



Greater East Tamaki
Business Association Inc.

Submission to the Draft Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board Plan 2017

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Please note that we have focused on the outcomes and initiatives that pertain primarily to the East Tamaki business precinct.

Outcome 1: Manukau transformation

GETBA supports the initiatives proposed to transform the Manukau metropolitan centre, particularly partnering with the Manukau Business Association and other strategic partners such as Panuku to stimulate local growth, investment, innovation and employment.

Outcome 2: Revitalising town centres

GETBA supports the objective and initiatives to enhance the town centres in Otara, Old Papatoetoe and Hunters Corner. We see value in the Local Board partnering with the local business associations in those areas to promote economic development, encourage employment (particularly youth employment) and enhance safety by actively facilitating crime prevention initiatives in these hubs.

Outcome 4: Healthy natural environment

GETBA applauds and supports the Local Board's advocacy and leadership in promoting and facilitating the improvement of water quality of local streams and waterways, including the Tamaki estuary.

We are particularly supportive of the Local Board's championing of the Otara Lake and Waterways project, and are hopeful that the Howick Local Board will also get behind this initiative in the part of the catchment that sits within its ward boundaries.

We also support the objective of minimising waste to landfill. This is an area where the Local Board can work with local business associations, so that the focus is not just on community groups but also to

encourage business communities to minimise waste to landfill. GETBA has developed a guide/template for how we developed our waste minimisation workstream with some funding from Council's WMIF which we are happy to share.

Outcome 5: Empowered inclusive and prosperous economies

GETBA supports the Local Board's objective of contributing to the economic wellbeing of local communities by funding and facilitating community capacity building. We also support the Board's encouragement of businesses to employ local, and the encouragement of social enterprise start-ups with the assistance of the Southern Initiative.

Outcome 6: Honouring youth and seniors

As a significant employment hub for the Local Board area, GETBA values the Local Board's support for Youth Connections and other initiatives encouraging and promoting youth participation in education, training and employment. We also support the Skills Shed concept and continued opportunities for interactions between young and old that allow the transfer of skills and development of confidence and esteem of both groups.

Outcome 7: It's easy to get around

We realise that the Local Board's role is largely one of advocating to Auckland Transport for funding to ease congestion on local roads. GETBA particularly values the Local Board's continued advocacy for the realignment of the intersection of Preston, Ormiston and East Tamaki Roads which was unwisely de-prioritised by Auckland Transport.

We support the proposed increase in the Local Boards Capital Transport Fund from \$10 million to \$20 million per year (NB shared by all Local Boards), as this fund has been able to be utilised for improvements to footpaths and lighting in town centres.

We also support the Otara-Papatoetoe Greenways Plan.

Financial overview and levels of service

GETBA commends the Local Board on believing it can deliver the key initiatives in the draft plan without reducing existing levels of service or increasing local revenue sources.