

Te Mahere ā-Tau 2025/2026 Annual Plan 2025/2026

Consultation Document
Feedback Form

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Our Annual Plan 2025/2026

Our proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026 focuses on getting on with year two of our Long-term Plan (LTP) 2024-2034.



We're getting on with...

Delivering our vision

"We want to create an Auckland that is beautiful, thriving and safe for all Aucklanders"



Implementing fairer funding for local boards

This enables local boards to better respond to the need of their communities.



Key capital projects

- Eastern Busway Pakuranga to Botany
- Central Interceptor
- Te Hono / Avondale Community Centre
- City Rail Link (CRL)



This annual plan:

- Progresses the financial and physical resilience committed to in our LTP, while building a more efficient council focussed on value for money for Aucklanders.
- In 2025/2026 that includes prioritising investment in transport, water and enable local boards to better respond to the needs of their communities.
- Our annual plan does this in a way that continues to recognise cost of living concerns while providing for our communities of greatest need.

**\$5.0bn
OPEX**

Delivering outcomes

**\$4.0bn
CAPEX**

Delivering key programmes across seven areas of Investment: Transport, Water, Built environment, Natural environment, Community, Economic and cultural development, and well-managed local government.



Strengthening the financial and physical resilience of Auckland

- investing in resilient infrastructure
- addressing the impacts of extreme weather events
- strengthening Auckland Council group's focus and capabilities
- identifying and implementing savings.



Rates

An overall rates increase of 5.80 per cent for the average value residential property for 2025/2026, or around \$223 a year (\$4.29 a week). This is in line with what we said in the LTP.



Bed night visitor levy

We welcome your views about introducing a bed night visitor levy paid by visitors who stay in short-stay commercial accommodation to fund major events and destination management and marketing activity.





Te Whakarāpopoto o te Mahere ā-Tau 2025/2026

Summary of the Annual Plan 2025/2026

We're getting on with it

Our proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026 focuses on getting on with year two of our Long-term Plan (LTP) 2024-2034. It continues to progress the financial and physical resilience committed to in our LTP, while building a more efficient council focussed on value for money for Aucklanders.



In 2025/2026 that includes prioritising investment in transport, water and enabling local boards to better respond to the needs of their communities.

Our proposed annual plan does this in a way that continues to recognise cost of living concerns while providing for our communities of greatest need.

Bed night visitor levy

In our Long-term Plan 2024-2034, we said we would continue to fund cultural festivals like Diwali but that without a bed night visitor levy, we would have a \$7 million budget shortfall for funding of major events such as the ASB Classic, Auckland Marathon and Auckland Writers Festival. A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislation. As we consult on this annual plan, we continue to work with central government on this. They have yet to provide a commitment, or assurance that this will happen. As we continue to advocate for this, we welcome your views about introducing a bed night visitor levy paid by visitors who stay in short-stay commercial accommodation to fund major events and destination management and marketing activity.

Delivering on our vision

We are creating an Auckland that is beautiful, thriving and safe for all Aucklanders.

Our proposed annual plan supports this vision by:

- delivering key programmes across seven areas of Investment: Transport, Water, Built environment, Natural environment, Community, Economic and cultural development and Well-managed local government.
- delivering \$4 billion of capital expenditure for the 2025/2026 financial year; investing in assets such as roads, pipes and transport infrastructure to provide further services to Aucklanders and build a more resilient region.
- implementing fairer funding for local boards. This enables local boards to better respond to the needs of their communities. The annual plan begins to address the funding imbalances between the 21 local boards that have been in place since Auckland Council was established in 2010.
- setting an overall rates increase of 5.80 per cent for the average value residential property for 2025/2026, or around \$223 a year (\$4.29 a week). This is in line with what we said in the LTP.

We encourage you to read more in our consultation document before giving your feedback. Please share your thoughts through this consultation on what you think of our proposed annual plan.

Ways to have your say

To have your say on these issues or anything in the budget that is important to you, you can:

- visit [akhaveyoursay.nz/ourplan](https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/ourplan)
- phone 09 301 0101 or
- visit your service centre or library.

Feedback must be received by Friday 28 March.

Final decisions will be made in June 2025 and the final budget will be available on [aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)



➤ Give us your views on our proposed Annual Plan

There are a number of ways you can share your views with us on the Annual Plan 2025/2026. Please take the time to get involved.



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Written and online feedback

- You can provide feedback online at [akhaveyoursay.nz/ourplan](https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/ourplan)
- Or you can complete the feedback form included in this **Consultation Document**,
- Or you can request documents at libraries, local board offices and council service locations and then send it back to the freepost address: Annual Plan, Auckland Council, Freepost Authority 182382, Private Bag 92300, Auckland 1142
- Or download a copy online and send it to the freepost address provided.

Face-to-face

Face-to-face events will take place across the region where you can provide feedback in person. The details of these events will be published on the website at [akhaveyoursay.nz/ourplan](https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/ourplan) or you can call for more information on 09 301 0101.

Social media

You can find out more on the following social media channels:

- Facebook
- Instagram
- LinkedIn

Webinars

We will also be holding online webinars, where subject-matter experts will be discussing and providing information on the annual plan. You will have an opportunity to listen and ask questions.

For more information and to register for these webinars go online to [akhaveyoursay.nz/ourplan](https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/ourplan).

Translations

We want as many people as possible from Auckland's communities to have their say in this process.

To help with this, translated summaries of this consultation document as well as the feedback form are available in Te reo Māori, Korean, simplified Chinese, traditional Chinese, Samoan, Tongan, New Zealand Sign Language video, Hindi and Easy Read.

The translated documents are available:

- online at [akhaveyoursay.nz/ourplan](https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/ourplan) for downloadable translations and feedback forms
- on request in libraries and service centres
- by emailing akhaveyoursay@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz
- by calling 09 301 0101

Where to find more information:

You can find everything you need to know at [akhaveyoursay.nz/ourplan](https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/ourplan) including the Supporting Information, an online feedback form and a schedule for Have Your Say events. The full Supporting Information that supports this Consultation Document will also be available at libraries, council service locations and local board offices. If none of the above methods are suitable for you, please call us on 09 301 0101 to discuss alternative options.



▶ We want your feedback

Feedback must be received by **11.59PM 28 March 2025**.

Please read the consultation document, available at akhaveyoursay.nz/ourplan or at any library or Auckland Council service location, before answering any of the following questions.

It has more information about the issues and choices that we want your feedback on.

We encourage you to give feedback online or you can:

Scan and email your completed form to:

akhaveyoursay@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Post your completed form to:

Annual Plan
Auckland Council
Freepost Authority 182382
Private Bag 92300, Auckland 1142



Your details

Your name and feedback will be included in public documents. All other personal details will not be made available to the public.

First name: _____ Last name: _____

Email or postal address: _____

Your local board or suburb: _____

Are you providing:

- Your **personal** feedback Feedback as the official representative of an **organisation**

Organisation name: _____

These optional questions help us understand who is engaging with us.

What gender are you?

- Male Female Another gender: _____

What age group are you?

- Under 15 15-17 18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65-74 75+

Which ethnic group(s) do you feel you belong to? (Please select as many as apply)

- Pākehā/NZ European Māori Cook Islands Māori
 Samoan Tongan Indian
 Chinese Southeast Asian Korean
 Other (please specify): _____

Important privacy information

The personal information that you provide in this form will be held and protected by Auckland Council in accordance with our privacy policy (available at aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/privacy and at our libraries and service centres) and with the Privacy Act 2020. The privacy policy explains how we can use and share your personal information in relation to any interaction you have with the council, and how you can access and correct that information. You should familiarise yourself with this policy before submitting this form.



➤ Your feedback (all questions are optional)



➤ Question 1: Our overall plan

Our proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026 builds on our Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP). The annual plan focuses on getting on with strengthening the financial and physical resilience of Auckland, while investing where it is needed most to manage growth. In 2025/2026, that includes prioritising investment in:

- transport
- water
- and fairer funding for local communities.

It sets out the proposed way to pay for services and investments, including the 5.8 per cent rates increase for the average value residential property which is in line with the LTP, and additional debt to fund \$4 billion of capital expenditure.

For more information, read Part one (pages 5-15) of the Consultation Document.

What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Support most

Do not support most

Do not support any

I don't know

Tell us why

➤ Question 2: Destination management and major events

Attracting visitors and securing, promoting and delivering major events are vital to Auckland being a dynamic and exciting city. In our Long-term Plan 2024-2034, we said we would continue to fund cultural festivals and other significant community events. However, without a bed night visitor levy, there will be a \$7 million budget shortfall for funding of major events that are expected to attract visitor expenditure, such as the ASB Classic, Auckland Marathon and Auckland Writers Festival, from the 2025/2026 financial year. We continue to advocate to central government to introduce this levy. A bed night visitor levy of 2.5 per cent to 3 per cent paid by those in short-stay accommodation, would raise around \$27 million each year to fund even more destination management, marketing and major events activities in Auckland.

A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

For more information, read page 8 of the Consultation Document and section four of the Supporting Information.

Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?

Support

Do not support

Other

I dont know

Tell us why



➤ Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

For more information, read Part three (pages 30-32) of the Consultation Document.

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for the council’s rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.



Support

Do not support

Other

I don't know

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

➤ Question 4: Local board priorities

For more information, read Part two (pages 16-26) of the Consultation Document.

4A. Which local board does your feedback relate to?

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support all

Support most

Do not support most

Do not support any

I don't know

To view local board priorities, see pages 16-26 of the Consultation Document.

Tell us why

➤ Question 5: Other feedback

Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?

Do you have any other feedback, including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026 (page 33 of the Consultation Document)?

Tell us here
