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### Are you ...

Options	% of Response
Male	39.3 %
Female	60.7 %

### Are you a rate payer?

Options	% of Response
Yes	70.8 %
No	25.7 %
Not sure	3.4 %

### In which age group do you belong?

Options	% of Response
Under 18 years	2.9 %
18 to 24 years	8.2 %
25 to 44 years	32.9 %
45 to 54 years	19.5 %
55 to 65 years	22.8 %
Over 65 years	13.6 %

### And which of these ethnic groups do you belong to?

Options	% of Respondents
NZ European/Pakeha	84.8%
Maori	6.0%
Pacific Islander	2.3%
Asian	3.4%
Other (Please specify):	8.2%

### Do you currently live in the Auckland region?

Options	% of Response
Yes	39.5 %
No	60.5 %

### Obviously, the amalgamation of Auckland councils is underway now. Do you think that amalgamation is a good idea for other local body areas in New Zealand, not just for the Auckland region?

Options	% of Response
Yes, I strongly agree that other local body areas should be amalgamated to results in fewer councils	17.6 %
Yes, I somewhat agree that amalgamation should be considered for other local body areas	38.6 %
No, I do not agree that that amalgamation should be considered for other local body areas	28.6 %
No, I am strongly opposed to amalgamation of other local bodies resulting in fewer councils	15.3 %

### Which of these city or district council areas do you live in?

Options	% of Response
Ashburton District Council	0.7 %
Banks Peninsula District Council	0.2 %
Buller District Council	0.4 %
Carterton District Council	0.4 %
Central Hawke's Bay District Council	0.2 %
Central Otago District Council	0.7 %

Chatham Islands Council	0.0 %	
Christchurch City Council	13.0 %	
Clutha District Council	0.2 %	
Dunedin City Council	5.1 %	
Far North District Council	1.4 %	
Gisborne District Council	1.5 %	
Gore District Council	0.4 %	
Grey District Council	0.2 %	
Hamilton City Council	4.1 %	
Hastings District Council	1.4 %	
Hauraki District Council	0.4 %	
Horowhenua District Council	1.5 %	
Hurunui District Council	0.3 %	
Hutt City Council	3.9 %	
Invercargill City Council	1.6 %	
Kaikoura District Council	0.1 %	
Kaipara District Council	0.6 %	
Kapiti Coast District Council	1.5 %	
Kawerau District Council	0.4 %	
Mackenzie District Council	0.0 %	
Manawatu District Council	1.4 %	
Marlborough District Council	0.9 %	
Masterton District Council	0.6 %	
Matamata-Piako District Council	0.7 %	
Napier City Council	1.8 %	
Nelson City Council	2.1 %	
New Plymouth District Council	2.0 %	
Opotiki District Council	0.2 %	
Otorohanga District Council	0.4 %	
Palmerston North City Council	2.7 %	
Porirua City Council	2.0 %	
Queenstown-Lakes District Council	0.2 %	
Rangitikei District Council	0.4 %	
Rotorua District Council	1.7 %	
Ruapehu District Council	0.2 %	
Selwyn District Council	1.2 %	
South Taranaki District Council	0.4 %	
South Waikato District Council	0.2 %	
South Wairarapa District Council	0.7 %	
Southland District Council	1.5 %	
Stratford District Council	0.2 %	
Tararua District Council	0.2 %	
Tasman District Council	1.5 %	
Taupo District Council	0.9 %	
Tauranga City Council	4.1 %	
Thames-Coromandel District Council	0.9 %	
Timaru District Council	1.4 %	
Upper Hutt City Council	1.9 %	

Waikato District Council	2.5 %	
Waimakariri District Council	1.4 %	
Waimate District Council	0.4 %	
Waipa District Council	1.5 %	
Wairoa District Council	0.2 %	
Waitaki District Council	0.6 %	
Waitomo District Council	0.1 %	
Wanganui District Council	1.2 %	
Wellington City Council	11.1 %	
Western Bay of Plenty District Council	1.7 %	
Westland District Council	0.1 %	
Whakatane District Council	0.7 %	
Whangarei District Council	3.3 %	
Other	2.6 %	

### And in which current local government area do you live?

Options	% of Response	
Rodney	7.7 %	
North Shore	18.0 %	
Auckland City	31.4 %	
Waitakere	17.0 %	
Manukau City	15.8 %	
Papakura	5.1 %	
Franklin	5.0 %	

### Over the next two to three years, do you expect Auckland rates to change as a result of the amalgamation?

Options	% of Response	
I expect them to go up as a result of the amalgamation	58.0 %	
I expect them to stay the same as they would have been if the council structure hadn't changed	19.4 %	
I expect them to be less than they would have been if the council structure hadn't changed	11.8 %	
Don't know/Other	10.8 %	

### And what about in the longer term, say over 5 to 10 years? Do you expect rates to change as a result of the amalgamation?

Options	% of
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	Response
I expect them to go up in the long term as a result of the amalgamation	49.1 %
I expect them to stay the same as they would have been if the council structure hadn't changed	18.5 %
I expect them to be less than they would otherwise have been if the council structure hadn't changed	17.0 %
Don't know/Other	15.3 %

**We are about to ask you to tell us in your own words what you think, but firstly which of these statements do you agree with? (Note you can tick both the top two boxes.)**

Options	% of Respondents
Some things will get worse as a result of the amalgamation into one council.	72.3%
Some things will improve as a result of the amalgamation into one council.	60.4%
I don't think anything will change.	7.8%

**Do you think as a result of the amalgamation that some communities or parts of the greater Auckland region will have more influence than they currently do?**

Options	% of Response
Don't know	24.9 %
No, I don't think the amalgamation will result in some communities having more influence than they currently do	29.5 %
Yes, I do think the amalgamation will result in some communities having more influence than they currently do	45.6 %

**How important do you feel each of these qualities is, for the mayor of the new Auckland Council to have?**

	LEAST IMPORTANT	MODERATELY IMPORTANT	MOST IMPORTANT
GOOD ADVOCATE FOR AUCKLAND IN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT	12.9%	38.8%	48.2%
PERSONAL CHARISMA	25.1%	52.7%	22.2%
GOOD AMBASSADOR FOR THE CITY	5.4%	34.6%	60.0%
EXPERIENCE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT	16.5%	38.4%	45.2%

SOUND BUSINESS EXPERIENCE	9.3%	37.5%	53.2%
STRONG LEADERSHIP	1.7%	10.6%	87.8%

**Currently John Banks and Len Brown have both announced they will be running for mayor. If the election were to be held today, which one, if any, would you vote for?**

**Options**

**% of Response**



**John Banks**

21.2 %



**Len Brown**

33.6 %



**Neither**

25.8 %



19.4 %

Not sure

Although not all these people have announced they intend standing, we are interested in your thoughts if they were to stand for mayor. If the election were to be held today, which one, if any, would you vote for?

Options

% of Response



John Banks

7.4 %



Len Brown

14.8 %



Mike Lee

3.4 %



Winston Peters

4.8 %



**Michael Jones**

3.1 %



**Dick Hubbard**

5.3 %



**Stephen Tindall**

11.7 %



**Not sure**

17.6 %



**Paul Henry**

5.7 %



**Paul Holmes**

1.8 %



**Jenny Shipley**

6.4 %



**Katherine Rich**

1.9 %



**Kerre Woodham**

2.7 %



**Christine Fletcher**

1.1 %



Tim Shadbolt

6.9 %



Michael Laws

5.4 %

**As a rule of thumb, what do you think that the mayor of the new Auckland city should be paid?**

**Options**

**% of Response**

Less than one-third of the Prime Minister's salary	16.0 %
One third of the Prime Minister's salary	16.8 %
Half of the Prime Minister's salary	19.2 %
More than half of the Prime Minister's salary	18.1 %
The same or more than the Prime Minister	7.3 %
Not sure	22.6 %

**Now tell us which organisation or group do you think should be responsible for each of these areas?**



<b>PUBLIC TRANSPORT</b>	37.4%	38.1%	9.1%	15.4%
<b>MAINTAINING HIGHWAYS</b>	6.5%	78.3%	7.6%	7.6%
<b>COLLECTING RUBBISH</b>	54.5%	1.7%	14.8%	29.1%
<b>LIBRARIES</b>	89.6%	5.0%	1.3%	4.0%
<b>PARKS &amp; PLAYGROUNDS</b>	87.3%	4.8%	1.8%	6.1%
<b>BUILDING CONSENTS</b>	74.7%	8.8%	6.5%	10.0%
<b>SUPPORTING THE ARTS &amp; RUNNING THEATRES</b>	36.9%	24.2%	18.6%	20.3%

**And who do you think should be responsible for the following areas?**



<b>SPORTS STADIUM</b>	37.4%	26.6%	20.4%	15.5%
<b>ELECTRICITY</b>	8.5%	60.2%	20.7%	10.6%
<b>PROMOTING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES</b>	33.8%	52.3%	5.4%	8.5%
<b>PROMOTING TOURISM</b>	15.0%	58.3%	13.5%	13.3%
<b>EVENTS AND FESTIVALS</b>	63.1%	4.0%	19.5%	13.4%
<b>WATER AND STORMWATER SERVICES</b>	60.7%	18.6%	5.0%	15.7%
<b>BUILDING CONSENTS</b>	74.0%	9.4%	6.6%	10.0%

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BUDGET SERVICE**

29.6%

37.4%

11.8%

21.2%

**Let's summarise your point of view. Which of these statements best reflects what you think? (You'll get a chance to explain your view in a moment)**

Options	% of Response
In general I think Local Bodies are involved in delivering too many services and activities and they should focus on core activities	36.2 %
In general I think Local Bodies focus on the correct things, and the services they offer are not too broad	55.1 %
Other	8.7 %

**Which of the following, if any, would you be prepared to pay higher rates for?**

Options	% of Respondents
Improved public transport	51.9%
Sorting out the leaky buildings crisis	10.2%
Rugby World Cup preparations	4.8%
The Queens Wharf redevelopment	12.0%
Upgrading the stormwater system to eliminate sewage overflow into the harbour	56.4%
A harbour tunnel	31.4%
None of the above	25.2%

**Thinking about your current council ...**

	Yes	No	Not sure
<b>Can you name your current mayor?</b>	83.6%	12.5%	3.9%
<b>Can you name any of your local councillors?</b>	58.8%	33.5%	7.7%
<b>Have you ever met or spoken to your local councillor?</b>	35.8%	61.5%	2.7%
<b>Do you know which council ward/community board you are in?</b>	72.5%	19.3%	8.1%
<b>Have you ever gone to a council or community board meeting?</b>	22.4%	76.3%	1.3%

**Are you more or less likely to vote in the next election as a result of the amalgamation?**

Options	% of Response
More likely	59.5 %
Less likely	12.4 %
Other/Not sure	28.1 %

**Almost finished... Here's a series of statements. How strongly do you agree or disagree with them?**

	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know
<b>The NZ Government has acted in Auckland's best interests in their actions to consolidate the Auckland councils</b>	22.5%	20.2%	31.2%	15.6%	10.5%
<b>In designing the new Auckland council structure, the NZ Government has adequately listened to the views of Aucklanders</b>	31.0%	25.6%	23.2%	5.4%	14.8%
<b>The NZ Government had its own plans for the Auckland region and has pushed through the changes irrespective of the views of Aucklanders</b>	5.7%	14.1%	32.2%	35.1%	12.9%
<b>Rodney Hide and the Act party had their own plans for the Auckland region and have pushed through the changes irrespective of the views of Aucklanders</b>	6.1%	10.3%	24.8%	39.6%	19.2%
<b>I believe the changes in Auckland have been rushed through and more time should have been taken to transition from 8 councils to 1 council</b>	9.1%	13.7%	22.9%	45.2%	9.1%

**Last two questions before we wrap up... Overall, if you had the option of going ahead with the amalgamation, or remaining with the existing 8 council structure, which would you choose?**

Options	% of Response
I would choose to go ahead with the amalgamation	48.9 %
I would choose to remain with the existing 8 council structure	51.1 %