

Submission to Auckland Council Annual Plan 2026/2027

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Henderson-Massey Local Board Funding

Te Atatū Peninsula Business Association submits that the current funding allocation to the Henderson-Massey Local Board (HMLB) is inadequate and does not reflect the level of growth and demand within the ward.

We understand there is currently a shortfall of approximately \$700,000. This level of underfunding would be challenging under any circumstances. However, in an area that has experienced significant intensification, the impact is far more severe. The Board is effectively being asked to deliver more services and community support, with fewer resources.

Te Atatū Peninsula provides a clear example of this imbalance. As outlined in our [Plan Change 120 submission](#), the Peninsula has experienced a disproportionate level of intensification. Between 2013 and 2025, there were 1,948 building consents issued within Te Atatū Peninsula. Using the Stats NZ geographical area of 5.46 square kilometres, this equates to 356.7 building consents per square kilometre. When excluding Harbourview–Orangahina Park (approximately 0.7 km²), the density increases to 409 consents per square kilometre.

This level of development has occurred despite significant infrastructure constraints, including a single access road to and from the Peninsula and ageing wastewater infrastructure that is already under pressure.

This creates a clear equity issue. While funding shortfalls may occur across Auckland, the scale of intensification in the Henderson-Massey area means the consequences are more acute and require a targeted response.

TAPBA strongly submits that Auckland Council should increase the funding allocation to the Henderson-Massey Local Board so that it can meet the demands created by rapid population growth.

In addition, TAPBA proposes that Council consider allocating a proportion of development contributions collected within the ward directly to the Local Board. This would provide a fair and transparent mechanism to ensure that growth helps fund the infrastructure and services required to support it.

A further inequity exists in the funding of regional assets such as Westwave Pool. While the facility is used by residents from across the whole of West Auckland, the financial burden falls on the Henderson Massey ward. TAPBA submits that a multi-ward funding model should be adopted to ensure a more equitable distribution of costs.

Te Whau Pathway

TAPBA strongly supports continued investment in the Te Whau Pathway.

The Te Whau Pathway Environmental Trust began work on the pathway ten years ago in partnership with Auckland Council. When complete, the pathway will link 29 parks and reserves along the Whau River corridor, creating almost 13 kilometres of shared path from Green Bay to Te Atatū.

This is a transformational project that delivers multiple benefits. It improves access to the awa for local communities and schools, supports environmental restoration, and provides a safe off-road cycling and walking route. Importantly, it also contributes to reducing congestion by offering an alternative transport option linking New Lynn to the Northwestern Busway.

The Horowai Connection, running from the Northwestern Cycleway to Roberts Field, is now complete and being actively used by the community. Together with other partially completed sections, approximately 40 percent of the pathway is now in place.

However, funding is not yet secured for the next critical section between Roberts Field and McLeod Park.

TAPBA submits that it is essential that this next stage is funded. Continued investment will ensure momentum is maintained and will bring this significant regional asset closer to completion. The Te Whau Pathway is not only a local amenity, but an asset of value to the wider Auckland region.

Conclusion

TAPBA urges Auckland Council to:

- Increase funding to Henderson-Massey Local Board to reflect growth pressures
- Consider allocating a share of development contributions to the Local Board
- Introduce fairer funding models for shared regional assets
- Prioritise continued investment in the Te Whau Pathway

These actions will help address current inequities and ensure that infrastructure and services keep pace with growth.