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# Auckland Council 10-year Budget Consultation

FOR  
**BUSY PEOPLE**

## ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT

Proposed Changes to Rural Rates  
Terrible Traffic  
Crumbling Roads  
Lack of local Sports Facilities  
Gravel Road Hell

This is a quick-guide for busy people who want to have their say constructively. It will help you provide useful feedback to this years 10-year Budget Consultation without wading through hundreds of pages of background material...



This is a 'cut & paste' guide for those residents who are busy but want to make a submission on Auckland Council's 10 -year Budget and are concerned about the suggested changes to rates in some urban areas and the mess in our area due to high residential growth.

**You are absolutely free to supply whatever information you want; this is just a guide. Whatever you do, please make sure you do go and Have Your Say because it helps us represent your views.**

It is recommended that you take the time to read all the supporting material because this budget is complicated, and it isn't just a simple as saying yes or no.

The suggested text is intended to reflect the frustration of residents living in a high growth part of Auckland that has significant issues with roads, transport, community facilities and a lack of funding from both council and government.

The proposed budget has a focus on fixing old and worn-out assets, this is long overdue, however it cannot come at the cost of growth-related spending otherwise in three years things will be even worse and Rodney ward will be further behind.

This guide is written from the perspective that the 5% rates increase proposed is necessary because there is currently insufficient budget to do what's required. You can't demand 'stuff' and then not be able to pay for it. Further, 5% is already supported by the majority of councillors so is certain to pass, therefore we need to make the best pitch that we can for Rodney on that scenario. Simply objecting to a rates increase is a waste of effort and a missed opportunity.

Filling out the 'Tell us why' is important as it will give a guide to what people think is needed in our area. It is incredibly difficult for staff and elected members to understand your specific issues if you only click '*Do not support*' but don't tell us why. It means the chance to change things to address issues is missed. The suggested responses are designed to ensure the feedback is effective and will cover the issues most important to our area, and is relevant to Council's activities rather than things government does, like State Highway 16.

**This guide does not reflect the views of the Rodney Local Board or Auckland Council**

**Phelan Pirrie – Rodney Local Board**

**Click Here:** <https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/hub-page/10-year-budget-2021-2031>

## **Question 1 – Proposed 10 Year Budget**

What is your opinion on the proposed 10-year budget?

- Support
- Do not support**
- Other
- Don't know

### **Tell us why**

Do not support the proposed change to Urban Rates Areas for Huapai, Kumeu & Riverhead as these areas do not have the same level of access to facilities and services as other urban areas.

There are no proposals or budgets in the plan to deal with growth in Rodney particularly around roads, public transport, and community facilities.

There is no funding provided for the Huapai Indoor Courts facility which is needed due to growth.

Support the focus on renewals/maintenance in the budget but this shouldn't come at the cost

of growth-related infrastructure as it disadvantages communities with high growth areas like Rodney.

Insufficient budget for road renewals, maintenance, and the Unsealed Roads Improvement Program.

Accept the need for a 5% increase however Council must use this money to carry out core business and meet the needs of growth areas.

## Question 2 – Climate Change

What is your opinion on this proposal to invest more in responding to climate change?

- Support the proposed increased investment
- Do not support increased investment
- Other**
- Don't know

### **Tell us why**

Climate change is important, but our area is also facing historic deficits in infrastructure and facilities needed to meet the demands of residential growth.

Climate change spending shouldn't come at the cost of clearing the overdue spending on transport infrastructure and facilities in Rodney.

Urgently sorting out public transport solutions for the North West including trains, bus ways and better access to public transport would help with climate change, however, this isn't addressed in the proposed budget.

## Question 3 – Water Quality

- Support the extension and the increase
- Support the extension only**
- Do not support either change
- Other
- Don't know

### **Tell us why**

The current level of this rate is adequate to address the issues.

Support the projects undertaken in Rodney however there needs to be more focus on assisting with rural wastewater system improvements and cleaning up our streams and waterways affected by growth-related activities.

#### Question 4 – Community investment

- **Support**
- Do not support
- Other
- Don't know

#### Tell us why

Rodney does not receive the same level of asset-based funding as other areas and Council must move to address this immediately not keep delaying it.

If this proposal helps new facilities provided in growth areas it is helpful, but it doesn't appear to do this.

It does not contain clear proposals or budgets for facilities in growth areas.

There is no investment for the Huapai Indoor Courts Facility, which is needed for a growing community, this needs to be funded in the next three years.

#### Question 5 – Rating Policy

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| Extending the Natural Environment Targeted Rate until June 2031 to invest further in measures such as addressing the spread of kauri dieback, and predator and weed control   | <b>Support</b>        |
| Extending the Urban Rating Area so land that has an operative urban zoning, or which has resource consent to be developed for urban use now (except for Warkworth), pays the same urban rates as nearby properties that have access to a similar level of service | <b>Do not support</b> |
| Charging farm and lifestyle properties in the Urban Rating Area residential rates so they pay the same urban rates as nearby properties have access to a similar level of service   | <b>Do not support</b> |
| Extending the City Centre Targeted Rate until June 2031 to maintain our investment in upgrading the city centre   | Don't know            |
| Introducing the Rodney Drainage Targeted Rate on the land in Te Arai and Okahukura that benefits from the stormwater services   | Don't know            |

#### Tell us why

Support the natural environment targeted rate and continuation of the investment in Rodney.

Do not support extending the Urban Rating Area into Kumeu, Huapai, and Riverhead. These areas are no different from Warkworth (which is excluded). These areas clearly do not enjoy access to services and facilities in central city urban areas, the modeling used is clearly flawed, and until issues around roads, public transport and community facilities are resolved and equitable it is an unreasonable proposal.

Do not support charging properties near the Urban Rating Area residential rates for the reasons given above.

## Question 6 – Local Boards

### ▪ Rodney

#### Rodney Local Board [ <https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/rodney-local-board> ]

Tell us your thoughts on our proposed priorities for the local board area in 2021/2022 and our key advocacy initiatives – have we got it right?

#### • I support all priorities

- I support most priorities
- I do not support most priorities
- I do not support any priorities
- Other
- Don't know

#### Tell us why

Support funding to continue progressing the delivery of the Kumeū-Huapai indoor courts facility to meet the needs of a growing community.

Support funding for Auckland Transport to renew and maintain 12 percent of Auckland's roading network each year to ensure safe, well maintained roads because our roads are a mess.

Support \$121 million in funding for Auckland Transport's Unsealed Roads Improvement Programme to improve unsealed roads through strengthening and other methods because these roads are not coping with increased traffic due to rural subdivision and other activities.

## Question 7 – What is important to you?

Council must work with government to ensure new housing has adequate funding for all required infrastructure. Rodney's growth areas are a textbook example of the mess that happens when funding isn't provided to deal with growth.

Council needs to address the imbalance in funding for community facilities between established urban areas and new urban growth areas. The longer this is delayed the worse the outcome for everyone in Auckland.

There needs to be a ruthless focus on dealing with historic issues around the maintenance and provision of core infrastructure and services.

***Next section is for your personal detail. But make sure you tick this box because this is the next big issue for our area...***

**Would you like to be emailed when you can give feedback on the Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) 2021-2031 (the 10-year plan to address Auckland's transport challenges)?**

- Yes
- No