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Statement of Proposal: Fees and Charges Policy



What are Fees and Charges?

We work with the community to promote the sustainable management of natural physical resources. As part of this work we manage the environmental impacts of activities through the issuing and monitoring of consents.

The Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) and Building Act 2004 (BA) form the foundation of the majority of our work. The proposed Fees and Charges Policy ("Charges Policy") sets out our charges under these Acts, and also changes to Charges under our Bylaws and general cost recoverable work.

A review of our RMA and BA charges was carried out in 2021 to ensure the charges reflect the true cost of carrying out our work. This was done in line with our Long Term Plan 2021-31.

This document, the Statement of Proposal, outlines the changes we are proposing to our fees and charges and we want to know what you think. Council will receive your feedback through written submissions. People who make a written submission can also speak to their submission if they wish at hearings scheduled for 17 May 2022. The charges set will be stated in the Fees and Charges Policy which will be finalised in June 2022.

Please see www.participate.boprc.govt.nz/FeesandCharges for the supporting information documents which contain a full list of the RMA charges, including the proposed changes.

You can make a submission online at www.participate.boprc.govt.nz/FeesandCharges and also by email to Feesand.Charges@boprc.govt.nz or by using the form at the back of this document.

Submissions close at 5:00 pm, Wednesday 4 May 2022.

Have your say
4 April – 4 May

Hearings
17 May

Deliberations
18 May

**Fees and Charges
Policy Adopted**
Late June 2022

Resource Management Act 1991, section 36

The Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) sets out how we should manage our environment. It promotes the sustainable management of natural physical resources and forms the foundation for the majority of our work.

To carry out this work, we process resource consents, monitor and manage consented and other authorised activities and monitor the state of the region's resources. The costs associated with this work are set under section 36 of the RMA in the Council Charges Policy and we pass these costs along to applicants and consent holders.

Under section 36 we can recover reasonable costs for a number of functions, including the following:

- Receiving, processing and granting of resource consents (including certificates of compliance);
- Administration, monitoring and supervision of resource consents (including certificates of compliance) and resource management functions under section 35 of the RMA (environmental monitoring);
- Reviewing resource consent conditions under Section 128(1)(a) and (c) of the RMA and reviews carried out at the request of the consent holder;
- Providing information in respect of Council plans and resource consents;
- Supplying documents;
- Charges authorised by regulations; and
- Additional charges whereby a fixed fee is not enough to recover our costs. For example, where the cost of processing a consent application is greater than the deposit fee paid by the applicant.

Following feedback from previous years, we have simplified the presentation of our fees and charges policy. There are three main areas of change that we would like your feedback on.



CHANGE 1: Consent monitoring categories and frequencies

Compliance monitoring is conducted on a risk basis. We are proposing to change Rotorua Plan Change 10 compliance charges from actual and reasonable charges to fixed fees. This will mean smaller and more certain annual charges, rather than less frequent, uncertain and larger charges.

Compliance Category	Inspection Frequency	New Annual Charge
Production land - high risk	Annual	\$640
Production land - medium risk	2-yearly	\$320
Production land - low risk	3-yearly	\$215

CHANGE 3: Fees and charges

All fees and charges have been subject to a complete review. Factors involved in the review included:

- Effort and frequency of compliance monitoring
- Appropriate amount of cost recovery for the private benefit received by consent holders under the Revenue and Financing Policy and Funding Needs Analysis
- Appropriate cost recovery where Tangata Whenua involvement is required
- Staff salary rates

Most charges are proposed to increase by approximately 8% to reflect the increased cost that we incur to provide this service. Council does not make a profit from these services, and only charges approximately 40% of the cost of our regulatory activities, with the remainder paid for by general rates. The proposed increase is the maximum increase for 2022/2023, and will be reassessed based on actual inflation information to determine if a lower increase is possible before the policy is adopted. Port Charges have remained unchanged as projected increases in shipping volumes achieve the required revenue.

The full schedule of charges is shown in the draft policy with tracked changes.

CHANGE 2: OSET charges for Marae waived

As part of improving health and environmental risks, Council has waived some fees to enable Marae to upgrade systems and achieve fully compliant status. In order to provide equity across all Marae, it is proposed to waive OSET compliance costs for all Marae.



Your details

I wish to keep my contact details confidential ☐ Yes ☐ No

Optional Information

☐ Other ethnicity:

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