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## **Statement of Proposal: Fees and Charges Policy**



# What are Fees and Charges?

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*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 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 full 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 and minor updates were made in 2022.

This document, the Statement of Proposal, outlines the changes we are proposing to our fees and charges from 1 July 2023 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 25th May 2023. The charges set will be stated in the Fees and Charges Policy which will be finalised in June 2023.

Please see [www.participate.boprc.govt.nz/fees-and-charges](http://www.participate.boprc.govt.nz/fees-and-charges) 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/fees-and-charges](http://www.participate.boprc.govt.nz/fees-and-charges)** and also by email to **[Feesand.Charges@boprc.govt.nz](mailto:Feesand.Charges@boprc.govt.nz)** or by using the form at the back of this document.

## Submissions close at 5:00 pm, Thursday 11 May 2023.

**Have your say**  
*11 April – 11 May*

**Hearings and  
Deliberations**  
*25 May*

**Fees and Charges  
Policy Adopted**  
*29 June 2023*

# Resource Management Act 1991, section 36

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*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.

This proposed update to the Charges Policy are limited to the amounts charged for various types of work as a result of cost increases.



# Proposal: FEES AND CHARGES

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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
- Staff salary rates
- Overhead costs
- Other inflationary impacts on the cost of service delivery

It is proposed to increase most charges by approximately 8.1% to cover the increased cost of service delivery. The charges fund between 20% and 40% of the cost of these activities, with the remainder funded from general funds to represent the public benefit of environmental monitoring and protection in accordance with our Revenue and Financing Policy.

Deposits for consent processing are not proposed to change. Port Charges are not proposed to change as projected increases in shipping volumes achieve the required revenue.

The full schedule of current and proposed charges is shown in the draft Fees and Charges Policy.



## Your details

## Your submission



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