Mercury Baypark Arena Extension Project
Community Consultation Submissions

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Adam Ellmers	Yes	By utilising existing infrastructure and services at Baypark including parking, transport, and existing staff management, this development is a cost effective solution to managing the growing demand for Indoor Courts.
Alex Johnson	Yes	Given the planned commitments such as AIMS games and the near-future and potential events (Triathlon and others events), Tauranga must plan now to be able to cope with forecasted expansion, making this project a must for our region. This seems like a great investment for our society and economy.
Amanda West	Yes	Will be amazing to enable the venue to host more events and some events that don't currently use Baypark due to constraints with flooring or size capacity.
Amy Rogers	Yes	This is a much needed addition to sports facilities in our region. Court space is in demand and we need to keep our community fit and active. I'm incredibly supportive of this.
Andrea Chapman	Yes	While supporting this extension I would like to think parking and vehicle access will be provided to cover the increased usage along for this and other developments
Anna Walker	Yes	We one hundred percent need more indoor courts for Basketball and Volleyball school and National tournaments / community events. Our city is growing we need to get up speed and forward plan We need to provide and promote healthy, safe community spaces for everyone to thrive.
Bailey Grey	Yes	

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Bevan Rakoia	Yes	I support consideration of Manawa Trust investment in the Mercury Baypark Arena Extension, while encouraging a wider assessment of how the entire Baypark precinct can serve our growing and increasingly diverse region. The extension creates opportunities beyond additional indoor courts. Baypark has the potential to strengthen its role in hosting regional and national sporting events, cultural festivals and celebrations, conferences, conventions and community gatherings. At the same time, I would encourage consideration of smaller and more flexible indoor and outdoor spaces. Not every community event requires a large arena. Affordable spaces that can support self-catering, community sport, cultural celebrations, family activities and smaller gatherings would enable a much wider range of community organisations to use the precinct. Accessibility should also be considered in its widest sense. This includes affordability and availability, but importantly the needs of disabled people, older people and those with limited mobility. Accessible parking, drop-off areas, seating and rest areas, accessible toilets and changing facilities, safe movement between indoor and outdoor spaces, public and community transport connections, and appropriate access to event and cultural spaces should be considered as part of the future precinct. There is also an opportunity to engage disability and older-person groups directly in the design and planning process so that accessibility is considered from the outset rather than added later. A further consideration is short-term accommodation. If Baypark is increasingly positioned to attract multi-day regional and national tournaments, cultural events, conferences and conventions, we should understand where participants, families, officials and delegates will stay and whether sufficient affordable and accessible short-term accommodation is available. This should also be considered alongside the region's longer-term housing needs. Growth in major events and visitor accommodation should complement, rather than unintentionally place additional pressure on, affordable housing, worker accommodation and the permanent rental market. For an investment of this scale, I would support clear measures around who benefits including community and cultural use, affordability, disability and older-person access, youth participation, use of smaller community spaces, regional reach, accommodation impacts and the wider economic and social benefits generated by events. The opportunity is therefore not simply to build additional courts, but to consider how the wider Baypark precinct can become

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		an accessible, flexible and genuinely regional community asset capable of welcoming a small community gathering as well as a major national event.
Bill Webb	Yes	Tauranga continues to have a shortage of indoor sports facilities. The arena extension is a high priority and justifies significant funding from Manawa Trust. The proposed extensions will also permit Tauranga to host larger indoor concerts and exhibitions.
Bob Smith	Yes	I would still like to have some input if possible, on behalf of the Mount Pickleball Club. Our club is very much in favour of this project, which would help to address the shortage of indoor court space that we have been experiencing for some time. Our membership has grown exponentially over the past few years, and there is no sign of that slowing down. We now have 558 financial members, with another 175 registered on our club portal. We currently utilise Mercury Baypark at least twice a week (when we can get it), Haumaru Sport and Recreation Centre two or three times a week, Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre if it's made available (it appears to be unavailable much of the time) and Mount Sports Centre when we can't get Mercury Baypark. 6 additional indoor multi-purpose basketball courts at Mercury Baypark would be wonderful. That equates to 24 pickleball courts! The Mount Pickleball Club is exactly the type of sporting group that the Manawa Trust should be supporting. Our membership is wide-ranging: we have players aged from 16 to over 80 and welcome all ethnicities. Pickleball is also a relatively cheap sport, so is accessible to all socio-economic groups. We are aiming to introduce younger children to pickleball next year (dependent on courts being available!), and I'm sure there will be a big uptake. In short, the Mount Pickleball Club wholeheartedly supports the proposed extension centre; the sooner the better!
Brodie Allum	Yes	Great project, need more courts in the region
Bronson Tuporo	Yes	As a local event organiser, I support Manawa Trust providing funding for the Mercury Baypark Arena Extension Project. We are exploring Baypark as a venue for P1 Hybrid Racing, alongside opportunities to host national CrossFit events in Tauranga. Additional indoor space and greater availability would help us bring these events to the region, encouraging participation, bringing communities together and attracting athletes, supporters and visitors who support local businesses.

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		The proposed concrete flooring of Court 3 would also be valuable, making equipment access, setup and packing out easier and allowing greater flexibility for different events. This investment would support everyday community sport while strengthening Tauranga's ability to host regional and national events as demand grows.
Cairyn-Marie Rogers	Yes	I support Manawa Trust providing funding for the Mercury Baypark Arena Extension Project. Through my work in basketball, I see how difficult it can be to access court space for training, competitions and community programmes. This limits what we can offer and how many people can take part.
Caitriona Anderson Anderson	Yes	I strongly support investment in expanding Mercury Baypark. Tauranga needs more indoor sporting and recreational capacity, and investing in an existing facility makes sense. However, I would encourage Manawa Trust and TCC (Bay Venues) to look beyond the immediate sporting requirements and consider how this significant investment could also strengthen Tauranga's arts, culture and entertainment infrastructure. Tauranga has a significant gap when it comes to larger indoor entertainment venues. Baycourt is an important cultural asset, but its scale and current format limit the range of larger contemporary performances it can accommodate. Many major concerts and events rely on outdoor venues that come with high weather risks and increasing health and safety risks and associated costs, or Tauranga misses out on big acts altogether. The Baypark expansion presents an opportunity to address some of this gap without creating a separate arts facility or competing with the sporting case for investment. Even if the current budget is for sport, I would strongly encourage the designers to consider incorporating features that would be difficult and expensive to retrofit later such as flexible seating, ceiling heights and load for rigging lights and audio, acoustics, truck access, power and backstage facilities. The additional investment required for some of these features could be relatively modest compared with trying to retrofit them later. I'm sure that Manawa Trust and TCC are acutely aware of the community wellbeing and economic opportunities that entertainment investment brings. Research estimates live performance contributes $17.3 billion in economic and social value nationally, while Tauranga's recent FISHER concert generated more than $4 million in visitor spending and a reported $2.57 million net economic benefit to the city. Major events bring visitors, accommodation stays, hospitality spending, employment and wider economic activity. I am not suggesting the current project should become an arts project. I see an opportunity to kill two birds with one stone, creating a multi-purpose venue for sport, concerts, cultural events and entertainment. Ideally, specialist entertainment equipment and fit-out would be added progressively as future funding becomes available!

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Charlie Lingman	Yes	From a technical operations, event delivery, and venue management perspective, the proposed Mercury Baypark Arena Extension Project would provide significant long-term benefits to both Bay Venues and the wide range of event organisers, production companies, contractors, exhibitors, sporting bodies, and community groups that utilise the facility. The proposed upgrades directly address a number of operational challenges currently encountered when delivering large-scale events, exhibitions, conferences, sporting events, and entertainment productions within the venue. These improvements would not only increase the efficiency of event delivery but would also improve health and safety outcomes, reduce operational costs, and enhance the overall experience for venue users. Concrete Floor Installation in Court 3 The introduction of a permanent concrete floor within Court 3 would be one of the most valuable operational improvements delivered through this project. Currently, when larger events require the use of heavy equipment such as forklifts, scissor lifts, cherry pickers, staging systems, exhibition structures, temporary seating, lighting towers, or production infrastructure, substantial resources are required to protect the existing floor surface. Significant quantities of plywood must be transported, installed, maintained, repositioned, and subsequently removed throughout the event cycle. This process is both labour-intensive and time-consuming, adding considerable setup and pack-down costs to event delivery. It also places additional pressure on event schedules and venue resources during busy periods. A concrete floor would eliminate the majority of these constraints by providing a durable and fit-for-purpose surface capable of supporting heavy plant and equipment. It would allow production crews to operate more efficiently, reduce venue preparation time, improve equipment access, and significantly streamline both load-in and load-out operations. From a health and safety perspective, this change would remove a recurring manual handling task involving the movement and installation of large volumes of plywood sheeting. Reducing the requirement for manual lifting, carrying, and positioning would lower the risk of musculoskeletal injuries and improve overall site safety. In addition, machinery and production infrastructure would operate on a stable and predictable surface, reducing risks associated with uneven loading and temporary protection measures. Dedicated Loading Dock

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		The addition of a dedicated loading dock would have a substantial positive impact on venue operations and event logistics. One of the most common challenges encountered during event delivery at Mercury Baypark is the movement of equipment between transport vehicles and event spaces. Large productions often involve multiple trucks carrying staging, lighting, audio systems, LED screens, rigging, sporting equipment, exhibitions, furniture, and infrastructure. Efficient movement of these assets is critical to maintaining event schedules and controlling labour costs. A purpose-built loading dock would provide a safer and more efficient interface between vehicles and the venue. It would reduce the amount of double handling currently required, shorten load-in and load-out durations, improve traffic flow management, and minimise congestion around venue access points. The loading dock would also provide important health and safety benefits by creating better separation between vehicles, equipment movements, contractors, and pedestrians. These improvements would reduce operational risks while enabling production teams to work more efficiently during critical event delivery periods. Additional Storage Capacity Additional on-site storage space would provide considerable benefits across all aspects of venue operations. Modern event venues require large volumes of equipment and infrastructure to be readily available, including furniture, event equipment, operational consumables, technical assets, venue branding, barriers, staging components, and maintenance supplies. Existing storage limitations can result in equipment being distributed across multiple locations or require the use of temporary storage solutions, creating inefficiencies during event setup and venue changeovers. Expanded storage facilities would enable equipment to be stored in a more organised and accessible manner, reducing retrieval times and improving operational efficiency. It would also contribute to improved venue presentation by reducing temporary storage within public and operational areas. For large and back-to-back events, increased storage capacity would provide greater operational flexibility and allow for more effective event changeovers, resulting in improved service delivery for clients and venue users. Supporting the Future Growth of Mercury Baypark

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		Collectively, these improvements would significantly enhance Mercury Baypark's ability to attract, host, and retain major regional and national events. The upgrades would improve the venue's capacity to accommodate large-scale exhibitions, trade shows, conferences, sporting events, cultural events, concerts, and touring productions that increasingly require modern venue infrastructure and efficient operational facilities. The proposed improvements would help reduce event delivery costs, improve setup efficiencies, strengthen health and safety outcomes, and improve the overall customer experience for organisers, exhibitors, contractors, performers, athletes, and attendees. From a technical and operational perspective, the project represents a strategic investment in the future capability of Mercury Baypark. The upgrades would increase the venue's competitiveness within the New Zealand events market while ensuring it continues to meet the evolving requirements of modern events and community activities. For these reasons, I strongly support Manawa Trust providing funding assistance towards the Mercury Baypark Arena Extension Project. The proposed improvements would deliver lasting benefits to the wider Bay of Plenty community while strengthening one of the region's most important event and sporting facilities for decades to come.
Christine Taylor	Yes	So long as no wetland areas surrounding Baypark are impacted, an extension would be money well-invested for our community.
Colin Baskin	Yes	
Dale Henderson	Yes	Will be great to get more community sport space to enable more access for locals throughout the week, as well as providing more capacity for events such as Aims Games. In addition the new court space should improve access to the 3 court space for large sporting and other commercial activities - which should improve the financial outcome for Bay Venues.
Dorothy Stewart	Yes	
Duncan Pearce	Yes	Sport Bay of Plenty strongly supports Manawa Trust's proposed investment in the Mercury Baypark Arena Extension Project. The BOP Spaces and Places Strategy identifies indoor court provision as a priority area for investment to help meet current and future community needs. The proposed expansion represents a significant investment in sport and recreation infrastructure that responds to a clear and well-demonstrated need across the Western Bay of Plenty. Additional capacity will improve access for a wide range of users, create more opportunities for people to be active, and strengthen the region's ability to host regional and national events.

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		By building on an existing regional facility, the proposal forms an important part of the wider indoor court network and complements future investment in local community facilities across the region. The proposal also reflects key principles of the BOP Spaces and Places Strategy by maximising existing assets, supporting a network approach to facility provision, and increasing the availability of flexible, multi-purpose spaces that can adapt to changing community needs over time. Sport Bay of Plenty believes the demonstrated need, community benefits, and alignment with regional planning priorities provide a strong case for investment and supports Manawa Trust proceeding with the proposed contribution We look forward to continuing to work alongside Manawa Trust, Council, sporting organisations and the wider community as the project progresses.
Eddy Gies	No	My understadning is Bay Venues runs at a loss, and has done so for years. Ratepayers are topping up funds from rates collected. Until such times as Bay Venues can operate as a successful entity at least breaking even then No more funding should be given. For ratepayers are already heavily propping up current activities managed by Bay Venues. The community already has and continues to incure large annual rates increases, many local ratepayers are finding it difficut to manage basic living it this time. SO PLEASE NO NO NO to any more Trust Funds to Bay Venues.
Erin D'Ath	Yes	The proposed extension will significantly enhance the venue's capacity and flexibility, enabling multiple events to be hosted simultaneously and allowing larger sporting tournaments to remain on a single site. This will improve the participant and spectator experience while reducing logistical complexities for event organisers. The additional six courts will create greater availability within the Lion Foundation Centre, enabling the venue to attract more commercial events and visitors to the region. It would also provide the opportunity to install permanent concrete flooring within the Lion Foundation Centre, further expanding the range and scale of events that can be accommodated. An additional benefit is the reduced disruption to community sport, as increased court capacity will allow local sporting activities to continue with fewer interruptions while major events and tournaments are being hosted. This ensures both community and commercial users can benefit from the facility more effectively.
Greg Simmonds	Yes	Great investment in the community.
Jackson Moore	Yes	As an event production person I would like to see any further courts be on a solid concrete floor so that we can easily drive trucks, forklifts and various access equipment around the room. Additionally a door that is large enough to fit a semi truck through would be great or at minimum a roller door or two or three behind where a stage would go for larger events to allow for simple pack in's and pack out's. Maybe even a raised loading dock that trucks can back up to. And of course the roof should be

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		designed in such a way that it is strong enough to take the weight of a full scale concert with ease. Also any mother-grids or entertainment type truss to be installed in the extension should be black and NOT silver.
Jacky Kravitz	No	Think the money could be better used elsewhere. Why weren't we consulted before the name change from TECT ?? I strongly object to the new name, why weren't we asked our opinion please ?? Would be happy to receive updates etc from TECT trust !!
James Gibb	Yes	The extension is much needed for Tauranga to build on what is already a great facility in the great location.
Jason Crummer	Yes	This is a tremendous opportunity to create more opportunities for our community to play and enjoy sport and other activities in a safe and controlled environment. This is a must!
Jenelle Pearce	Yes	I think it's a good idea financially to extend and develop an existing building/arena rather than develop a new one to support our growing community.
Joanne Seluone	Yes	An extension to the current facilities at Mercury Baypark Arena would be wonderful for our local community, and our nation for Basketball, Volleyball and more. It would be great to consider better seating options for any new courts moving forward.
John McDougall	Yes	Excellent project to support. Currently very under capacity for this type of facility in Tauranga which leads to lots of people missing out on sports that are important for the wellbeing and vibrancy of the city.
Judy Coster	Yes	
Kathryn Wilde	Yes	Great idea, good project
Kaylah Smith	Yes	This will be a great opportunity for our community to grow here in Tauranga & Bay of Plenty
Kelly Moroney	Unsure	Funding should be contingent on guarantees of measurable sustainability and public transport neither of which the current facility appropriately supports. No plans for the future can be made without a commitment to these. Also as we have an opportunity for purposeful design some consideration should be given to Baypark's role as a Civil Defence Emergency Shelter and enhanced capability to pivot to emergency shelter designed into these spaces. Lets not miss this opportunity.

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Kelly Schischka	Yes	On behalf of the AIMS Games Trust, I am pleased to express our strong support for the proposed expansion of Baypark Arena. As the organisers of one of New Zealand's largest junior sporting events, we have experienced first-hand the increasing demand for quality indoor sporting facilities across Tauranga and the Western Bay of Plenty. The proposed addition of six multi-purpose indoor courts would provide substantial benefits to the region. Not only would it support the growth of existing indoor sports and create opportunities for emerging sporting codes, but it would also strengthen Tauranga's ability to attract and host regional, national and international sporting events. Beyond sport, the project represents an investment in community wellbeing. Increased opportunities for participation in recreation and physical activity contribute to healthier, more connected communities, while the ability to attract major events delivers significant economic and social benefits for the wider region. The AIMS Games Trust fully supports this proposal and believes it will deliver lasting benefits for the Tauranga and the Western Bay of Plenty regions.
kevin jones	Yes	As a user of current indoor facilities (mainly Pickleball) in Tauranga I see first hand how difficult it can be for all indoor sports to get the time/capacity needed to satisfy current users, grow their sports locally and hold regional/national tournaments. Active participation in sport has both health and social benefits for society and should be encouraged by providing adequate facilities.
Lib Neisham	Yes	Great idea we need more facilities like this. I have been to a few shows there as well though it is not really set up for them - eg. Seating on the flat. Could a larger auditorium be put in there as well for concerts/comedy/shows that are too large for Baycourt. Parking and getting to the location is easier. Buses from different areas of town could be put on to get people there and back to say Tauriko/Bethlehem/Tauranga Central/Mt and Papamoa. Park & rides. Included/add on to ticket prices.
Liz Farrell	Yes	I support the provision of additional facilities for sport, recreation and events. I would like there to be some assurance from TCC that funding for a bigger team to support the venue is assured. Adding a larger facility without adequate provision for the operational and maintenance needs will limit the capacity for the venue to provide GOOD service to the community.
Liz Mason	Yes	I tried to support your proposed project at Baypark online. The details in Weekend Sun didn't work. Found another website, didnt work. As Mercury customers, just letting you know we support your idea, Regards Liz Mason
Lorraine Miller	Yes	This would be great for the growing community and enable more groups to gather and participate in sports and activities.
Luke Frame	Yes	

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Marc Anderson	Yes	Bay Arena Upgrade. Consider Concert and Entertainment Capability. As Tauranga considers how the proposed $14 million investment in Bay Arena should be used, if not considered already, there is an opportunity to look beyond the immediate sporting requirements and ensure the development creates a more versatile facility for the city. While upgrading the Arena's sports courts and associated facilities is important, consideration should also be given to developing Bay Arena as a high-quality indoor concert and entertainment venue. The Arena already has the capacity to accommodate significant audiences. With the right investment, it could become a venue capable of attracting more national and international touring concerts and shows to Tauranga. As part of the upgrade, consideration should therefore be given to: · Improving the acoustic performance of the Arena for live music. · Installing appropriate structural rigging capacity for professional touring lighting, audio and production equipment. · Improving production loading and vehicle access for touring trucks and equipment. · Providing adequate three-phase power and production infrastructure. · Improving backstage facilities, including dressing rooms, production offices, catering and artist amenities. · Ensuring staging, lighting, audio and audience configurations can be accommodated efficiently. · Improving patron facilities and circulation for major concert audiences. · Designing the upgraded facility so that sporting and entertainment uses can operate alongside each other without compromising either. Tauranga is a growing city with ambitions to attract and host major events. However, the city has relatively limited indoor venue options for larger touring concerts and entertainment productions. A significant investment is already being made in Bay Arena. This provides an opportunity to ensure that the money creates not only an improved sporting facility, but a genuinely multi-purpose regional venue capable of delivering economic, cultural and entertainment benefits for Tauranga for many years. Not knowing the exact plan of the new design, It would be unfortunate to complete a major upgrade and later discover that additional provisions during the design and construction stage could have enabled Bay Arena to compete much more effectively for national and international touring concert productions. The concert and entertainment capability of Bay Arena could therefore be investigated as part of the $14 million upgrade, alongside the planned sporting improvements. This is an opportunity to future-proof one of Tauranga's major venues and create an asset that works harder for the whole community.
Maria Van De Klundert	Yes	

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Mary Dillon	Yes	Yes I support this future focused investment. This complex has served the area well to date but now needs upgrading and expansion. It benefits hundreds of our citizens and visitors to the area every week. It is easy to find and to access from all parts of the City.
May Tai	Yes	This would be awesome as we already hold big events here for example hoopnation classic, aims games to name a few. Indoor courts are so versatile and could be used in more ways than 1. Such an awesome opportunity to hold bigger events.
Meg Marsh	Yes	As a major user of Bay Venues' facilities, Volleyball Tauranga Inc continues to experience year-on-year membership growth, increasing demand for indoor court space. Our current facilities are insufficient to accommodate our leagues, events, and representative team training requirements. The proposed expansion of Mercury Baypark Arena indoor court facilities, supported by funding from the Manawa Trust, would provide much-needed additional capacity to meet this growing demand and support the continued development of volleyball in our community. This investment would also help us keep participation accessible and affordable for our members, without placing further pressure on our already significant membership fees.
Michael Mills	Yes	The city and region is growing. The availability of indoor sports and recreation facilities has not kept pace. Ratepayers alone cannot fully fund the required facilities. Manawa Trust is ideally suited to contribute funding for these purposes.
Nick Patterson	Yes	There is already a severe shortage of indoor courts in the Tauranga area, a problem that's likely to worsen with Tauranga's population growth and the growth of court-based sports such as basketball. Baypark is a fantastic venue and this project will help strengthen and future proof it as a premier indoor sports facility in the region.
Paul Miller	Yes	A great idea & would love to see the concept. How does it fit in with the proposal to move tauranga Netball to Baypark & also provide carparking for major events like Speedway & AIMS. What Tauranga really needs is a cheaper option of a purpose built "events arena". Not playing courts, but a large space for things like Home Show's, food Shows etc, without taking up valuable community court space. If you can do both, then even better. There is a football field area that is underused & could become a great event venue. Why hasn't the adjacent farm been allocated to be filled & used as carparking, as it is basically a swamp & unstable to be built on.

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Peter Farmer	Yes	This proposed extension was factored into the original design and engineering for the ARENA .The plan by the City Leaders at the time was to bring forward that extension as population and funds permitted The City's population growth in the subsequent years certainly means the population growth criteria is met and with TECT's current availability of funds for exactly this sort of project, the of ability for the City to fund this extension should achieved All major Sports and Recreation Facilities play a pivotal role in not only the overall health of our Community but also to the Economic wellbeing of the Citizens and Business Community from the Events it continues to attract
Rachel Whitten	Yes	It's great to see investment in additional indoor facilities for Tauranga and the Western Bay of Plenty. The six new courts will be a fantastic asset for mainstream, organised sport, particularly for larger tournaments, competitions and events. One consideration is the need for indoor recreational spaces that cater to the wider community, beyond organised sport. Families, children, teenagers and adults also need places where they can simply turn up on a weekend, enjoy a fun activity together, be physically active and socialise, without needing to belong to a club or participate in competitive sport. The popularity of Revolution Skate Centre highlights the demand for roller skating in our region, and caters primarily to clubs. While these new courts will be a valuable addition to our general sporting infrastructure, I hope there will also be ongoing consideration of the need for accessible indoor entertainment and recreation options that give our community more opportunities to get together, try something different and have fun.
Ray Coster	Yes	
Ray Rameka	Yes	I believe the funds will be well needed to get this project off the ground for too long Tauranga has been known as the golden mile for retirement villages etc. over the last 15-20 years the dynamics have changed especially with the growth now continuing to grow with more families moving and making not only Tauranga but Papamoa western bay now their forever home. Sports and recreation play a major part in not only our tamariki but also our older generation getting into sports badminton pickleball walking netball basketball. 6 new courts will be able to offer more court time to the wider community sport events. At current Tauranga host Aims games, hoop nation basketball that attracts international competitors from around the pacific including our neighbours from Australia naming those 2 sports is the biggest of its kind in the southern hemisphere. Something Tauranga should be very proud of to host such events. Thank you for allowing me to summit this tautoko towards funding the extension of the Arena at Baypark.
Richard Prince	No	This is another TCC project with the certainty of substantial cost overruns. Who will pay? The already milked ratepayers of course.

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		Please don't support this project you will only encourage them to make more rates demands.
Robin Perrett	Yes	As I directly work around the community sports facilities in the city it is plainly obvious that the area is desperately short of indoor courts to accommodate the increasing demand for court space, especially with the growing local population young and old taking up indoor sports activities.
Ron James	Yes	Sounds like an excellent decision and I'm sure will be appreciated by many young people in this area. Well done.
Ruth Underwood	Yes	It is a well-used facility, and location fairly central. More courts will enable more users - a good outcome.
Ryan Tesselaar	Yes	Will be an amazing asset to Tauranga and the wider areas
Sam Moa	Yes	
Samuel Rawstorn	Yes	Need to enable the city to catch up and grow. Positive outcome for the people and city
Seluone Seluone	Yes	Talofa lava, if this would happen, the effects of this investment to add an expansion of six additional courts would be tremendous. This is well worth the investment! Not only for the local community but visiting indoor sports teams and other events we can host. Basketball and volleyball alone are growing sports around the country and Tauranga is no exception. I managed my daughter's u14 rep basketball team and we had team members from Waihi to Edgecombe. They love being part of the TCBA programme and coming here to train and play in comps here. Definitely support this! Thank you. 🙏
Serena Watene	Yes	This venue has provided the much needed space for not only basketball but many occasions for not only the Bay of Plenty residents but far and wide across NZ. I have personally been to this Arena for Basketball, Kapa Haka and many more different occasions supporting whānau. With the extension of this Arena it will definitely not only be beneficial for the community but it will also draw more crowds when it comes to sporting competitions.
Stefan Senf	Yes	

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Teina boyd	Yes	Please could we have all accessibility considerations upgraded to universal design practice rather than current building code minimum requirements? The building code – in particular NZS4121-is extremely out of date and hasn't been updated since 2001. Understandably there have been significant milestones made in that time which can be accommodated by utilising universal design over minimum requirements, to best look after our entire community – not just the able-bodied and able minded. More than happy to discuss, but believe the optimum outcome should include a facility that works for all, especially considering 28% of our population here identify as having some form of disability-and the lack of current accessible court options.
University of Waikato	Yes	The University of Waikato is pleased to support Manawa Trust's proposed investment in the Mercury Baypark Arena Extension Project. As a committed partner in the future of Tauranga and the Western Bay of Plenty, the University recognises the importance of investing in infrastructure that strengthens communities, supports regional growth and delivers lasting benefits. The proposed investment aligns well with Manawa Trust's granting strategy, particularly its focus on: 1. Built Environment: Enhancing community facilities that encourage participation, connection and wellbeing, while responding to the needs of a growing region. 2. Community Wellbeing and Vibrancy: Creating greater opportunities for people of all ages to participate in sport, recreation and community activities. 3. Lasting Regional Impact: Building on existing infrastructure to deliver long-term benefits and contribute to a thriving and connected community. Through our established relationship with Bay Venues and our growing presence in Tauranga, we recognise the value of facilities that bring communities together and provide opportunities for participation and engagement.

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		As the University of Waikato's Tauranga campus continues to grow, now supporting around 1,500 students, we are increasingly conscious of the importance of high-quality community, sporting and recreational infrastructure in creating a vibrant and attractive city. The University's aspirations to support further growth in student accommodation within Tauranga reinforce the need for facilities that contribute to students and their wellbeing, connection and experience of living in Tauranga. Investments such as the Mercury Baypark Arena extension help strengthen Tauranga's appeal as a place to study, live and participate in the wider community. The University acknowledges and greatly appreciates Manawa Trust's longstanding contribution to the region, including its generous support of the University of Waikato's Tauranga campus. This support reflects a shared commitment to creating opportunities and investing in the future of the Western Bay of Plenty. We commend Manawa Trust for its continued leadership and investment in the region and are pleased to support this initiative as another positive contribution to Tauranga's future.