

## Question 1 - Operating spending reductions

1. What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

- Proceed with the proposed reductions
- Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt
- Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt**
- Other**
- I don't know

2. Tell us why, and which reduction you would not proceed with, if any:

(I/my organization/my community group) does not support cutting regional community services, local board funding, community grants, early childhood education, events, or public transportation. These initiatives are crucial during a climate emergency and cost of living crisis.

The majority of these services have been historically underfunded. They have performed to a high standard during the recent Covid-19 and Cyclone emergencies. Our communities rely on these initiatives to provide support when individuals find themselves in crisis, in need of support, or to create a sense of belonging in Tāmaki Makaurau.

These are cost effective services that provide real value. Cutting these services at this time is out of touch.

## Question 2 - Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

- Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year
- Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt
- Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt**
- Other
- I don't know

## 1. Tell us why

Auckland Airport is a strategic asset for the people of Auckland. We should not be selling this whatsoever, but especially during a temporarily low period due to Covid-19.

The Waitangi Tribunal cannot recommend return of private land, so airport land will be permanently alienated from Māori if sold. If it must be sold it should be to national government.

For future climate and other emergencies we need coordinated transport hubs, which is harder when airports are privatized.

## Question 3 - Managing rates and debt

- Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)
- Set a higher general rates increase
- Make greater use of debt
- Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt
- Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt**
- Other**
- I don't know

### Tell us why

Set a higher general rate increase and make greater use of debt. The weekly rate increase for the average landowner, that would save crucial services, is roughly the price of a cup of coffee per week. Rate payers will suffer from the cost of increased crime and a degrading environment if they do not contribute tangibly to social and environmental resilience.

We also suggest unfreezing targeted rates, or reviewing the differential rates policies that were in place prior to 2001. Differential rates for businesses based on a businesses location, size, and profit would support us to build an equitable society.

## Question 4 - Storm response

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?

- Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year
- Do not proceed with the proposal
- Other
- I don't know

Increase your budget but do not reduce the communities funding which enables their preparedness and resilience in emergency response. Why not just avoid operating spending reduction to make up the climate action investment and the storm response.

[https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/feedback-forms-annual-budget-2023-2024/survey\\_tools/annual-budget-2023-2024-feedback-form](https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/feedback-forms-annual-budget-2023-2024/survey_tools/annual-budget-2023-2024-feedback-form)

## Question 5: Local Board priorities

- I support all priorities
- I support most priorities
- I do not support most priorities
- I do not support any priority
- Other
- Don't Know

### Tell us why:

Environment, climate response, community and youth are key to the future success of our local area.

B) If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? ( i.e. which are most important to you?)

**Tell us Why:**

- Climate Action
- Community
- Youth
- Quick grants

## Question 6 - Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Cost changes in waste management, including: (A) a 10.6 per cent base rate increase, (B) an option for a new 80L bin in the former Auckland City Council and Manukau City Council areas (80L bin price will be \$143.71), and (C) an increase to the 240L refuse bin price (from \$254.15 to \$287.41)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established



**Do you have any feedback on the proposed changes in the tables above, or the [other proposed changes to rates, fees and charges](#)?**

- CATR should remain as established and not paused or stopped as proposed in question 1. Do not use CATR to fund public transport and do not cut funding to public transport.
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## **Question 7 - What else is important to you?**

- Please consider the Alternative Budget proposed by Auckland communities, A Better Budget for Auckland (BBA, see attached).
- Wayne Brown should not lead as mayor of Auckland based on the proposed changes. I do not have faith in his vision for Auckland.
- Local boards should have been given more autonomy in this process.
- Co-creation processes should be considered by the local government so that communities can be engaged from the start of the process rather than putting a lot of work into proposing budgets that are not suitable or future proof.
- The proposed budget seems to lack social awareness, it is important to me that the culture we propagate in our city is one of kindness and inclusiveness, this budget is cold and feels commercially oriented. The way the questions are asked feels deceitful, and intentionally unengaging. This entire process feels undemocratic.
- I would like to see a re-election happen as soon as possible.
- The engagement process is discriminatory, there is low participation of Maori, Pacific Islander and Ethnic communities in this process. Are these communities not Aucklanders? Are they not important to give feedback?