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Whenuapai Study December 2003

SUMMARY

This study was conducted during December 2003, interviewing a total of n = 300 residents in the greater Auckland region. There were no quotas placed on the data.

In summary, results showed that there was reasonable awareness of the Whenuapai proposal (61%). North Shore residents were significantly more likely to be aware of the proposal (79%). Near to half of all respondents were in favour (strongly or somewhat) of the proposal (46%) and interestingly, North Shore residents were no more in favour nor more opposed to the suggested developments than residents in other areas of Auckland.

The main reasons for support of the proposal were the belief that Auckland was growing rapidly, the area around the existing airport is getting too congested, travel time for residents of the North Shore and West Auckland is too long and inconvenient, and that it would be good economically (employment/development/service & pricing competition).

Nearly a third of those interviewed (31%) would not mind whether or not a commercial airport is developed at Whenuapai.

Of those interviewed, 13% were opposed to the proposal (strongly or somewhat).

The main reasons for opposing the proposal were concerns of noise pollution, Auckland not being large enough to support two airports, land/resources/money should be going towards housing/education/health/other means of public transport, and that North and Western motorways are already becoming congested.

NOTE:

With the need to complete the survey quickly and at a time of year that is very busy for people, no demographic quotas were imposed. However, while the total sample may not be exactly representative of the population, the percentage opposed to the proposal is not significantly different by gender or reported age group.

1.1 Awareness of proposal

Understandably, residents on the North Shore were more likely to be aware of the Whenuapai proposal than in other regions of Auckland. Those aware were also more likely to be older and more frequent domestic flyers

Table 1.1: Awareness of Proposal

	Auckland Region					Gender		Age		
	Total	North	South	East	West	Central	Male	Female	18-49	50+
	%	%	%		%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	61	79	49	50	77	50	66	56	49	83
No	37	20	49	50	21	49	32	42	49	15
Don't know	2	1	2	-	2	1	2	2	2	2
Base	300	71	47	44	48	70	135	165	192	106

	Household		Domestic Flights			International Flights		
	Young/Family	Family/Older	0	1-2	More than 2	0	1	More than 1
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	49	72	57	53	79	60	53	66
No	48	27	41	45	20	38	43	33
Don't know	3	1	2	3	2	2	3	1
Base	147	153	158	76	66	154	60	86

Note: Red colouring indicates 99.9% significance
 Blue colouring indicates 99% significance

North Auckland = North Shore and further north
 South Auckland = Otahuhu and further south
 East Auckland = Pakuranga and further east
 West Auckland = Avondale and further west

1.2 Favourability to proposal

Nearly half of all respondents were in favour of the Whenuapai proposal. North Shore and West Auckland residents were no more in favour nor opposed to the proposal than other regions of Auckland. Those more likely to be in favour of the proposal were older residents and those that were frequent domestic flyers.

Table 1.2 Favourability to proposal

	Auckland Region						Gender		Age	
	Total	North	South	East	West	Central	Male	Female	18-49	50+
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Strong in favour	28	31	26	27	44	13	31	25	21	41
Somewhat in favour	18	17	26	14	13	23	23	15	20	15
TOTAL IN FAVOUR	46	48	51	41	56	36	54	39	41	56
Would not mind either way	31	31	30	25	19	40	25	35	34	24
Somewhat opposed	7	4	6	2	8	13	5	8	8	5
Strongly opposed	6	8	2	14	6	1	10	4	6	7
TOTAL OPPOSED	13	13	9	16	15	14	15	12	14	11
Don't know	10	8	11	18	10	10	6	14	11	9
Base	300	71	47	44	48	70	135	165	192	106

	Household		Domestic Flights			International Flights		
	Young/Family	Family/Older	0	1-2	More than 2	0	1	More than 1
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Strong in favour	21	34	24	24	41	31	18	29
Somewhat in favour	16	20	14	21	26	13	25	23
TOTAL IN FAVOUR	37	54	38	45	67	44	43	52
Would not mind either way	37	25	37	29	18	32	32	28
Somewhat opposed	7	6	6	9	5	6	8	6
Strongly opposed	8	5	6	7	6	6	5	7
TOTAL OPPOSED	16	10	13	16	11	13	13	13
Don't know	10	10	13	11	5	12	12	7
Base	147	153	158	76	66	154	60	86

1.3 Reasons for favourability response

The main reasons of those that were **in favour** of the Whenuapai proposal were:

- Auckland Airport is becoming too big/busy/congested
- Auckland City is growing rapidly
- Mangere is becoming over-populated
- Economic reasons
 - Employment
 - Progress and development
 - Competition – services and pricing (cuts monopoly)
- Ease of access/convenience for those residents living in West and North Auckland.
- The alternative is not great/don't need more housing

The main reasons of those that were **opposed** to the Whenuapai proposal were:

- Noise pollution
- Auckland is too small/doesn't have the population to support two airports
- Unnecessary/unjustified/existing airport sufficient
- Not economically viable
- Should be turned into housing/public reserve
- Money should be spent on education/health
- Money should be spent on railways/buses/trains
- Northern/Western/North-Western motorways already too busy/traffic congestion
- Affects property values in that region
- Against government getting rid of defence forces.

APPENDIX

Strongly in favour of proposal

It could be good for economic reasons.
Because its there, and Auckland Airport is getting fairly big now, the Airports already there and it would be just stupid just turning it into houses and farms. We have motorway that goes out to the airport and its going to get worse and an airport at Whenuapai will relieve that traffic, and hopefully we'll get more tourists here.
It splits the Airport and stops everyone going to the one place; to my understanding they'll have an International Airport and the one in Whenuapai a domestic airport, also stops all the planes going to the one airport so it's easier to control the plane traffic.
Common Sense, Auckland Airport can't handle all the traffic coming in, Whenuapai is a good idea because it's already developed, Wellingtons got two airports and Auckland should have two to.
The first time I ever came to Auckland I was fourteen years old and that was in Whenuapai. West Auckland needs, we could use another airport in Auckland we're big enough to do that. One in Five or One in Three of New Zealanders live in Auckland and it's going to get bigger and bigger, personally I think it would be a good thing, and it would be good for the West. It will bring people and business out this way, and if you're going to the airport and in the West wouldn't you be pleased that you don't have to take the Southern Motorway.
Good for the public, nearer to the areas that are far away from the airport, and also creates employment.
Because the economic situation in New Zealand could do with some progress and development, so it would be a good idea. It would probably help the area as well if the residents would agree to it then it would benefit their community as well.
I think it's good to have a second airport for competition and for access to more competition from private airlines.
It will be good for Auckland to have another airport in case something happens at the Mangere airport. Also there might be cheaper airlines because AKL Airport might charge high fares, and then the Whenuapai airport can charge less meaning they will get more money, and also easier for people living far from Mangere to travel to an airport that will be closer to them.
It would be easier for me to get to this airport, because Mangere is very hard to find, so for me personally it would be better to have an airport that is of very easy access to me.
I think the alternative is not going to be that great. If they don't put an airport up, it will be taken over with houses. I think the airport will be a big advantage to Aucklanders. Having a secondary airport to Mangere, would be more convenient in ways of traveling in Auckland, especially ones that live in Whenuapai.
To drive from Glenfield to Auckland is way too far for me to travel (to Mangere). Having an airport close by would benefit them by not having to travel far. Especially during peak hour traffic. Auckland is big enough for two airports. It would help traffic congestion as well.
I think we could do with another airport. More airlines seem to be coming in all the time. It's ridiculous having 1 airport for the size of Auckland.
It would be better to have 2 airports in Auckland. Especially for the ones who live up North. It would be convenient for them in not having to travel all the way to Mangere to catch a flight.
For a start Mangere will be growing out in some stage. In the long term Mangere is going to be out grown by the population and needs to expand the airport facilities for long term sake.
Auckland will be better off with 2 airports. Especially for those who live far from Mangere. If 1 airport wasn't working, we could easily use the other.

Makes a lot of sense for this city to have 2 airports due to distances people have to travel that live far away. Competition is a good thing. Better services and better pricing. Anything that helps promote competition is a good thing.
Out West we have to travel all the way to Mangere to get to the airport. Having an airport near by would be more convenient in having a shorter distance to travel.
The Auckland airport is too far away from North Shore. It would be good to have an airport near by, so it would be quicker to get to an airport. Aucklanders could do with another airport due to the growing population and traffic congestion.
Auckland airport itself is getting too crowded and really hard on traffic control and number of people.
This is a city that needs alternatives. If anything happens or goes wrong, we would have another airport to land on.
I think it's better to have closer transport for people catching flights. They don't have to go out to Mangere. It would stop blocking up all the roads. It would also be closer for me and my family.
I think we need a second commercial airport, If in an emergency it would be handy to have a second landing field. Once the facility and land have been bought, there is no reversing it. Houses and factories can be built anywhere, not airports.
It would be good to have another airport for people who live in the area. Due to not having to travel far to catch flights. It would also be good to have a secondary airport to help with emergency landing.
Auckland is huge and needs 2 airports. I suppose we could get more tourists and it'll make a lot of money for the whole country.
Just the convenience of not having to travel far to go to the airport out in Mangere.
It's close to where you live and I am happy about this change
Bringing commerce and employment to the West. If there is a disaster at the other airport it's good to have an alternative one.
It cuts the monopoly Auckland airport has and it would open up for cheaper flights and would be easier to access for people on the North Shore
Because it takes too long to get to the current airport.
If you live on the North Shore it takes hours to get to the airport it would save time
Driving all the way to Mangere is too far. Having one near by would be more convenient in terms of not having to travel far to catch flights.
All the facilities are already at Whenuapai.
We live too close to the area and would like to have the airport there rather than traveling for two hours to the Airport. Airport close to you saves time
I think that there is so much going on already at the international airport. It'll be good to have another landing available.
I think Auckland needs another airport. Its need a smaller airport just for commercial flights. The city is growing and I feel that an alternative is needed. It would benefit the people who live in the West. They could just make a direct trip to Whenuapai.
Because I do a lot of traveling and I don't have to drive.
This would be best in terms of the people who live in the area. With the airport existing there before, it shouldn't be a problem being re-built again. This would be convenient for people living in the area due to not having to travel all the way to Mangere. There shouldn't be a problem if it is commercially viable.
I travel a lot and it's a hassle to get to the airport in Mangere. It's always a mission to get out there. Especially if I have early flights. It'll be good to have an airport at Whenuapai due to not having to get up early and have to travel as far.

It would be a lost opportunity. Who knows what the future holds.
I think that Auckland needs another airport.
Just for the sake of competition with the current Auckland airport.
Auckland airport needs further assistance
Because it takes too long (about 45mins) to get to the main Auckland airport from where I live.
Because the area could use an airport and we are halfway there already
Just in case there is an emergency
I think it will be good to have another airport on the other side of the country and we will have more aircraft to other countries, also create more jobs and services
I think it should be utilised, everything is basically there anyway so it would be good for transport reasons.
I think we need two airports
It's already there up and running and it will be silly to let it go. Commercial use would give more revenue.
I think we need more airports in Auckland.
There is a lot of land going to waste, the distance to get to the Auckland airport is ridiculous, it is a good idea.
There would be benefits to the country if there was an extra airport.
I think we could do with a couple more airports in Auckland.
It would be very good in terms of the prices being cheaper.
The locality, it is closer than any other airport.
It eases up the traffic at Mangere airport
Used to be an airport for Auckland so it can be good to re-use it and I think it is a good option
Just convenient, takes time for me to get to the Mangere airport especially for people on the shore.
We can do with another airport because Auckland airport is overcrowded.
Lessen the traffic in the Mangere area
Provide businesses with cheaper options with freighting their goods. This would outweigh the disadvantages.
Due to domestic expansion and increasing population requirements for services to the public.
It's a long way to the airport from the North Shore.
I like it.
Transport issues within Auckland.
Auckland needs to have an alternative to help with the growing population of the city. It makes a lot of sense to have another airport. This would help with traffic congestion that is a problem at the moment. I live in the South, so really I don't mind what they do with the area. I wouldn't want to see it converted into housing.
We need an airport closer to the city. Having another airport in Auckland would be more convenient for people who live in the area. They wouldn't have to travel far to get to an airport to catch flights.
it would be good to see something happen with it
It's easier for us to get to an airport instead of traveling all the way to Mangere. Auckland's population is growing, so having another airport would be a good idea. Having another airport would help decrease traffic problems we face every day.
It'll be good to have another airport in Auckland, due to not having to travel all the way to Mangere. Auckland's population is growing and needs some sort of help with flying people in and out of New Zealand. Having a lot of little flights available would be good as well.
I have to go to Mangere every now and then. It's too far to travel and too complicated to go to Mangere just to catch flights. I don't want to see the land used for any housing. It would be very, very handy. It's the traffic that holds me up all the time. Just would be good not to have to make

all these big trips out to Mangere.
we could do with an airport at this side, it's a long haul to the airport from the North
If it's going to serve the public in areas close to Whenuapai
cheaper airfares, more competition
because I think we need another airport and there is already one there so its easy
Last chance to have an airport in the city, there is already an airport there
Well virtually it's to do with inflation and giving the people of the North Shore more opportunities and employment. It's progress, keeping up with the times. The people out there are already used to planes they knew there was an airport there when they bought. Whenuapai air force base has been there for donkies years
it doesn't go straight to Council, it doesn't go straight to housing, we have enough housing out here we definitely need another airport here in Auckland

Somewhat in favour of proposal

Less overloading of passengers at one place. People don't have to travel as far to one airport.
It would be good for the people in the North Shore; it would stop them from facing all the traffic to get to Mangere.
I don't think it would hurt Auckland in having another airport. Good for people to have options of Airports, it helps prices and competition.
For their airplanes, I don't think they use the area that well, and that it would probably take the pressure of the main airport AKL international. Also give more jobs to other people.
I think that it's just a commercial venture but I don't think it would be a very pleasing experience for people living there.
You're sick of going all the way out to Manakau,
It's handy and accessible north and west of Auckland, so that they don't have to go to Mangere and generate work employment and also the infrastructure is there like the runway so they can use it. Although I do think it might be better used for domestic use. The commuter aircrafts could be transferred there.
Could do with another airport in Auckland. It would ease the congestion with the growing population.
It would be good to have another airport in Auckland. This would maybe attract more tourists. This would help decrease the traffic on the motorway.
Whatever is good for the growth of New Zealand, we need to develop a lot of business here. Having another airport in Auckland will help improve economic business or support communication and transfer of products. We can't look after people unless we have a good economic backbone for the country. I'd rather it be set up into an airport rather than have houses built.
I think it would be a good option to have a second airport in Auckland. In terms of traffic congestion.
To avoid the traffic congestion and not having far to travel to an airport.
They would never be able to afford to purchase enough land for something that already exist. Once it's gone, it's gone.
It would good to have another airport. It would be more convenient for the ones who live in the area in not traveling far, especially for people who live up North.
A lot of the facilities for local flying within New Zealand need upgrading. It would be easy access for people living up North to catch flights.
For those people who live in the North Shore that won't have far to travel. Good for those who work at the airport in Mangere to be transferred to that new airport for work. I think if it was to be built, the Government and the council should work towards a solution to fund it, instead of making the tax payers pay for it. Whoever proposed the idea should back it up financially. Maybe having this new airport would decrease traffic congestion. It would create employment for those who live in the North Shore. Hopefully it would take on more flights and be a new landing for Virgin Blue. Create competitive airlines and lower fares.
Would be an alternative landing area in Auckland
It would be more convenient for people who live out that way to catch their flights instead of driving all the way to Mangere.
It's so far from this side of town to the main airport. It's just a long and slow trip to get to the Auckland airport.
Just more convenient for the ones who live far from the airport in Mangere.
I can't see a reason not to. Be more convenient for North Shore people who won't have to travel far to catch any flights.
Provides additional competition to the other International airport.

It's already in use for an air strip. I don't see why they shouldn't carry it on. Two airports are better than one. Having another airport in that area would take the stress and congestion away from the other one. If something is wrong with the Auckland airport, at least we will have an alternative landing if an emergency was to occur.
It's handy to have an airport in the North Shore
It'll be of a waste not to turn it into an airport. It might help the International airport. People who live out that way could get more jobs.
It'll be closer for me to get to an airport. It'll be good for the area to retain the same nature and employment for people in the area.
I don't want the land to go private. Wealthy people would capitalise on it.
Because it is an airport now so it could be easily adapted to an airport.
Because I live near the Auckland airport, I doubt that I would ever have to go to Whenuapai. But I think it is good for those who live far from the Auckland airport so that it would be easier in terms of transport.
Economic reasons
I think its just good use of the land
Would be good for domestic use.
Because Auckland is growing and will need a second airport at some point
It would be good for families who live out near Whenuapai (North Shore areas), so that it would be easier for them to get to the airport rather than driving all the way out to the Auckland airport in the south.
It would increase the amount of people using this airport in terms of access (transport)
It would give more job opportunities, and allow more access to people who are flying in and out, also I imagine the prices would be cheaper.
More opportunities - more airports in the Auckland region.
The current airport is too confusing, a separate national airport would be good, also the airport is too far away.
Because it is so far to go to the main airport and it will be good to have a closer one
There should be another airport because it is a big city.
just to take the pressure off the Mangere airport and especially the traffic
I work at the airport and it is being very overloaded at the moment and it won't be too long before the Auckland airport can't keep up
Convenient for me because I live on the North Shore.
opens up for tourism with more airline capacity and cheaper airport fees
because we will have to see the who can best improve the infrastructure, then we can see what would be the advantages of letting them (Infracore) probably some other companies would be interested as well
The population is increasing and we need other alternative transport to help the public.
In time Auckland is going to need 2 airports. I think air travel is expanding and New Zealand doesn't have a good flying system. We need to protect our borders and need the air force to keep operating. Maybe having an airport and an air force operating at the same terminal would be good. I don't want to see the land with any houses built on it. This would definitely decrease the traffic jams that Auckland motorways are facing. There is pressure on Auckland to turn space into housing. If we don't start building facilities that we need, like airports we will face looking further

towards other areas to build these facilities, maybe further away from where people are so they will find it hard to get to an airport.

Basically the more places you can go to, to access an airport the easier it is to get to and there is less congestion

I don't see it as a problem, it doesn't affect me

Because I think it would provide facilities in that side of the city and reverse some of the traffic flows

I haven't really thought about it, it's getting too congested at the moment, when I returned from overseas we had to get out on the tarmac because there was no room at the terminal

sooner or later they will need another domestic airport and while they have Whenuapai available it's better to use that than build a new one

Because the Auckland airport is a bit too crowded and a second airport could take smaller aircraft.

It sounds like a strong financial idea for strengthening the area and for employment but I don't know the down side at this point. Need more info.

Strongly opposed to proposal

I live just across the water from there, the noise pollution of the planes.
This country is too small, for the army its ok, because they've sold everything. They don't have the ability to do it or the funding to do it.
I think that it's totally unnecessary to have it go commercial, because I think that the areas should be sold and used for housing and the money used on things like education and health. The airport is totally unjustified, and just absolutely no reason to be there. Auckland airport is building another runway and so that will accommodate the whole purpose of the new airport. I think that there should just be no airport at all.
We don't need another one. It's too noisy when the planes fly over where I work. We as Aucklanders can't afford it.
I'm sick and tired of my money going to the rates. The public have spent enough money on things like this. We should try and keep the Air-Force instead of trying to get rid of it. The Government should be spending money on more important things, like the ones who are on pensions like me.
Because Auckland has doesn't have a big enough population for two airports
Whenuapai has a lot of land for access
Auckland airport is no way near full capacity. I don't want planes flying over the top of my head anymore than they already do. I don't think it's economically viable. There should be no requirements to have one.
Too noisy from the planes flying over where I stay.
Because the city should have only one major airport.
Because it is too far.
Because I think the traffic is noisy for the people.
The area requires schools and hospitals not more airports.
Because I am a share holder of the Auckland airport and we cannot have that.
It's annoying; I am having enough troubles now as I am in the flight path.
Too much noise and a lot of traffic.
The existing airport is sufficient
I would be in the flight path and it would be noisy for me - but I would have to see the routes they fly before making a final decision -also at peak times the north-western motorway is chocka and it would bring more people on it and make it more difficult and I have also heard that Auckland has capacity to increase growth for the next 20 years.

Somewhat opposed to proposal

There is already an airport; I just don't see any other reason to have another one.
I think that the area should be used for better use; I don't think it should be used for another airport. As it is public grounds I think that it should be returned back to the community and used for a Public reserve, or something that benefits the public
I would like it left as an Air-Force base. I have a lot of history out there. It would bring extra noise and traffic. It would require roading and extra traffic which we don't need. I'm not in favour of the Government getting rid of our defense forces which they have done in the past.
Because of the traffic getting out to another airport. Having one airport is enough. We've got enough planes coming in and out of here as it is.
If the current airport is alright, it's not necessary to build another one. This would cost the tax payers too much. The Government should spend the money on better things. The Government should be using the money on education for children and adults.
Because we live really close to it. It would be planes going over all the time and it'll be too noisy. It's kind of strange why we would need another commercial airport in Auckland. I just don't see why we need another one. When the one we got now is big enough for Aucklanders.
There has been awful lot money spent on our International airport already. I don't know if the development of a second airport is warranted. Railways, buses and trains are more justified at the moment. I think it should be put on hold for the future. It's not a good enough reason to spend all this money on another airport. There are more important things to spend this money on. I would hope all money the Government and the Council spends is spent wisely.
Too congested
It's gonna be a problem of noise to residents in the area. It would increase traffic in the general area. We would have a higher level of pollution. Gonna have more traffic congestion on the motorway. A lot more activities would occur if another airport was to be built. This could affect valuations of properties. Properties won't be worth as much.
International airport is all we need really.
I was under the impression that they were going to use this for housing, not an airport or commercial use.
Because the land should be sent back to Maori.
I do not think we need another airport.
I don't know enough about it but I know that Auckland airport has enough space capacity.
Concerned about the noise level.
Because I do not see why we need another one...
Auckland is built up enough they don't need planes and shit flying through, its not necessary the traffic is bad enough now
Noise pollution, not thinking about the people who live out there and want it to be nice and quiet
we do need another airport out here but I am sure there are better uses for the land
I think that it should be made into a public reserve, something for the people- It is in a beautiful position and West Auckland deserves something nice, I see no need for a second airport.

Neither in favour nor opposed to proposal

I don't live anywhere near Whenuapai, so it doesn't bother me.
We own a property in South Auckland and we're used to going from here for domestic travel.
I think at the present there are too many flights and there could be a stage that they will come at the same time, if its safe then that will be different its not so much the airport but the planes that are landing and taking off that could be too risky for the passengers and pilots because the skies could get overcrowded.
I don't think it will be a benefit for me because I'm out in South Auckland, if it benefits the people out those ways then good one, but it doesn't benefit me.
Probably not going to use it, it's just too far away the other ones closer to me than Whenuapai.
For import and export would be good rather than using the international Airport. Looking at the transport and so forth in Auckland how anything is all out south then heading into the city and that could lessen congestion.
I don't have enough information to decide whether it's a good thing or a bad thing.
It doesn't really affect me because I live in South Auckland.
If they use if for emergencies like maybe Auckland airport closed, then having a second backup facility where they could land would be good. Makes good use of existing infrastructure
Well I very seldom go to an airport so you don't really have any real use of airports. And also it's right out of my area...doesn't really apply to me, And plus I live out in Mangere where there's already the AKL international airport so I would use that
Because I don't know what the affect on people surrounding the airport would be, I haven't given it much thought. I don't know if it might be positive or negative. Basically just because I don't know the affect on the local area.
I don't see it affecting anything...I'm ok with the ideal
There's lots of airspace and so that means lots of airports, and i don't really mind but if it does go private I won't be happy because it will probably be owned from someone overseas, which means that all the money will go overseas and that won't be good for our country
I'm not really interested in the proposal. I don't care about it, it doesn't interest me.
I think firstly a second airport would be good as it will take a lot of pressure off the current airport and also help people who might live in the North Shore to be closer to an airport that they can use instead of driving out to where the current airport is. But also on the other hand it would piss a lot of people off. Especially the residential area, as at the moment they are used to a rural lifestyle, but once the airport starts getting built there will be a lot of noise, also the landscape will be destroyed.
I don't live near Whenuapai and so it doesn't really have any affect on me. I live too far away to care
First of all I don't even know where Whenuapai is and so I'm not really aware of where the area is, and also I don't think that it will have much affect on me.
I don't live in that part of Auckland and so it doesn't really bother me. I don't mind which way it goes, whether there's an airport or not
I live very close to the current airport and so I don't really mind. It doesn't bother me which ever way it goes. But I think for the people out there it might be a problem especially the noise.
I don't use the airport that much and so I don't really mind. And also I live close to the current airport and so as long as that is there then I'm not really worried about anything.
More because I haven't really looked at the impact of having another airport in Auckland.
I think it would be nice to have another airport. Due to not always having to travel all the way to Mangere to catch flights.
It's got to be used for something. It would be a waste leaving it as nothing. If it could be used as an airport, people who live over the North Shore won't have to travel far to catch a flight.
I never go out that way, so I would never get to use it.

Then I would be for it. That would bring business and money. People coming from overseas would spend more of their money in New Zealand.
The airport wouldn't be busy and it would be good to keep traffic quiet around the area.
It just doesn't affect me either way.
I don't see why we need to have another airport. They should expand on the existing one we have now. Why not use that money on other forms of transport that we need. For example buses and trains.
Having another airport in Auckland would help people who live far away from the airport operating at the moment in having shorter distance to travel. People can check in quicker and maybe help decrease delays that happen often. It could also cut down on traffic congestion.
Doesn't really affect me
I think it's a bad idea to turn it into an airport. Auckland is too small for it.
I wouldn't use it
I never use the airport anyway, so it doesn't worry me.
I live in Mt Wellington
I don't live there
It doesn't in any way concern me
I'm not gonna be here. I'm leaving to live overseas.
It does not make any difference it would not change my life style
No reason
Can't say
It doesn't matter where the airport is.
It doesn't matter whether we have another airport or not.
I guess I prefer it if it is going to save people time in getting to the airport but at the same time I'm skeptical about the noise. So I'm in favour of the proximity but against the noise pollution, a balance should be maintained
have not given much thought to it
I have not heard about it and hence I am not in the position to decide
It makes sense to have two airports an International and a Domestic.
I have not given it a lot of thought
It wouldn't affect you at all.
I don't live in the area so it doesn't bother me at all.
It doesn't affect me because I don't live there.
I am getting too old to be worried about that.
It'll make me happier by not having the main airport busy. The noise factor won't affect me at all because I don't live in the area.
Depends whether we need it or not.
Because I do not really know.
Because I don't know enough about the proposal
I do not know
I don't live around there
If they can do it then it does not really matter
don't know anything about it
Because I don't know enough about the issue
It does not really directly affect me.
Don't know enough about the proposal
feel for the people who live there, and I think its too big for the council
It wouldn't worry me at all.
Because it would be more convenient, rather than traveling to south Auckland to Mangere for the

international airport.
Do not know much about it
Because you can see positive and negative.
It's been a commercial airport for many years until the navy took it over.
It doesn't really worry me...
have not got much idea to give much of an opinion about it
I do not know much about...
Do not know about it
Do not know anything about it
Don't care really.
Because don't know much about the issue.
It's so far away from me, so it doesn't affect me at all.
More jobs I suppose
it don't bother me, I go to my home country once a year I really don't mind
I live near Ardmere so I am in favour of smaller airports
I am new to this country and don't have any information on it
It's good to have another airport in Auckland. It's a long way for me to travel to get to Mangere. Auckland's population is expanding and also the amount of visitors that are coming in and out of New Zealand; we have to find a way to cope with this. The traffic is awful and takes a long time to get to Mangere. It just seems a sensible idea to have another airport available.
Because I don't know anything about it
It is a long way from where I live
I don't go to airports so it doesn't matter to me

QUESTIONNAIRE

Introduction

Good morning/afternoon, my name isfrom TNS, formerly known as NFO New Zealand, an independent market research company. May I please speak with the person in your household who is 18 years of age or older? **[REINTRODUCE IF NECESSARY]**

We are conducting a small survey which will take between 1 to 2 minutes and would appreciate your opinion on this local Auckland issue. Would you be interested in answering these questions?

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| 1 | Yes | CONTINUE |
| 2 | No | THANK AND CLOSE |

Today we are talking to people about a proposal to return the airport at Whenuapai to commercial use when the Air Force leaves in about five years.

Q1 Are you aware of this proposal?

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| 1 | Yes | CONTINUE |
| 2 | No | CONTINUE |
| 3 | Don't know | CONTINUE |

Q2a. Waitakere City Council and a public company called Infratil have a plan to develop a commercial airport at Whenuapai **[NORTH-WEST OF AUCKLAND BETWEEN GREENHITHE AND WESTGATE]**. Would you be in favour of this idea, opposed to this idea, or would you not mind either way?

PROMPT FOR 1 and 2: Is this strongly or somewhat in favour/opposed to this idea?

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| 1 | Are in favour of this idea | CONTINUE |
| 2 | Are opposed to this idea | CONTINUE |
| 3 | Would not mind either way | GO TO KEYS |

Q2b. What is your **main** reason for saying that you **[ANSWER TO Q2a]**

PROBE FOR CLARIFICATION

KEYS:

Lastly I would like to ask you a few questions to ensure that we have a representative sample....

K1 INTERVIEWER: RECORD GENDER: DO NOT READ OUT

- 1 Male
- 2 Female

K2 In which part of Auckland do you live?
READ OUT UNTIL RESPONSE OBTAINED
SINGLE RESPONSE ONLY

- 1 North (North Shore etc)
- 2 East
- 3 West (Pt. Chevalier etc)
- 4 South (Otahuhu etc)
- 5 Central

K3 Which of the following age groups best describes you?

READ OUT UNTIL RESPONSE OBTAINED
SINGLE RESPONSE ONLY

- 1 18 to 29 years
- 2 30 to 39 years
- 3 40 to 49 years
- 4 50 to 59 years
- 5 60 plus years
- 6 **DO NOT READ OUT:** Refused

K4 Which of the following best describes the type of household you live in?

READ OUT UNTIL RESPONSE OBTAINED
SINGLE RESPONSE ONLY

- 1 Young single living alone
- 2 Group flatting together
- 3 Young couple - no children
- 4 Family - mainly pre-schoolers
- 5 Family - mainly school children
- 6 Family - children mainly adults
- 7 Middle aged couple/single person
- 8 Older couple/single person - no children at home
- 9 **DO NOT READ OUT:** Refused

K5 Could you please tell me your job title?

K6 How many times have you flown domestically in the last 12 months?

K7 How many times have you flown internationally in the last 12 months?

THANK AND CLOSE