



Information about the Auckland Council Annual Plan



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What this ER is about



This Easy Read is from
Auckland **Council**.



Council means the people who
make choices about how to run a
town / city.

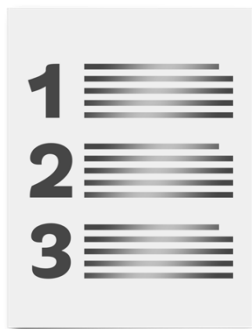


When you see **we / us / our** in this
Easy Read it means **Auckland
Council**.



This Easy Read is a **summary** of our **annual plan** for:

- 2025
- to
- 2026.



A **summary**:

- is shorter than the main document
- tells you the main points.



The **annual plan** says how we will spend our money in the coming year.

The annual plan is sometimes called the annual budget.



At the moment the annual plan is a **draft**.

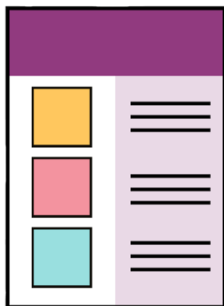


Draft means it:

- is not the finished document
- might change.



We want to know what you think about the annual plan.



There is information about how to tell us what you think on **pages 21 to 22** of this Easy Read.



You can read the full annual plan draft on our **website** at:

akhaveyoursay.nz/ourplan

This annual plan is for year 2 of our **long term plan**.



The **long term plan** says what we will do in the 10 years from:

- 2024

to

- 2034.

The annual plan needs to:



- make sure the things that are important for Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland can happen
- not cost **ratepayers** too much money.



Ratepayers are people who pay **rates** to the council.



Rates means money that people who own houses in Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland pay to the council.



The council uses rates for things like:



- libraries
- buses.

What the annual plan says

We want to make Tāmaki Makaurau
Auckland:



- beautiful
- safe
- **thriving.**



Thriving means something is:

- growing
- doing well.



We are going to **invest** in 7 important things:



- transport
- water
- the natural environment



- our built environment



- the community

- cultural events



- making sure the council runs well.



We will say more about these 7 things in the following pages.

Invest means to spend:

- money
- time
- effort.



We will invest in transport like:

- roads
- public transport like:
 - buses
 - ferries.



We will invest in water so everyone in Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland:

- has clean water
- will be okay if there is a flood.



We will invest in taking care of our **natural environment**.



The **natural environment** is everything around us like:

- land
- air
- lakes / rivers / the sea
- plants
- animals.





We will also invest in taking care of our **built environment**.



Built environment means things like:

- houses
- shops
- ports.



We will invest in the community so people can take part in things like:



- art
- sports.



We will invest in cultural events like:

- concerts
- festivals
- exhibitions.



Cultural events will:

- bring visitors to Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland
- give people jobs
- make money for businesses.



We will invest in making sure
Auckland Council:

- runs smoothly
- manages its money well.





We plan to spend 4 billion dollars on building things like:



- roads
- pipes for things like:



- water
- **sewage.**



Sewage means things that get flushed down the toilet – like poo.

Auckland has 21 **local boards**.



Local boards make choices about how to run things in their part of a town / city.



Some of these local boards do not have enough money to do everything they need.



We will make changes so local boards can have a fair amount of money.



Each local board has its own plan.

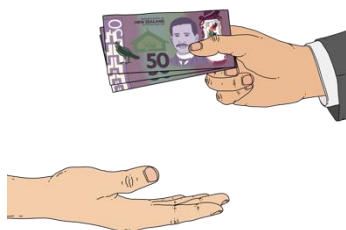


There is information about local board plans in the **Annual Plan 2025 / 2026 consultation document** at:

akhaveyoursay.nz/ourplan



We will put rates up by just under 6 **percent**.



Percent is a number out of every 1 hundred.

For example if your rates used to be 1 hundred dollars a week they would now be just under 1 hundred and 6 dollars.



For an **average** house in Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland rates will cost around 2 hundred dollars more a year.



Here **average** means in the middle between:

- the cheapest

and

- the most expensive.



At the moment some parts of Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland have 3 bins for rubbish collection:



- 1 bin for rubbish
- 1 bin for recycling



- 1 bin for food scraps.



Rate payers in these parts of Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland pay a **fee** on their rates bill for rubbish collection.



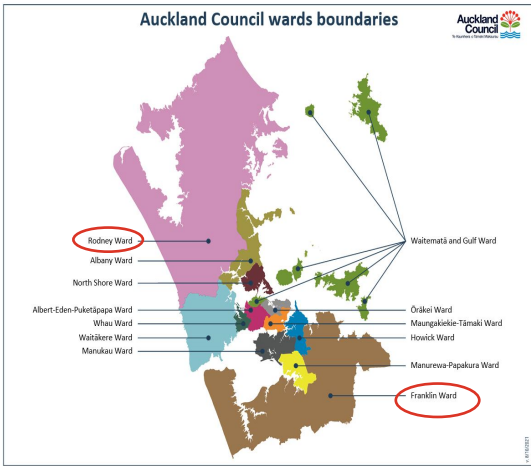
Here **fee** means money people pay to the council for things that are not paid for by rates.



Other parts of Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland still use rubbish bags that you have to buy.

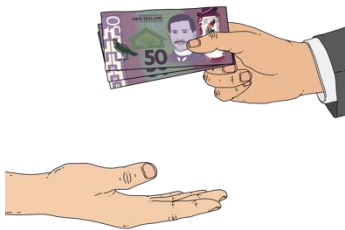


We are going to change rubbish collection so everyone in Tāmaki Makaurau has 3 bins.



The places where rubbish collection will change are:

- Franklin
- Rodney.



Ratepayers in these areas will now pay a fee on their rates bill.

Bed night visitor levy



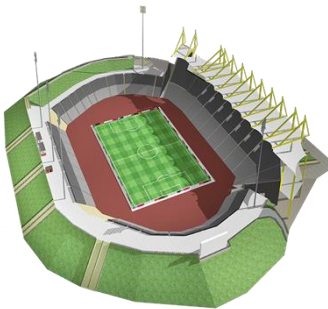
A **bed night visitor levy** is money that is paid to the council when someone stays somewhere like a:

- hotel
- motel.



It costs a lot of money to put on events like:

- festivals
- sports competitions.



We think a bed night visitor levy would be a good way to get money to pay for events.





We are working with the Government to find a way to charge a bed night visitor levy.



The Government has not told us if it will change the law so we can charge a bed night visitor levy.



We want to know what you think about a bed night visitor levy.

How to have your say



You can tell us what you think by filling out the Easy Read form

Auckland annual plan: Have your say at:

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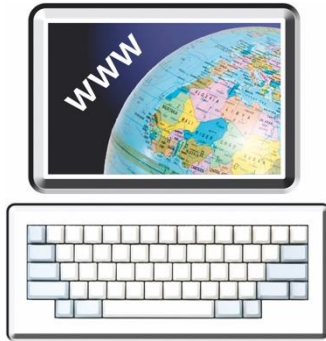
You can tell also us what you think about our annual plan by filling out the form on our **website**:

www.akhaveyoursay.nz/ourplan

You can also tell us what you think by **visiting** us at a:



- service centre
- library.



There is a list of our service centres on our **website** at:

<https://tinyurl.com/mr3my6s3>

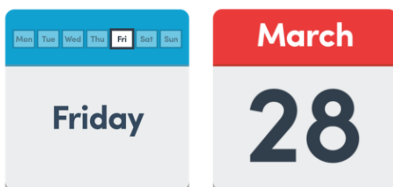


You can tell us what you think by **phone** on:

09 301 0101



It may cost money to phone this number.



You have until **Friday 28 March 2025** to tell us what you think about the annual plan.



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