



Fortnightly Report to the Minister for Auckland

For the period Monday 22 September to Sunday 5 October 2025

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Ministers	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Simeon Brown Minister for Auckland	Note the contents of this briefing and discuss at the next officials meeting	N/A

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Andy Hill	Director Auckland		✓

The following departments/agencies have contributed content

Ministry of Transport, Department of Internal Affairs and Inland Revenue

Minister's office to complete:

☐ Approved

☐ Declined

☐ Noted

☐ Needs change

☐ Seen

☐ Overtaken by Events

☐ See Minister's Notes

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Head of the Auckland Policy Office
02 / 10 /2025

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1. Auckland Portfolio Priorities

Topic/ Contact person	Comment
Auckland Recovery	
Michael Quinn Head of the APO Privacy of natural persons	Auckland Council and MSD fund a navigator service that helps households and landlords 'navigate' the recovery process. The service began in September 2023 and has supported more than 2,100 families. The service finishes at the end of December 2025 and is now closed for new referrals. In August 2025, Auckland Council published a <i>Whānau support guide</i>, available on its website that provides comprehensive guidance and contact details for those impacted by storm events. This partially replaces services provided by the navigators. See Annex One for the Auckland Council's Recovery Weekly Report (week ending 29 September 2025).
Auckland City and Regional Deal	
	No updates available for this report.
Auckland Transport CCO	
Karen Lyons Auckland Director MoT Privacy of natural persons	Auckland Council Governing Body Meeting 25 September 2025 <i>Auckland Council's submission on the Local Government (Auckland Council) (Transport Governance) Amendment Bill</i> The Governing Body agreed to emerging positions on the Local Government (Auckland Council) (Transport Governance) Amendment Bill (the Bill), and to delegate authority to approve the submission to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chair and Deputy Chair of the Transport, Resilience and Infrastructure Committee and a member of Houkura (formerly the Independent Māori Statutory Board). Councillors commented on the significance of the reforms, and the work done to get to this stage. Auckland Council support all the key elements of the Bill with the exception of not supporting the continuation of a statutory council-controlled organisation (CCO). However, if a statutory CCO continues Auckland Council support a narrowed focus. Other areas that are not supported by Auckland Council include: - Provisions that prescribe the allocation of functions to local boards, preferring that the Bill rely on the existing principles and processes set out in the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009 (LGACA) and that the Governing Body allocate functions to local boards. - The joint approval process by the Governing Body and local boards to make a new transport bylaw, recommending that the responsibility for making bylaws under the Land Transport Act 1998 sit with the Governing Body. - The requirement of joint Auckland Council and Ministerial approval for delegations to the transport CCO.



	• The maximum of three members for the interim transport CCO Board, preferring membership of up to five. Councillors also approved operating rules for Auckland Transport under section 49 of LGACA to support transition. These include: • Keep services running. • Check in before material decisions that could impact on the transition or future service delivery. • Share information and expertise, including for preparatory work before the legislation takes effect. • Work with Auckland Council on strategies and policies. • Speak with one voice, and Auckland Transport should contribute to the Auckland Council submission, rather than submit their own.
Law and Order	
Andy Hill Director Auckland MBIE Privacy of natural persons	Confidential advice to Government

Water Reform Update

2. General Auckland Updates

Topic/ Contact person	Comment
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Eden Park Stadium (In confidence)

Michael Quinn

Head of the APO

Privacy of natural persons



Report summary - The economic contribution of Eden Park to the Auckland Region

Michael Quinn

Head of the APO

Privacy of natural persons

The University of Auckland has recently released its report *The economic contribution of Eden Park to the Auckland Region*.

The report was produced as part of a strategic partnership between Eden Park and the University of Auckland. It was authored by researchers from the University's Business School and Economic Policy Centre.

Below is a summary of the report's findings.

Key Observations

- **Major Economic Driver:** Eden Park generated \$37 million in net additional GDP for Auckland from 25 major events with nearly 495,000 attendees.
- **Concerts Lead Impact:** Each large concert contributes \$8.3 million to GDP, supports 114 jobs, and generates \$4.3 million in household income. Three concert nights nearly doubled the GDP impact of 22 sports fixtures.
- **Sporting Events Add Steady Value:** Averaging \$2.8 million GDP and 49 jobs per match, especially impactful when Auckland-based teams play.
- **Local Business Boost:** Events drive foot traffic and spending in Kingsland, Mt Eden, and Morningside. 91% of residents support more concerts, citing local vibrancy and trade benefits.

Opportunities

- **Greater Utilisation Potential:** Operating at the consented cap of 12 concerts could raise GDP impact to \$107 million. Full-capacity Super Rugby matches could reach \$60.5 million.
- **High-Attendance Events Attract Visitors:** More out-of-region attendees bring "new" spending. Eden Park can be further leveraged to attract international events.
- **Support for Local Ecosystems:** Regular events sustain hospitality, retail, and service businesses, enhancing urban resilience.

Risks & Constraints

- **Revenue Leakage:** Ticket revenue often flows out of Auckland (e.g., to artists or national bodies). Local teams/events retain more spending.
- **Displacement of Local Spend:** High local attendance may shift spending rather than create new economic activity.
- **Capacity & Consent Limits:** Current restrictions limit growth. More events are possible within existing limits, but further expansion needs regulatory change.
- **Conservative Modelling:** Estimates may understate actual impact; broader effects (e.g., noise, congestion) not included.



	<u>Recommendations to Unlock Full Potential</u> • Increase Concerts: Allow up to 12 concerts annually to nearly triple economic benefit. • Attract Non-Local Audiences: Boost marketing to increase out-of-region attendance. • Retain Revenue Locally: Prioritise local teams, organisers, and suppliers. • Review Constraints: Consider regulatory and operational changes to enable more events.
Governing Body Meeting	
Vanessa Blakelock Partnerships Director DIA Privacy of natural persons	On 25 September 2025 the final Governing Body meeting for this triennium was held. Items of note are detailed below. <u>Auckland Domain Act 1987</u> The Council agreed to promote a local bill to amend the Auckland Domain Act 1987 (the Act) to empower Council, at its discretion, to grant future leases over certain parts of the Auckland Domain, as prescribed in the Act. This could include discretion over lessee and duration (including any rights of renewal), subject to the consultation requirements of section 138 of the Local Government Act 2002. Note the Act does not cover the Auckland War Memorial Museum which has its own legislation. Auckland Council's leasing powers over Auckland Domain (Domain) are prescribed in section 7 of the Act. The Act prescribes maximum lease terms to named lessees at defined locations within the Domain. The current leases permitted under the Act are held by the following groups: Auckland Tennis Incorporated, Auckland Bowling Club Incorporated, Parnell Lawn Tennis Club Incorporated, and the operator at the Wintergardens Café. The first of these leases expires in 2028. Under the Act as it stands, on the expiry or earlier termination of these leases, Council will be unable to grant further leases at the current specified locations within the Domain, or any other part of the Domain. In May 2025 the Auckland Domain Committee recommended to the Governing Body that Council promote the bill, and since that time consultation has taken place with mana whenua and the public with the feedback reported to the Waitematā Local Board. Being a Local Bill (to amend a Local Act), Council will seek sponsorship by a local MP to support the Bill. <u>Councillor valedictories</u> Councillors Angela Dalton, Chris Darby and Sharon Stewart are not seeking re-election at the 2025 local government election and gave valedictories at the meeting.
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Michael Quinn Head of the APO	Confidential advice to Government



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City Rail Link Business Activation	
Michael Quinn Head of the APO 021 839 314	During your engagement with the Tāmaki Makaurau Business Network, you requested that a group be formed under your chairmanship to help ensure the CRL opening delivers the greatest benefit to the business community. We are meeting with Auckland Council next week (Monday 6 October) to identify what planning and groups already exist for CRL activation. We will then engage with key members of the Network to get their input before returning to you with a proposal on the group's role, focus and expected outputs.
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Andy Hill Director Auckland MBIE	Confidential advice to Government
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Self-Certification for Entire Builds Update

Paula Gomes

Programme Coordinator

Building System
Performance

MBIE

Following a meeting with Auckland Council on Tuesday 23 September 2025, MBIE met with Jennian Homes and GJ Gardner to discuss and test viability of proposals for regulations for entire build self-certification. Learnings from this exercise have been incorporated into the proposals for viability testing with wider stakeholders.

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MBIE will meet with Classic Builders (another large volume builder) on Monday 6 October 2025 to discuss and test viability of proposals for regulations for entire build self-certification.

3. Ministerial items on hand

3.1 Upcoming significant meetings

Date and venue	Meeting and info
8 October 2025, 5:30-6:00 pm	Auckland Officials Meeting

3.2 Other Ministerial engagements related to Auckland

Date	Minister	Meeting Info
None		

3.3 Upcoming significant media and announcements

Timing	Announcement
None	

3.4 Upcoming briefings and aide memoire

Title	Date to Minister	Action for Minister	Key contact	Summary of paper/comment
None				

3.5 Upcoming Cabinet papers

Title	Committee	Expected committee date	Key contact	Summary of paper/comment
None				

3.6 Official Information Act requests (Ministerial and Departmental for consultation)

Due to Minister's office	Statutory due date to requester	Ref	Requester	Organisation	Summary of request
None					



3.7 Ministerial correspondence

Due to Minister's office	Ref	Correspondent	Organisation	Summary of Correspondence
None				

3.8 Proactive release

Date	Title	Comment
15 September 2025	Proactive release of briefing titles for August 2025	MBIE provided your office with the list of briefing titles for review
11 October 2025	Proactive release of briefing titles for September 2025	MBIE will provide your office with the list of briefing titles for review

3.9 Fast-Track Approvals- Auckland

Project Name	Unique Ref No.	Applicant Organisation	Date Received	Due Date to send Comments
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4. Auckland dashboards

Transport Environmental Scan																				
Karen Lyons Auckland Director MoT Privacy of natural persons	Public transport patronage update																			
	For the fortnight 1-14 August 2025, public transport patronage totalled 3.4 million boardings across the city’s public transport network.																			
	Patronage declined by 1% for this fortnight compared to the same period last year. Bus and ferry patronage declined by 2%, but rail patronage increased by 4%.																			
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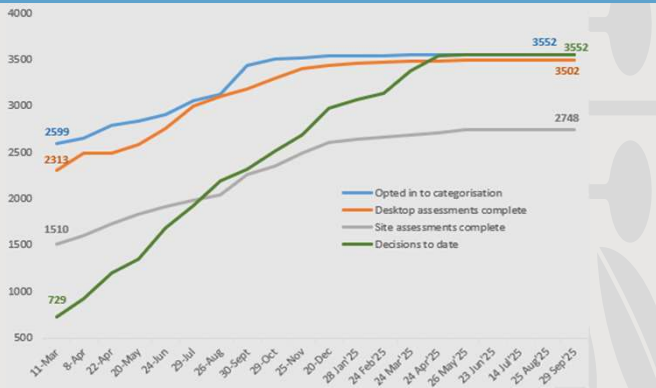
Annexes

Annex One: Auckland Council's Recovery Weekly Report

Categorisation Stages

Stages	Initial Impacted properties	Risk Assessments	Desktop Assessments Complete	Site Assessments Complete
Number of properties	7,389	3,552	3,502	2,748
Change from last report	no change	1	0	0

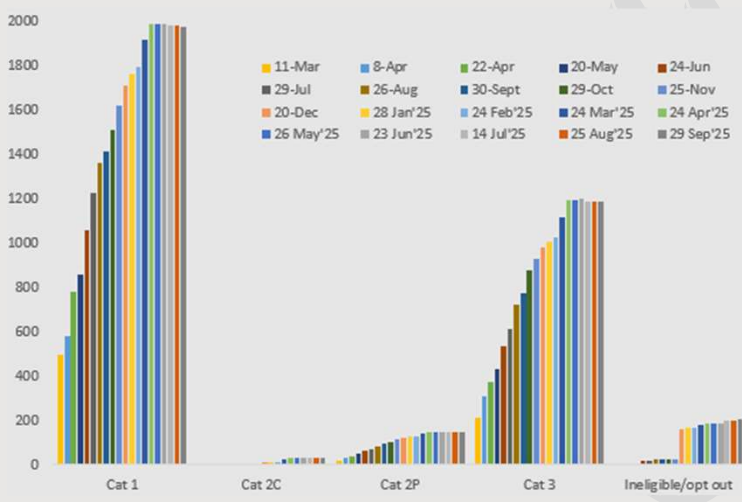
- 3,552 registrations and decisions to date with final risk assessments completed for all properties.
- The increase of one registration is due to a system correction for a cross-lease property, resulting in an additional risk assessment and one more ineligible property.



Summary of Categorisation Progress

Final Categories 3,552 properties	Category 1	Category 2C	Category 2P	Category 3 Eligible for buyout	Ineligible/opt out
Number of properties categorised	1,979	32	150	1,188	203
Change from last report	-2	0	2	0	1
Final Categories (Forecast Sep'25)	1,989	32	145	1,183	202
% Decisions to date	99%	100%	103%	100%	100%

- Of the 1,188 total Category 3 properties, 15 property owners opted out and will not advance to the buyout stage (an increase of 6 from previous report)
- 18 property owners have not opted in to buyout programme. A pro-active outreach and follow up is currently on-going
- 13 properties deemed ineligible following assessment of change of ownership after 26 January 2023 (no change from previous report)



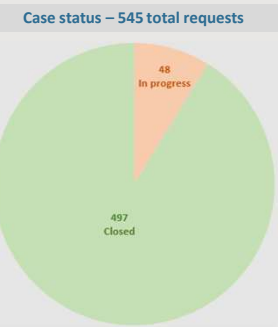
Category 3 Buy-outs in Progress

Stages	Council valuations communicated	Sale and Purchase Agreements instructed	Buy-out Offers Accepted	Buy-out Offers Settled
Number of properties	1,146	1,039	1,000	930
Change from last report	11	24	50	51
Buyout offers % based on 1,183 category 3 properties	97%	88%	85%	79%

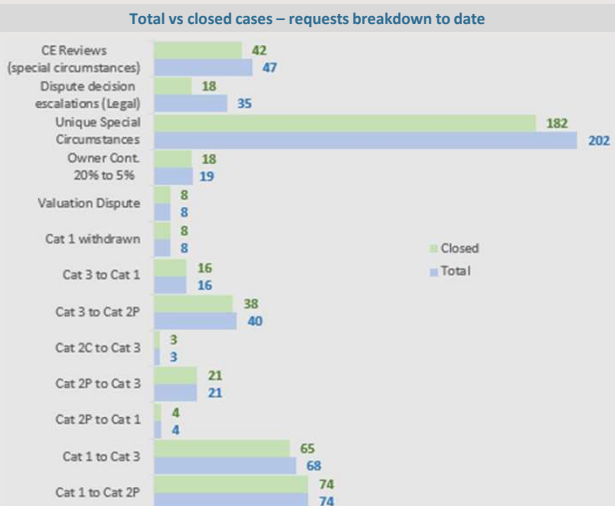
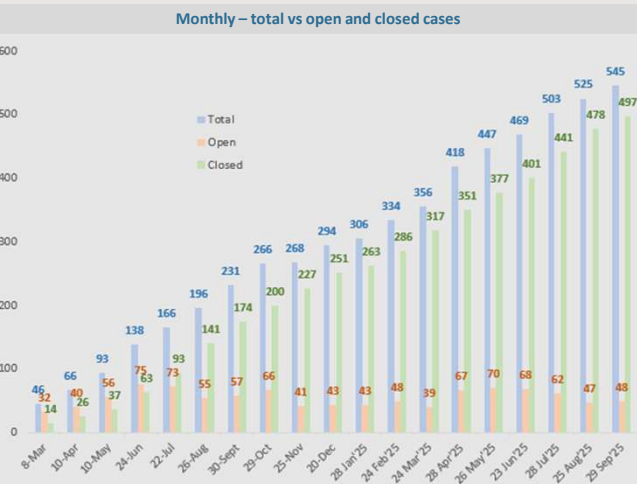
NB: Re-forecast exercise completed in September'25.
% based on revised Category 3 forecast number of 1,183 properties.



Special circumstances applications, Disputes / Category reviews



NB: A CE review is treated as a new case





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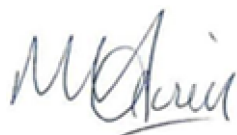
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16 / 10 /2025

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Auckland Recovery	
	No updates available for this report.
Auckland City and Regional Deal	
Michael Quinn Head of the APO APO Privacy of natural persons	Key agencies have been provided with a draft copy of the Auckland CRD proposal and DIA has sought feedback for consideration of inclusion into the draft Cabinet paper. The APO Leadership Team (DIA, DPMC, HUD, MBIE, MFE, MOT and Treasury) will provide a joined-up perspective for DIA to augment individual agency comments. We will provide you with a summary of the APO perspective when it is available.
Auckland Transport CCO	
Karen Lyons Auckland Director MoT Privacy of natural persons	Auckland Transport News 322 people have to resit their practical driving tests, following allegations that Vehicle Testing New Zealand officers at the Highbrook branch have taken money in exchange for passing drivers since 2023. Police and NZTA are investigating, and five Driver Testing Officers (DTOs) have been dismissed, with their Testing Officer endorsements suspended. NZTA is contacting the people who were tested by these DTOs and received a driver licence during the period where fraud was suspected and requiring them to pass an on-road driving test, at no cost to them, to confirm that they have the necessary skills to continue to hold a licence.
Law and Order	
Scott Gemmell Superintendent Director, Tamaki Makaurau Partnerships Police Privacy of natural persons	Updates from New Zealand Police In addition to Police's prevention and community teams, Police have established Beat teams across the three policing Districts of Tāmaki Makaurau as part of a focus on visibility policing. International tensions continue to impact our communities, including events such as the UK Manchester attack which has increased concerns among the NZ Jewish community. Police have reassurance patrols across key sites and times to ensure feelings of safety. Police continue to work with NZTA on planned protests across Auckland Harbour Bridge. Police have a clear and agreed process for requests to temporarily close the Harbour Bridge for special events and protests. NZTA approves or declines requests based on a set of criteria that reflects the critical role of the Harbour Bridge in Auckland's transport network. When notice is received of planned protests or



	disruption, the response is jointly planned by NZTA and Police (planned closure). A protest took place in Central Auckland on 13 September 2025, with an estimated crowd size of 20,000 people. The organisers informally signalled their intent to cross the harbour bridge by foot, however this did not occur as Police raised significant health and safety risks due to predicted wind strengths. The organisers acknowledged these risks, and the protest relocated to the Auckland CBD between Aotea Square and Victoria Park. Police offer alternative locations for safe protests, which do not include crossing the Harbour Bridge.
Water Reform Update	
Lori Hand Executive Director Water Services Reform DIA Privacy of natural persons	In late September, Watercare priced a five-year, fixed rate, wholesale bond to the market. The transaction was well received by the market, with an issue amount of \$400 million that was competitively priced. As previously indicated, Watercare was able to meet the statutory deadline for financial separation from Auckland Council, achieving an investment grade credit rating and the successful completion of a \$3.4 billion capital raise – New Zealand’s largest corporate debt capital raise. It also entered a transitional debt facility under which it will pay back the \$4 billion it owes to Auckland Council over the next five years. The bond issuance allows Watercare to refinance part of its transitional loan from Auckland council as well as fund its \$13.8 billion infrastructure programme outlined in its 10-year business plan. The Watercare Charter has been successful in providing certainty and assurance to financial markets of the predictability of Watercare’s business model. The Charter shows that that it will have adequate revenue to invest in infrastructure, whilst servicing debt, and incentives to improve the efficiency of its business model. Maintaining this certainty is critical for supporting the financial independence of Watercare. The Charter is also influencing a significant shift in how Watercare plans, delivers, and recovers the cost of growth. Central to this the capital programme that has been enabled by the financial separation. Watercare plans to deliver \$6.8 billion investment in projects that support housing growth in Auckland over the next decade. Watercare is expected to be responsive to changes to Auckland’s planning frameworks following the adoption of Plan Change 120. Watercare is required by section 92 of the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009 to align its activities with Auckland Council’s long-term plan and planning frameworks, including the Future Development Strategy and the Auckland Unitary Plan. When and where Watercare provides new infrastructure or capacity upgrades however still requires judgment and trade-offs. Watercare cannot feasibly provide infrastructure that reflects all of Auckland Council’s plan enabled capacity (2.4m houses) while providing cost-effective water services in Auckland. Developing infrastructure at a pace that is more closely aligned with actual population growth is important to deliver efficient and cost-effective services. While we expect that there will always be a degree of constraints as to where



	development is enabled and when, the impact of these constraints could be better managed by Watercare through clearer signals sent to the development sector well in advance. Officials at the Department of Internal Affairs continue to engage with Watercare and have encouraged it to be more collaborative and proactive in engaging with developers. We have encouraged Watercare to provide transparency on its decision-making framework for how it determines where new developments can be supported and how it will prioritise investment in growth infrastructure.
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2. General Auckland Updates

Topic/ Contact person	Comment
Auckland City Centre (In confidence)	
Michael Quinn Head of the APO APO Privacy of natural persons	Confidential advice to Government
Hauraki Gulf	
Andy Hill Director Auckland MBIE Privacy of natural persons	On 9 October 2025, the Hauraki Gulf / Tīkapa Moana Marine Protection Act (the Act) passed its third and final reading, marking a significant milestone in New Zealand's marine conservation efforts. The Act nearly triples the protected area of the Hauraki Gulf from 6% to 18%, establishing 19 new protected zones across approximately 800 square kilometres. It comes into force on 25 October 2025. These include: • 12 High Protection Areas (HPAs) – restricting most fishing and seabed disturbance while allowing for customary Māori practices and ecological restoration. • 5 Seafloor Protection Areas (SPAs) – protecting benthic habitats from dredging and bottom trawling.



	Expansion of 2 existing marine reserves, including Goat Island / Te Hāwera-a-Maki, which will more than triple in size. The new legislation is a response to concerns about the ecological decline of the Gulf (including overfishing, habitat degradation, and kina barrens), and builds on the 2013 Sea Change Plan and decades of advocacy by iwi, community groups, and scientists. It seeks to significantly improve marine health by restricting bottom trawling, dredging, and most fishing in HPAs, while allowing limited ring-net fishing in 2 of the HPAs – Kawau and Motutapu. The new protections are expected to support the recovery of key species such as snapper and rock lobster, restore kelp forests, and enhance biodiversity. The Hauraki Gulf is a major economic asset for Auckland. A 2023 NZIER report estimated its total economic value at up to \$100 billion, with annual contributions exceeding \$5 billion through tourism, aquaculture, shipping, and recreation. The Act aims to balance ecological restoration with sustainable economic use, ensuring the Gulf remains a significant resource for Auckland.
Auckland Council – preliminary local government election results	
Vanessa Blakelock Partnerships Director DIA Privacy of natural persons	The preliminary results of the 2025 elections include votes received on the morning of 11 October 2025. Final results (which are all votes including special votes) are expected to be confirmed on 17 October 2025. Preliminary results of note show the following elected to serve on the Governing Body alongside Mayor-elect Wayne Brown: Albany: Victoria Short and John Watson Albert-Eden-Puketāpapa: Julie Fairey and Christine Fletcher Franklin: Andy Baker Howick: Bo Burns and Maurice Williamson Manukau: Alf Filipaina and Lotu Fuli Manurewa-Papakura: Daniel Newman and Matt Winiata Maungakiekie-Tāmaki: Josephine Bartley North Shore: Richard Hills and John Gillon Wāitakere: Shane Henderson and Ken Turner Waitematā: Mike Lee Whau: Sarah Paterson-Hamlin - Desley Simpson (Orakei Ward, and appointed Deputy -Mayor) and Greg Sayers (Rodney) were elected unopposed. These results show that five new councillors will serve on the Governing Body for this term. Voter turnout for Auckland stands at 28.8% on preliminary results. The council is expected to be sworn in at the end of October. We will update you with final voter turnout figures and any changes to preliminary results in the next fortnightly report.
Startup Week	
Andy Hill Director Auckland MBIE	Auckland Startup Week 2025, taking place from Monday 20 to Friday 24 October 2025, is the city's first dedicated startup festival. The theme of the event is "Kiwi startups leading from the edge of the world" and it seeks to positioning Auckland as a globally competitive



Privacy of natural persons	tech hub by celebrating innovation, entrepreneurship, and global connectivity. Over 2,000 participants are expected with 1,500 registered as of 2 October. Most events are free, with a few ticketed due to costs. Delivery is led by Auckland Council's Economic Development Office, in partnership with a wide range of ecosystem enablers including Bridgewest Ventures, KiwiNet, NZVC, Angel Association NZ, University of Auckland, Movac, and others. Under the public-private partnership that underpins the event, Auckland Council has invested in venues, catering, marketing, and project management, while the private sector contributes content, speakers, and additional delivery support. The programme has been collated to: • Build Auckland's global reputation for innovation. • Position Auckland as New Zealand's startup capital. • Attract domestic and international investment. • Showcase innovation precincts and high-growth companies. • Unite and uplift the entrepreneurial community. • Establish Startup Week as an annual international drawcard. The programme will be delivered across 11 venues in the city centre, including GridAKL, Shed 10, AUT, and Auckland Town Hall. There are 32 individual events taking place over the week. See Annex One for the schedule and key points to note about the programme include: • Audience themes: <i>Starting Out, Scaling Up, Adopt, and Ignite</i>—tailored to founders, corporates, investors, and innovators. • Disruptors' Dinner (Monday 20 Oct): A flagship opening event at Auckland Town Hall for 300 guests, featuring theatrical production and founder stories. • GridAKL Events: Startup Expo, masterclasses on sales, talent attraction, wellbeing, and a Founders & Funders pitch event. • Council-led sessions: <i>Bold Moves, Bolder Founders</i> and <i>Mana meets Machine: Māori Voices in Tech</i> (Thursday 23 Oct). • Live Validation Lab: Three founders build startups during the week with coaching support. • International engagement: Delegations from Denver, Fukuoka, Utah, and Moreton Bay, with workshops and partnership showcases.
Update on the Auckland PoCF allocation	
Andy Hill Director Auckland MBIE Privacy of natural persons	In February 2025, Cabinet agreed to your proposal to provide funding of \$1.352 million from the Proceeds of Crime Fund (PoCF) to the Auckland central city Local Board and Business Improvement Districts (BIDs). The funding was evenly split over three years (2024/25-2026/27) and was for initiatives addressing crime and negative perceptions of safety in the Auckland City Centre.



	Funded entities and their annual allocations are: • Waitematā Local Board \$50,454 • Heart of the City Business Association \$150,649 • Karangahape Road Business Association \$39,217 • Newmarket Business Association \$109,231 • Parnell Incorporated \$82,486 • Ponsonby Business Association \$10,600 • Uptown Business Association \$7,950 Prior to the recent local body elections, the Waitematā Local Board agreed to the initiatives that would be funded over the full 3-year term of the funding. They agreed to allocate \$100,908 to deliver the Take 10 safe zone programme and \$50,454 for further investment the BIDs that received lesser amounts through the initial distribution (Karangahape Road Business Association, Ponsonby Business Association and Uptown Business Association). Take 10 is an initiative focused on harm reduction and inclusivity (posters attached). It operates from 10:00pm to 3:00am on Friday and Saturday nights in Te Komititanga Square - a time and location with the highest reported victimization based on Police crime data. Take 10 is a service run by volunteers from the Vulnerable Support Charitable Trust that creates a safe space for people to seek assistance. It prevents people becoming victims by giving them a safe place to charge their phones, sober up, get medical support, help to get home safely etc. Interim reporting from the first year shows progress with the agreed investment areas and objectives. For example, Heart of the City has invested in: • Continuing the Auror programme (cloud-based retail crime intelligence platform), • Street Guardians programme sponsorship, • Maintaining our night time patrols, and • Investment in the city centre CCTV network. Auckland Council have received completed Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) assessments for the CRL precincts from Auckland Transport. These will be distributed to partners through CRL Station Neighbourhood workshops which are scheduled in the next couple of weeks. The assessments are expected to inform initiatives funded in year two of this programme.
Auckland Project Updates	
Karen Lyons Auckland Director, MoT Privacy of natural persons	Confidential advice to Government



Steve Mutton

Director Regional
Relationships, Northland
and Auckland

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3. Ministerial items on hand

3.1 Upcoming significant meetings

Date and venue	Meeting and info
30 October 2025, 12:30-1:30 pm	Meeting with Tāmaki Makaurau Business Network

3.2 Other Ministerial engagements related to Auckland

Date	Minister	Meeting Info
None		

3.3 Upcoming significant media and announcements

Timing	Announcement
None	

3.4 Upcoming briefings and aide memoire

Title	Date to Minister	Action for Minister	Key contact	Summary of paper/comment
None				



3.5 Upcoming Cabinet papers

Title	Committee	Expected committee date	Key contact	Summary of paper/comment
None				

3.6 Official Information Act requests (Ministerial and Departmental for consultation)

Due to Minister's office	Statutory due date to requester	Ref	Requester	Organisation	Summary of request
None					

3.7 Ministerial correspondence

Due to Minister's office	Ref	Correspondent	Organisation	Summary of Correspondence
20 October 2025	MC-REQ-0022139	Privacy of natural persons	Metcom Realty Ltd	Wrote his concerns on homeless/derelicts populating Queen Street and its detrimental effect in Auckland City centre.

3.8 Proactive release

Date	Title	Comment
15 September 2025	BRIEFING-REQ-0021426 Proactive Release of Auckland Portfolio's fortnightly reports and briefings from 1 to 31 August 2025	Requesting your approval to proactively release, with appropriate redactions, fortnightly reports and briefings from 1 to 31 August 2025. MBIE will release the information on the date your office will advise.
11 October 2025	Proactive release of briefing titles for September 2025	MBIE provided your office with the list of briefing titles for review

3.9 Fast-Track Approvals- Auckland

Project Name	Unique Ref No.	Applicant Organisation	Date Received	Due Date to send Comments
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4. Auckland dashboards

Transport Environmental Scan																																																								
Karen Lyons Auckland Director MoT Privacy of natural persons	Public transport patronage update For the fortnight 15-28 September 2025, public transport patronage totalled 3.3 million boardings across the city’s public transport network. Patronage decreased by 9% for this fortnight compared to the same period last year, likely due to different school holiday periods. Rail and bus patronage both decreased by 9%. However, ferry patronage increased by 4%. Public transport patronage for the year to 31 August 2025, is 88.6 million boardings which has increased on the previous year’s total of 87.8 million boardings. Across all modes, bus patronage saw the largest annual increase of 2%, whereas rail patronage had a decline of 2%. At 88.6 million boardings, current annual patronage reaches 83% of Auckland Transport’s latest SOI target of 106.8 million annual public transport boardings for 2025/26. This also represents 86% of the pre-pandemic 12-month public transport patronage level in the year to December 2019 of 103.2 million boardings. <table><tr><th colspan="3">PT fortnightly patronage</th></tr><tr><th>Mode</th><th>15-28 Sept 2025</th><th>15-28 Sept 2024</th></tr><tr><td>Bus</td><td>2,617,487</td><td>2,889,779</td></tr><tr><td>Rail</td><td>535,252</td><td>590,397</td></tr><tr><td>Ferry</td><td>102,630</td><td>98,433</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>3,255,369</td><td>3,578,609</td></tr></table> Data: AT Metro daily patronage report. <table><tr><th colspan="3">PT monthly patronage</th></tr><tr><th>Mode</th><th>August 2025</th><th>August 2024</th></tr><tr><td>Bus</td><td>6,326,879</td><td>6,416,936</td></tr><tr><td>Rail</td><td>1,342,682</td><td>1,340,389</td></tr><tr><td>Ferry</td><td>343,370</td><td>335,642</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>8,012,931</td><td>8,092,967</td></tr></table> Data: AT Metro monthly patronage report. <table><tr><th colspan="3">PT annual patronage</th></tr><tr><th>Mode</th><th>Year to 31 August 2025</th><th>Year to 31 August 2024</th></tr><tr><td>Bus</td><td>70,029,658</td><td>68,981,103</td></tr><tr><td>Rail</td><td>13,648,284</td><td>13,936,912</td></tr><tr><td>Ferry</td><td>4,937,318</td><td>4,904,008</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>88,615,260</td><td>87,822,023</td></tr></table> Data: AT Metro monthly patronage report. NB: Rail and ferry data includes replacement services.		PT fortnightly patronage			Mode	15-28 Sept 2025	15-28 Sept 2024	Bus	2,617,487	2,889,779	Rail	535,252	590,397	Ferry	102,630	98,433	Total	3,255,369	3,578,609	PT monthly patronage			Mode	August 2025	August 2024	Bus	6,326,879	6,416,936	Rail	1,342,682	1,340,389	Ferry	343,370	335,642	Total	8,012,931	8,092,967	PT annual patronage			Mode	Year to 31 August 2025	Year to 31 August 2024	Bus	70,029,658	68,981,103	Rail	13,648,284	13,936,912	Ferry	4,937,318	4,904,008	Total	88,615,260	87,822,023
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HUD commentary:

Auckland house prices showed little change over the last year. However, prices have shown more variability in recent months as falling interest rates attract some buyers back into the market while high stock levels and an uncertain economic outlook act to limit price growth.

New dwelling building consents (Stats NZ)

- New dwelling consents are up 12.1% compared to August 2024.
- Total new dwellings consented annually since August 2024 is 14,495, which is up 5.4% compared to the previous year.

HUD commentary:

Over the last year, building intentions through dwelling consents have remained stable in Auckland, with considerable monthly variation.

New build intentions are likely to remain flat, or only improve slightly as economic uncertainty, the fall in net migration and the high availability of cheaper existing properties is likely to keep demand low.

It is expected that construction activity will continue to decline throughout 2025 due to the lower levels of consenting across 2023 and 2024.

Dwelling completions and new land parcels (Auckland Council)

- 15,361 dwellings received code compliance certificates (CCC) annually since July 2024.
- 1353 new residential land parcels (under 5000m²) were created in August 2025 (down 12.8% compared to August 2024)

HUD commentary:

Annual CCC issuance has decreased over the past few months due to the decline in building intentions over 2023.

As existing projects are being completed faster than new projects are coming online, construction activity is falling. This trend is expected to continue over the short-term.

Rental price index

- 0.6% decrease annually since November 2023

HUD commentary:

Nationally RPI growth remains minimal as falling net migration has contributed to a reduction in the demand for rental properties, and recent levels of construction have been high. This is particularly prevalent in Auckland, which acts as the primary inward migration hub.

Currently, the publication of Stats NZ's Rental Price Index (RPI) "flow" measure of rental inflation for new tenancies is on hold, until some improvements are made to the data and methodology. However, HUD has been able to produce a monthly rental inflation measure with the support of Stats NZ by tweaking the quarterly RPI measure we produce for our Changes in Housing Affordability Indicators (CHAI).

This does not replace the Stats NZ RPI but will provide an interim measure until publication of the Stats NZ flow measure resumes.



Auckland Economic Update October 2025

Andy Hill

Director Auckland

MBIE

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Auckland Council has published its monthly economic update for Auckland. The full report is attached in **Annex Two**.

Highlights include:

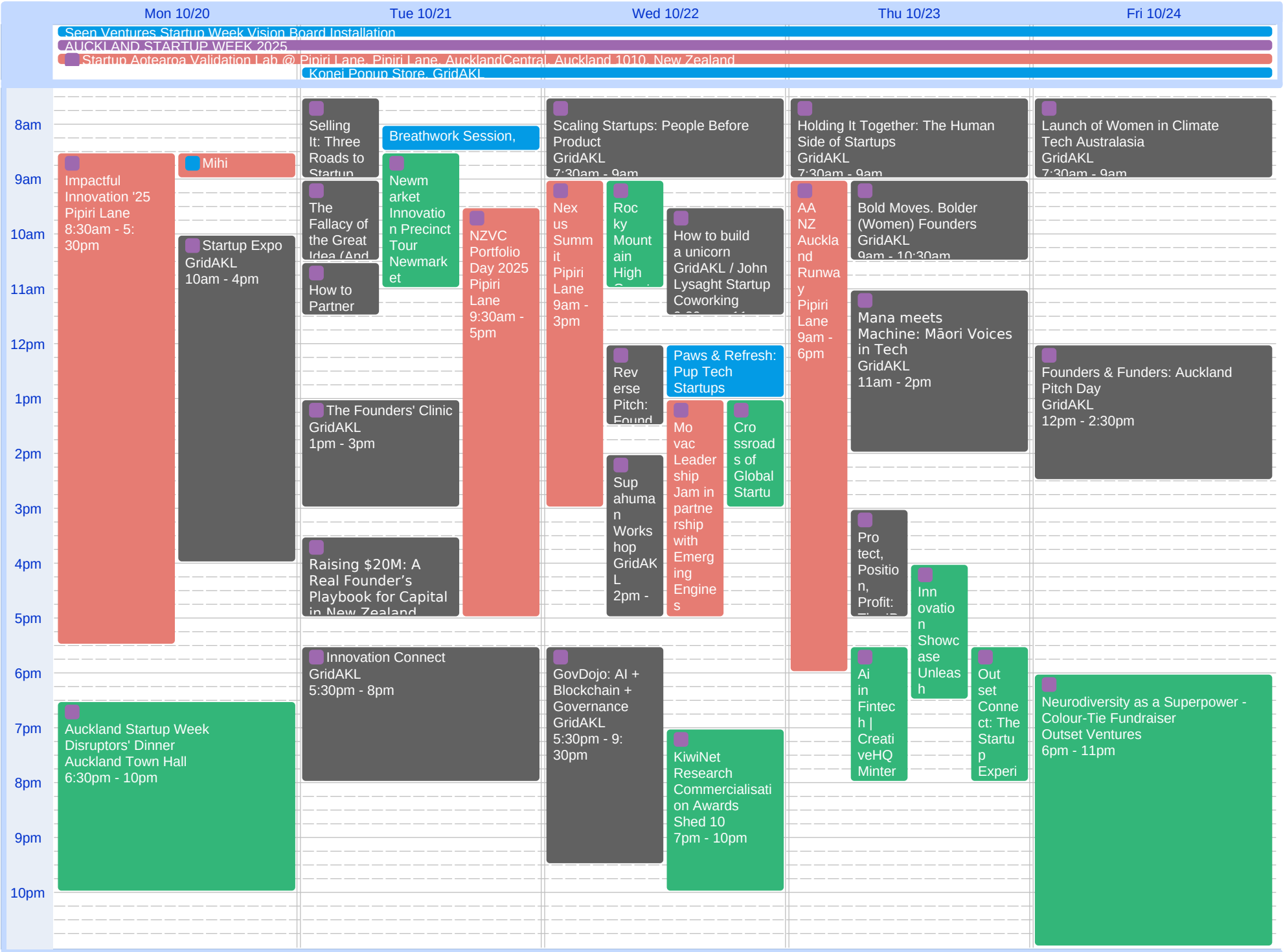
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- **Real* value of imports by Auckland seaports** for the year ended August 2025 was \$31.0 billion: rising slightly over the last year, still 8% below April 2023, but 18% higher than the 2020 Covid trough. For the rest of New Zealand, the figure was \$30.7 billion: similar to the last year, 19% above the 2020 trough, and 26% lower than their 2023 post-Covid rebound peak.

***Note: real dollars/values** are after adjusting for the effects of inflation each quarter, so a similar 'real' level means that a value rose at a similar rate to inflation.

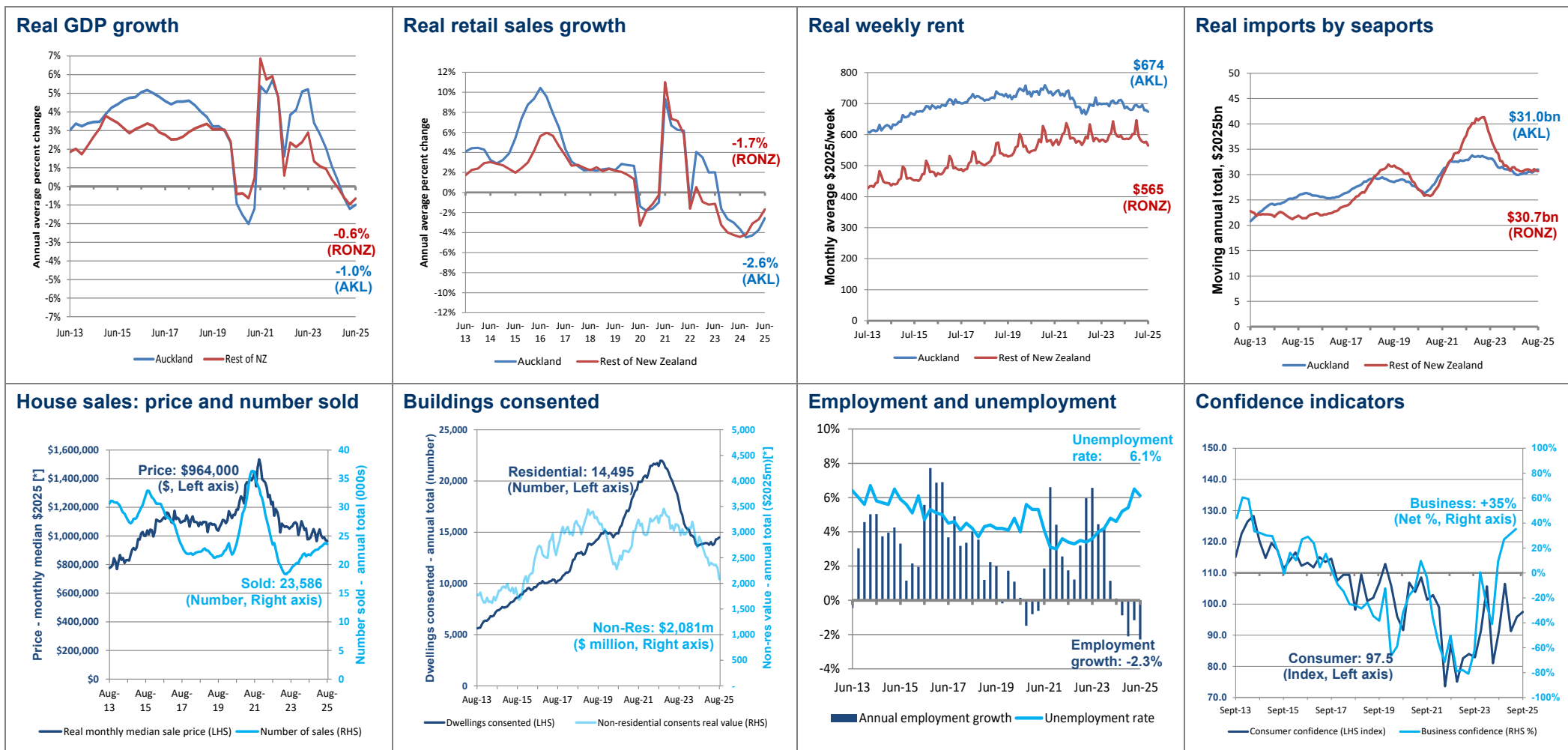
Annexes

Annex One: Auckland Startup Week Schedule

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Auckland Economic Update – October 2025

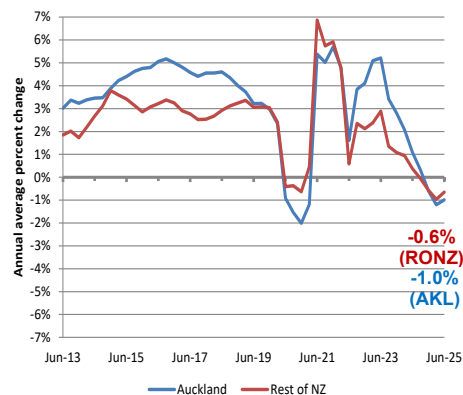


Note: Data is the latest available as at the start of the month, and is for the Auckland region, unless otherwise stated. This is a summary page only. All data sources and technical notes are provided on the next two pages.

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Real GDP growth



Auckland's real* Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the year ended June 2025 was 1.0% lower than for the year ended June 2024; in the rest of New Zealand, the annual change was 0.6% fall (see notes). Both growth rates were: slightly above March 2025, their first improvement (although still negative) since they began falling in mid-2023; similar to their Covid-related troughs of 2020; below all other periods since their GFC-related troughs of 2009 and 2010.

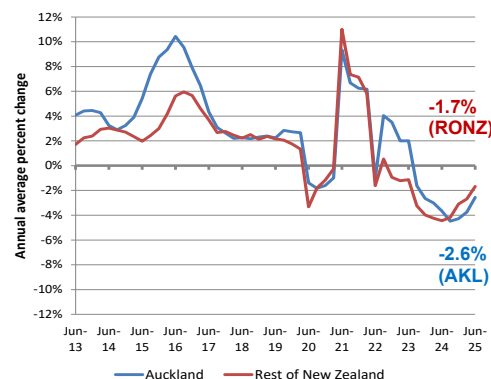
* Real GDP refers to GDP in constant 2024 dollars, to remove inflation.

Lockdowns due to Covid-19 affect results for 2020 onwards. Covid-19 lockdown level 3 began on 23 March 2020.

Latest and historical real GDP figures are modelled estimates, and subject to revision.

Source: Infometrics, *Regional Economic Profile/Quarterly Economic Monitor*.

Real retail sales growth



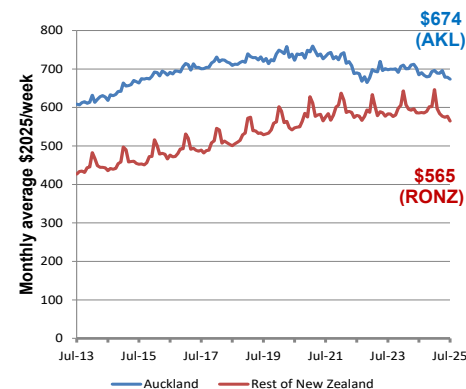
Real* retail sales for the year ended June 2025 were 2.6% lower than for the year ended June 2024; in the rest of New Zealand, the annual change was a 1.7% fall. Both growth rates continued the improvements of the last several months, but still negative and among the lowest (most negative) since 2009 (just after the Global Financial Crisis), with Auckland remaining below its 2020 Covid-related trough, and the rest of New Zealand only slightly above its. Both growth rates had been falling since late 2022.

* Real retail sales have been calculated by converting previous quarters' dollars to the latest quarter's equivalent dollars using the quarterly consumer price index (CPI), to remove inflation.

Note: These figures exclude non-retail activity captured elsewhere in the retail sales survey.

Source: Stats NZ, *Retail Sales (quarterly)*; Stats NZ, *CPI (quarterly)*; Auckland Council calculations.

Real weekly rent



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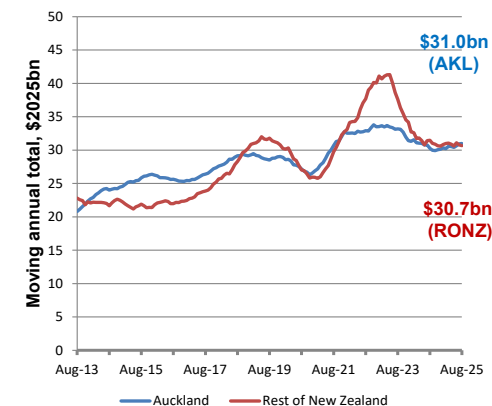
"Real rent" changes are relative to CPI inflation, so a similar "real" level means rents rose at a similar rate to inflation.

* Real rents have been calculated by converting previous quarters' dollars to the latest quarter's equivalent dollars using the quarterly consumer price index (CPI), to remove inflation.

Note: Dwelling size and quality may vary over time. Rent is for new rental bonds lodged each month with Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, for housing tenancies with private sector landlords (so excludes state housing). Data covers only new bonds, so excludes existing leases from earlier periods whose rent has not changed, or has changed but with no revision to the bond. It also excludes new leases where no bond is lodged. Data is subject to minor revisions.

Source: Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, *Regional Rental Prices (monthly)*; Stats NZ, *CPI (quarterly)*; Auckland Council calculations.

Real imports by seaports



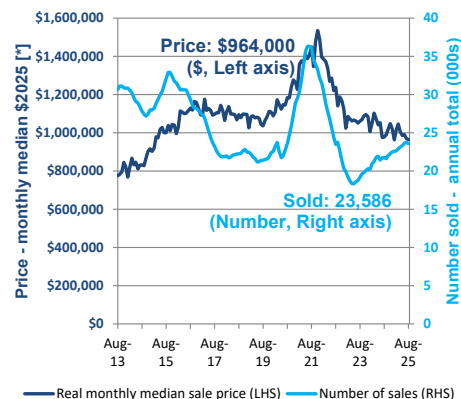
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* Real import values have been calculated by converting previous quarters' dollars to the latest quarter's equivalent dollars using the quarterly consumer price index (CPI) for tradables, to remove inflation

Note: Import values are cost including freight (CIF). Auckland seaports consist of Port of Auckland on the Waitemata Harbour near the CBD, and Port of Onehunga on the Manukau Harbour (domestic only, no imports); both are owned by Ports of Auckland Limited (POAL).

Source: Stats NZ, *Overseas Cargo Statistics-imports-value \$ CIF (monthly)*; Stats NZ, *CPI Tradables (quarterly)*; Auckland Council calculations.

House sales: price and number sold



The median (not average) sale price of houses sold in Auckland in the month of August 2025 was \$964,000 (in real* dollars: the lowest since January; falling continuously since March; the lowest-equal since 2015, ten years ago; 36% below 2021's all-time peak).

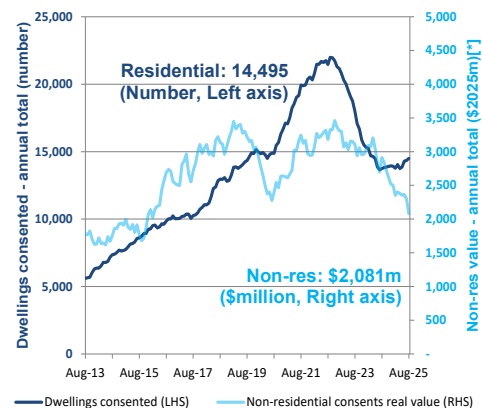
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Notes: The data for 'houses' covers actual sales during the period. Size and quality may vary over time. 'Houses' includes all dwelling types (eg apartments and flats), not just free-standing houses, but excludes sales of undeveloped land. 'Price' is real* actual sale price (not just listed). REINZ revises recent data each month for numbers sold (usually slightly upwards) and prices.

Source: Real Estate Institute of New Zealand (REINZ), Monthly Property Report (monthly – from website); Stats NZ, CPI (quarterly); Auckland Council calculations.

Buildings consented



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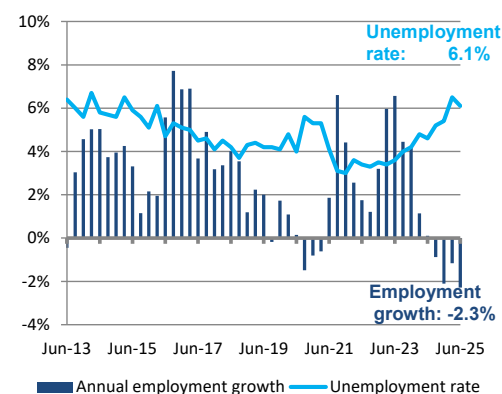
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* 'Real' values for previous months have been calculated by inflating previous quarters' dollars to the latest quarter's equivalent dollars, using the capital goods price index (CGPI) for non-residential buildings

Note: Projects consented are not necessarily commenced or completed. "New" refers to new buildings (i.e. excludes alterations and additions). Residential number is new dwellings consented, which will exceed new residential buildings as some buildings have multiple dwellings; similarly, it will differ from new residential building consents issued, as some consents are for multiple buildings.

Source: Stats NZ, Building Consents (monthly); Stats NZ, CGPI (quarterly); Auckland Council calculations.

Employment and unemployment



The number of people employed in Auckland in the quarter ended June 2025 was 2.3% lower than in June 2024 quarter: the fourth quarter in a row of negative annual growth rates despite population growth; the worst since 2009-2010 following the GFC.

The unemployment rate in Auckland in the June 2025 quarter was 6.1%: similar to March, mostly rising from 2023 onwards, and worse than during the 2020-2021 Covid lockdowns, but still lower than most of 2009 to 2013.

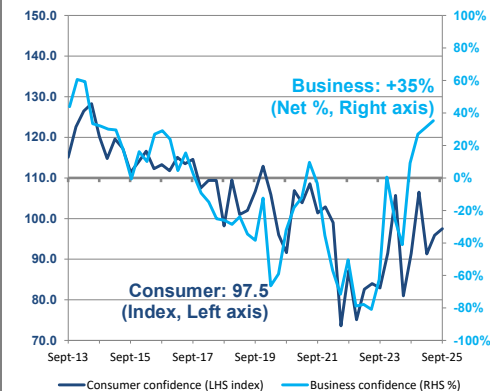
Note: Covid-19 lockdowns began on 23 March 2020, plus wage subsidies, which both affect official employment and unemployment.

Employment data is rebased by Stats NZ each quarter to match latest revisions of historic population estimates.

Both datasets are from a survey (HLFS) so are subject to error margins. Respondents define their own employment status. The survey covers all people aged 15+, so includes school pupils 15+ and people over 65, who might or might not have - or be actively seeking - a job.

Source: Stats NZ, Household Labour Force Survey (HLFS) (quarterly).

Confidence indicators



The Westpac McDermott Miller Consumer Confidence Index for the September 2025 quarter was 97.5: above most of 2022-2025 and mid-2020, but below most of 2009-2021.

The NZIER QSBO in Auckland for the June 2025 quarter (September due soon) showed a net 35% of businesses expecting the general business situation to improve over the next three months – the fourth rise in a row, to well above pre-Covid levels, reaching the highest level in eleven years, since 2014.

Note: Left axis is for CCI (consumers: index). For the CCI, a score of greater than 100 shows more optimism than pessimism. Re-scaled 18/9/2024.

Right axis is for QSBO (businesses: net %). The QSBO calculates a net figure as (% of businesses expecting an improvement) minus (% expecting a worsening). QSBO data used here is not the seasonally adjusted version.

Source: Westpac McDermott Miller, Regional Consumer Confidence Index (CCI) (quarterly – published, but proprietary); New Zealand Institute of Economic Research (NZIER), Quarterly Survey of Business Opinion (QSBO) (quarterly – by subscription).



Fortnightly Report to the Minister for Auckland

For the period Monday 20 October to Sunday 2 November 2025

Date:	31 October 2025	Priority:	Medium
Security classification:	In confidence	Tracking number:	BRIEFING-REQ-0022950

Ministers	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Simeon Brown Minister for Auckland	Note the contents of this briefing and discuss at the next officials meeting	N/A

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)			
Name	Position	Telephone	1st contact
Michael Quinn	Head of the Auckland Policy Office	Privacy of natural persons	
Andy Hill	Director Auckland		✓

The following departments/agencies have contributed content
Ministry of Transport and NZ Police

Minister's office to complete:

☐ Approved

☐ Declined

☐ Noted

☐ Needs change

☐ Seen

☐ Overtaken by Events

☐ See Minister's Notes

☐ Withdrawn

Comments

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Date:	31 October 2025	Priority:	Medium
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Purpose

To provide you with a fortnightly report for the Auckland Portfolio for the period Monday 20 October to Sunday 2 November 2025.

Recommended action

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) recommends that you:

Note the contents of this briefing and discuss at the next officials meeting.

Noted



Michael Quinn
Head of the Auckland Policy Office
31 / 10 /2025

Hon Simeon Brown
Minister for Auckland
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1. Auckland Portfolio Priorities

Topic/ Contact person	Comment
Auckland Recovery	
	See Annex One for the Auckland Council's Recovery Weekly Report (week ending 24 October 2025).
Auckland City and Regional Deal	
	No updates available for this report.
Auckland Transport News	
Karen Lyons Auckland Director MoT Privacy of natural persons	A bus driver tragically lost their life after a fire engulfed an Auckland Transport electric bus after the bus collided with a car on Tāmaki Drive on Wednesday 22 October. Although investigations are ongoing, it appears that the fire started from the petrol vehicle that hit the bus, and the electric bus batteries were undamaged. Auckland Transport's license plate-recognition vehicles issued more than 518,000 fines last year, almost double the 261,713 fines issued in 2023. The vehicles scan licence plates to see if a vehicle has overstayed its paid time in a parking spot. If a violation is detected, the system can issue an infringement notice. Auckland Transport have attributed the increase to the fleet growing from nine vehicles in 2023 to 16 vehicles in 2024. The most common type of infringement is failing to pay for parking in paid zones.
Law and Order	
Scott Gemmell Superintendent Director, Tamaki Makaurau Partnerships Police Privacy of natural persons	Updates from New Zealand Police In their first four weeks, the Henderson Beat Team have made 48 arrests and laid numerous charges including theft, assault, and breaching bail. The team's presence and proactive approach are making a real difference, not just in reducing offending, but in boosting feelings of trust and confidence among retail staff and the wider community. Protest activity, both planned and spontaneous, continues to be a key focus and challenge, particularly for resourcing. Protests that are well organised with strong leadership present an invaluable opportunity for engagement and coordination at the planning stage for both protestors and Police. Planned protests also enable opportunities for Police to conduct prevention activities in key areas where protest activity occurs. However, some protests are less structured, spontaneous, lack clear leadership, or prefer not to engage with Police. These can create significant disruption for the public, and impact Police resource planning and deployment, Confidential advice to Government Police will continue to build relationships in the community to encourage engagement and planning across protest activity.

Water Reform Update	
	No updates available for this report.

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2. General Auckland Updates

Topic/ Contact person	Comment
	Confidential advice to Government
Kylie Hawker-Green Manager, New Zealand Major Events MBIE Privacy of natural persons	Confidential advice to Government



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3. Ministerial items on hand

3.1 Upcoming significant meetings

Date and venue	Meeting and info
14 November 2025, 11:30am-12:30 pm	Auckland-based CEO Lunch

3.2 Other Ministerial engagements related to Auckland

Date	Minister	Meeting Info
7 November 2025	Minister Nicola Willis	Screen Sector Announcement

3.3 Upcoming significant media and announcements

Timing	Announcement
None	

3.4 Upcoming briefings and aide memoire

Title	Date to Minister	Action for Minister	Key contact	Summary of paper/comment
None				

3.5 Upcoming Cabinet papers

Title	Committee	Expected committee date	Key contact	Summary of paper/comment
None				

3.6 Official Information Act requests (Ministerial and Departmental for consultation)

Due to Minister's office	Statutory due date to requester	Ref	Requester	Organisation	Summary of request
None					



3.7 Ministerial correspondence

Due to Minister's office	Ref	Correspondent	Organisation	Summary of Correspondence
None				

3.8 Proactive release

Date	Title	Comment
15 September 2025	Proactive release of briefing titles for August 2025	MBIE provided your office with the list of briefing titles for review
23 September 2025	BRIEFING-REQ-0021426 Proactive Release of Auckland Portfolio's fortnightly reports and briefings from 1 to 31 August 2025	Requesting your approval to proactively release, with appropriate redactions, fortnightly reports and briefings from 1 to 31 August 2025. MBIE will release the information on the date your office will advise.
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3.9 Fast-Track Approvals- Auckland

Project Name	Unique Ref No.	Applicant Organisation	Date Received	Due Date to send Comments
None				

4. Auckland dashboards

Transport Environmental Scan																																																							
Karen Lyons Auckland Director MoT Privacy of natural persons	Public transport patronage update For the fortnight 29 September – 12 October 2025, public transport patronage totalled 3,371,915 million boardings across the city’s public transport network. 92.9% of boardings in September were considered to be on-time, ahead of the 89% target. Patronage increased by 12% for this fortnight compared to the same period last year, reflecting different school holiday periods. Bus patronage increased by 13% and rail patronage increased by 11%. However, ferry patronage declined by 3%. Public transport patronage for the year to 30 September 2025 is 88.5 million boardings which is a slight increase on the previous year’s total. Across all modes, ferry patronage saw the largest annual increase of 1%, whereas rail patronage had a decrease of 2%. At 88.5 million boardings, current annual patronage reaches 83% of Auckland Transport’s latest SOI target of 106.8 million annual public transport boardings for 2025/26. This also represents 86% of the pre-pandemic 12-month public transport patronage level in the year to December 2019 of 103.2 million boardings. <table><tr><th colspan="3">PT fortnightly patronage</th></tr><tr><th>Mode</th><th>29 September – 12 October 2025</th><th>29 September – 12 October 2024</th></tr><tr><td>Bus</td><td>2,685,997</td><td>2,373,858</td></tr><tr><td>Rail</td><td>579,181</td><td>522,220</td></tr><tr><td>Ferry</td><td>106,737</td><td>109,544</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>3,371,915</td><td>3,005,622</td></tr></table> Data: AT Metro daily patronage report. <table><tr><th colspan="3">PT monthly patronage</th></tr><tr><th>Mode</th><th>September 2025</th><th>September 2024</th></tr><tr><td>Bus</td><td>5,794,663</td><td>6,001,019</td></tr><tr><td>Rail</td><td>1,265,829</td><td>1,203,681</td></tr><tr><td>Ferry</td><td>343,061</td><td>336,895</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>7,403,553</td><td>7,541,595</td></tr></table> Data: AT Metro monthly patronage report. <table><tr><th colspan="3">PT annual patronage</th></tr><tr><th>Mode</th><th>Year to 30 September 2025</th><th>Year to 30 September 2024</th></tr><tr><td>Bus</td><td>69,823,302</td><td>69,555,286</td></tr><tr><td>Rail</td><td>13,710,432</td><td>13,997,815</td></tr><tr><td>Ferry</td><td>4,943,484</td><td>4,915,273</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>88,477,218</td><td>88,468,374</td></tr></table> Data: AT Metro monthly patronage report. NB: Rail and ferry data includes replacement services.	PT fortnightly patronage			Mode	29 September – 12 October 2025	29 September – 12 October 2024	Bus	2,685,997	2,373,858	Rail	579,181	522,220	Ferry	106,737	109,544	Total	3,371,915	3,005,622	PT monthly patronage			Mode	September 2025	September 2024	Bus	5,794,663	6,001,019	Rail	1,265,829	1,203,681	Ferry	343,061	336,895	Total	7,403,553	7,541,595	PT annual patronage			Mode	Year to 30 September 2025	Year to 30 September 2024	Bus	69,823,302	69,555,286	Rail	13,710,432	13,997,815	Ferry	4,943,484	4,915,273	Total	88,477,218	88,468,374
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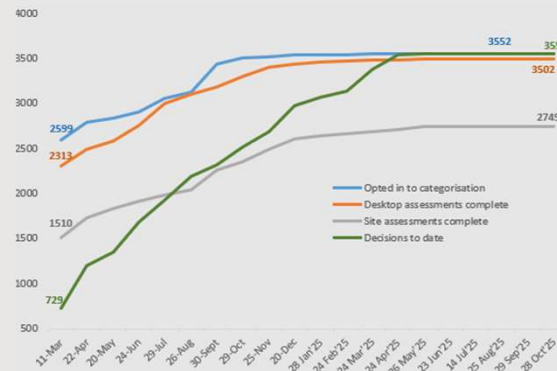
Annexes

Annex One: Auckland Council's Recovery Weekly Report

Categorisation Stages

Stages	Initial Impacted properties	Risk Assessments	Desktop Assessments Complete	Site Assessments Complete
Number of properties	7,389	3,552	3,502	2,749
Change from last report	no change	0	0	1

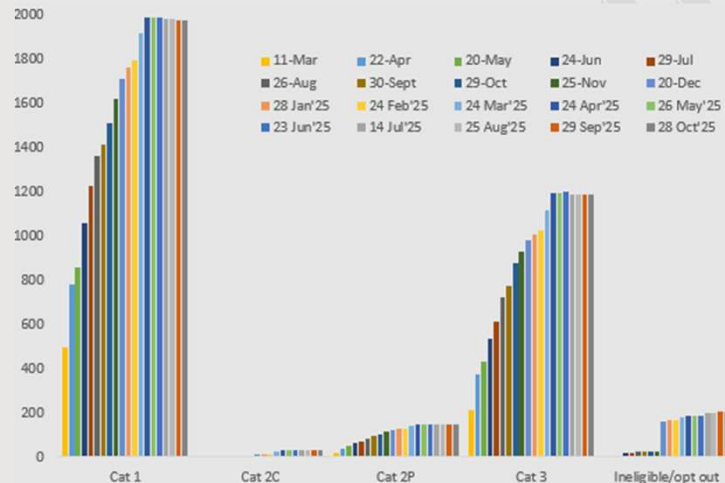
3,552 registrations and decisions to date, with final risk assessments completed for all properties.



Summary of Categorisation Progress

Final Categories 3,552 properties	Category 1	Category 2C	Category 2P	Category 3 Eligible for buyout	Ineligible/opt out
Number of properties categorised	1,979	32	148	1,190	203
Change from last report	0	0	-2	2	0
Final Categories (Forecast Sep'25)	1,989	32	145	1,183	202
% Decisions to date	99%	100%	102%	101%	100%

- Of the 1,190 total Category 3 properties:
- 1,155 property owners opted in to buyout programme
 - 24 property owners opted out and will not advance to the buyout stage (an increase of 9 from previous report)
 - 11 property owners have not opted in to buyout (vs 18 last month). Pro-active outreach and follow up is currently on-going.



Category 3 Buy-outs in Progress

Stages	Council valuations communicated	Sale and Purchase Agreements instructed	Buy-out Offers Accepted	Buy-out Offers Settled
Number of properties	1,152	1,059	1,025	965
Change from last report	6	20	25	35
Buyout offers % based on 1,183 category 3 properties	97%	90%	87%	82%

- Re-forecast exercise completed in September'25.
- % based on revised Category 3 forecast number of 1,183 properties.



Special circumstances applications, Disputes / Category reviews

