

## Submission Guide

We've created this guide in correlation with the music sector to aid our submissions to Auckland Council, urging them to undertake financial due diligence to fully understand the economic impact these proposed cuts will have on Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland.

In addition to this guide the following supporting materials are available.

- OneMusic's Submission Letter
- Organisations Template Submission Letter

For additional background on the proposed cuts please visit [Te Taumata Toi-a-Iwi Regional Arts Trust](#) website and [Stop the Cuts](#) – who we thank for their work.

## Have your say on the Annual Budget 2023/2024

[Click here to open Auckland Council's Submission Portal.](#)

The AK Have Your Say Survey, features Context about what is proposed, followed by [seven questions](#) and a final option to attach supporting information aka your Submission Letter.

Follow the guide below to answer the survey questions (or complete it however you see fit), then upload your Submission Letter based on the templates available or attached your own.

Your voice counts.

### Question 1: What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

**We suggest selecting:** Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt.

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

*Select any option as you see fit or choose 'other'.*

**We suggest this text or the 'Tell us why' section:** Council should increase rates and make greater use of debt as appropriate in order to reject the proposed cuts to arts and culture funding and protect the cultural wellbeing of Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland.

### Question 3: Managing rates and debt

*Select any option as you see fit or choose 'other'.*

**We suggest this text or the 'Tell us why' section:** Council should increase rates and make greater use of debt as appropriate in order to reject the proposed cuts to arts & culture funding and protect the cultural wellbeing of Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland.

### Question 4: Storm response

**We suggest selecting:** Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year.

## Question 5: Local Board Priorities

*Select your Local Board area.*

**We suggest:** Reading up on what's happening. Offer feedback (in the 'Tell us why' section) that you oppose the idea of cuts to these crucial public and community services.

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

**We suggest:** Respond as you see fit and if there's something you're passionate about, elaborate on it within the open text box.

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

**We suggest:** Reiterate any issues you are most passionate about and explain why Council should invest in these things and/or use the paragraph below.

*The proposed Budget, which would reduce both investment and community participation in creative and cultural activities including music, does not achieve the fundamental purpose of Local Government. It poses an immense and imminent risk to our cultural wellbeing and to prosperity and opportunities for Aucklanders and their businesses, which will have a consequent economic effect nationally, and on the talent pipeline and international reputation of Aotearoa.*

## Upload any supporting information you have

**Upload your Submission Letter based on the templates available or attached your own.**

Kia Kaha.