



[Auckland Council Budget Feedback Form](#)

## 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

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

This budget will cause huge hardship to communities and the environment in the short term and the long term. We need to lift people up and support them and cutting funding will create longer term problems.

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

The airport shares are

- 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. It is a valuable asset and has earned dividends in the past. I do not agree with selling an asset which will earn money well into the future.

## Question 3 - Managing rates and debt

- Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 percent 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 - in your own words

Using more debt and a slightly higher than 4.6% rates increase needs to be used instead of cutting operational services to Auckland.

## 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

**Tell us why?**

The council needs to take a strong role in helping us all be prepared for future weather disasters.

## 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:**

We need to increase, not reduce, funding for local boards so communities can create solutions for themselves.

Councils need to empower local boards to do this.

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?) **YOU CHOOSE**

**Tell us Why:**

**YOU CHOOSE**

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

## What do you think of these proposals?

### Waste management rates changes

	Support	Do not support	Other	I don't know
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="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### Changes to other rates

	Support	Do not support	Other	I don't know
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 checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Do you have any feedback on the proposed changes in the tables above, or the other proposed changes to rates, fees and charges? Say what you think there**

## Question 7 - What else is important to you?

### Ideas for comments

- We need to invest in local boards as they are in a better position to support and foster solutions for their community and build climate resilience.
- We need to care for everyone in Auckland and wherever possible the council can support others in their goals to create a better Auckland.
- Collaboration between governmental groups and communities needs to happen now. It is imperative that Auckland Council work with communities to find solutions. Councils cannot solve these expensive issues on their own.
- We as a city need to lift people up through support and opportunities and creating inclusive environments.
- Auckland needs to continue to be a world class city to attract and retain skilled workers.
- These proposed cuts will damage tourism and hospitality due to fewer events and loss of city culture.