent years with payroll and 'other expenses' rising faster than price levels.3) Consultants and professional services: Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items. The briefing shows consultant spending at $126 million per year across the Council group with a typical consultant earning about $200000.4) Specific program cuts: Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.5) Staffing and payroll: Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. The Council's payroll and related personnel costs contribute significantly to expenditure growth.6) Māori Outcomes/Ngā Mātārae: Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is a function not required of local government.Alternative budgeting approachIf the Council is serious about affordability reduce new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap the rates increase at about 3%. This would involve: $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze; $50 million from consultants; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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## Question 3: Local board priorities

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