



Auckland: we know we can do better

Auckland's natural environment is an essential part of our identity, economic prosperity, health and wellbeing and a key reason that people chose to visit, live, work and play here.


In Auckland, protecting the environment means we value and embrace taonga tuku iho (a Māori world view).

Across the region we are facing ongoing environmental decline. Continuing in this trajectory will result in native species extinctions, ongoing degradation, and associated economic and social impacts.


 Auckland Council, *not* central government, has responsibility for biodiversity outcomes and controlling pests in our region

 Auckland is one of the weediest cities in the world (weeds outnumber natives plants by 5:1)

 26 million native birds are killed each year in New Zealand by predators

 Over the past five years Kauri dieback in the Waitākere Ranges has doubled. The park is now the most heavily diseased area in New Zealand. On current projections, kauri will disappear entirely in the next 30 years

 2/3 of Auckland's shore and seabirds are at risk of extinction

 Pest species in fresh and marine waters are of increasing concern




Draft Auckland Plan vision

Aucklanders preserve, protect and care for the natural environment as our shared cultural heritage for its intrinsic value, and for the benefit of present and future generations.

There is a significant gap between what we need to do to preserve and protect the natural environment and what we are currently doing. A targeted rate enables us to make an effort to close this gap. Without this focused investment we will not be able to deliver on the Draft Auckland Plan vision.

What your investment buys

We need your input into how we invest in preserving and protecting our natural environment. This table outlines the three options presented in The 10-year Budget and summarises the differences.

	OPTION A \$21pa TARGETED RATE PER RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY	OPTION B \$47pa TARGETED RATE PER RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY	NO CHANGE \$0pa TARGETED RATE PER RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY
 Protecting our kauri	✓	✓	✗
Risk of kauri dieback spreading	30-50%	15-25%	>80%
 Boost support to community groups and schools to achieve Pest Free Auckland	✓	✓	✗
 % of our valuable parkland protected	35%	66%	30%
  Actively protecting our harbours from pests	✗	✓	✗
  Restoring native seabird habitats	✗	✓	✗
  Making sure pests don't get to our islands	✗	✓	✗
  Supporting Aotea, Waiheke, and Kawau to be pest free	✗	✓	✗
 Protecting our treasured lakes from pests	✗	✓	✗
 % of rural Auckland free from possums	28%	50%	28%

 Response to Sea Change

WAYS TO HAVE YOUR SAY

Also out for consultation is the Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan which describes proposed actions to tackle our priority pests. Check it out at akhaveyoursay.nz



Feedback must be received by 8pm on Wednesday 28 March 2018

Online and social media : Use the online feedback form at akhaveyoursay.nz or comment using @aklcouncil and #akhaveyoursay on Twitter and post on the facebook.com/aklcouncil page – using #akhaveyoursay

By email: Complete the AK Have Your Say feedback form and email it to akhaveyoursay@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

By post: Complete the AK Have Your Say feedback form (included in the latest edition of Our Auckland) and send it to our freepost address.

In person: Provide feedback in person at a range of events that will be held across Auckland during the consultation period. Check out akhaveyoursay.nz for events.