



**Report To:** Regional Council

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## **Adoption of the 'Statement of Proposal: proposed changes to Bay of Plenty Regional Council's Resource Management Act charges' for public consultation**

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### **Executive Summary**

This paper recommends that the Council adopts the 'Statement of Proposal: proposed changes to Bay of Plenty Regional Council's Resource Management Act charges' for public consultation (Appendix 1). A supporting information document has been prepared which sets out the charges (including proposed charges from 1 July 2018) (Appendix 2). The charges relate to services and functions that the Regional Council is responsible for providing under the Resource Management Act 1991 and the Building Act 2004.

Charges set under the Resource Management Act are required to be consulted on using the special consultative procedure under section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002. The Charges Policy does not form part of the Long Term Plan (LTP), but Council is able to consult on changes to its charges concurrently. As part of the special consultative procedure, the Statement of Proposal, which describes the proposed changes, and supporting documents will be made available to the public on the Council website, with public notices regarding the consultation published in all local papers. In addition, a link to the Statement of Proposal and supporting documents will be sent to affected consent holders.

All charges quoted include GST.

### **Recommendations**

- 1) Receives the report, Adoption of the 'Statement of Proposal: proposed changes to Bay of Plenty Regional Council's Resource Management Act charges' for public consultation;**
- 2) Approves the proposed charges in relation to resource consents for the purposes of consultation as follows:**
  - a) the change to the general consent application deposit, to be set in three tiers;**
    - Tier 1 - \$775
    - Certificate of compliance

- Re-consenting existing unchanged lake structures
  - Lapsing period extensions
  
  - Tier 2 - \$1,770
    - Onsite effluent discharge (septic tanks)
    - Onsite dairy effluent discharge
    - Remediation of contaminated land
    - Multiples bores(more than three)
    - Changes, cancellation or review of consent conditions
    - Transfer of consent to another site or another person at another site
  
  - Tier 3 - \$2,700
    - All other consent categories
- b) the move to a single 'bore fee' of \$475 (incl. GST) which will incorporate both consent and compliance staff time;
- c) the fee for transfer of a consent to another person at the same site will increase to \$165 (incl. GST);
- d) the change to the deposit for 'publicly notified applications' to a deposit for 'publicly notified applications *which proceed to a hearing*'. The level of the deposit remains the same at \$10,000 (incl. GST);
- e) the introduction of a fee of \$5,000 (incl. GST) for 'limited notified application fees which proceed to a hearing';
- f) the deposit for complex plan or policy statement changes or new plan requests is set at \$50,000 (incl. GST);
- g) the introduction of a charge for the 'issue of a notice stating whether an activity is a permitted marginal and temporary activity' on an actual and reasonable basis, with the first hour being free;
- h) the OSET approval inspection fee remains at \$50 (incl. GST);
- i) that "applications to reduce the allocated rate of a surface water take consent or allocated annual volume of groundwater take consent" and "applications for activities listed in regional plans that have zero fee" remain at a zero fee;
- j) the recovery of costs associated with an objection to be charged on an actual and reasonable basis. The Council may ask the hearings commissioner(s) to make a recommendation as to whether these costs should be remitted;
- 3) Approves the following in relation to the proposed base charge for the purposes of consultation:
- a) the re-naming of the 'base' charge to 'administration' charge;
- b) a \$5 increase in the administration charge to \$135 (incl. GST);
- c) that the following consent categories are exempt from the annual administration charge:

- i) **Long term consents for structures, reclamations or diversions in the Coastal Marine Area, rivers and lakes unless an inspection has been carried out in that year**
  - ii) **“Consequential” consents such as the discharge permit in an activity that involves a diversion and discharge, or the discharge permit in an activity that involves taking and discharging water (e.g. to heat a pool). To qualify, the “consequential” consent must occur as a natural consequence of the primary activity and have no significant environmental effect compared to the primary consent;**
- 4) Approves the following in relation to the proposed compliance monitoring charges for the purposes of consultation:**
- a) **the changes to compliance monitoring fixed fees as listed in Schedule 1A of the supporting information document (Appendix 2);**
  - b) **the introduction of additional categories into Schedule 2A – Consents subject to variable compliance monitoring charges for ‘Production land – nutrient management consents’;**
  - c) **the introduction of actual and reasonable compliance monitoring charges for additional monitoring of water takes in over-allocated catchments;**
  - d) **the introduction of actual and reasonable charges for additional time spent processing compliance monitoring returns, over and above the fixed fee charged;**
- 5) Approves the following in relation to the proposed regional/impact monitoring charges for the purposes of consultation:**
- a) **the re-naming of the ‘regional/Impact monitoring charges’ to ‘data and science charges’;**
  - b) **the inclusion of the Data Services activity costs into a revised charging model and the resulting increase in charges;**
  - c) **the approach to introducing the increased data and science charges to be phased in over two years**
  - d) **the inclusion of ‘Activities on port land’ into the data and science charges (Schedule 10B);**
- 6) Approves the following in relation to low risk onsite wastewater (OSET) exemptions for the purposes of consultation:**
- a) **the reintroduction of the administration charge, annual compliance monitoring charge and regional/impact monitoring charge for low risk onsite wastewater consents;**
- 7) Approves the following in relation to staff time and travel costs for the purposes of consultation:**

- a) **the revised charges for staff as listed in Schedule A of the supporting information document (Appendix 2) and inclusion of an additional category for a Māori Technical Advisor;**
  - b) **the introduction of a standard travel time policy, with each site visit attracting a charge of 0.5 hours of staff time plus 50km at the applicable IRD mileage rate;**
- 8) **Adopts the attached supporting information document for the purposes of consultation on the proposed changes to some of the Resource Management Act charges;**
- 9) **Adopts the attached 'Statement of Proposal: proposed changes to Bay of Plenty Regional Council's Resource Management Act charges' (the consultation document) for public consultation using the special consultative procedure under the Local Government Act, to be consulted on concurrently with the LTP;**
- 10) **Delegates authority to the Chief Executive to make minor editorial and formatting amendments to the Statement of Proposal and supporting information document if required.**

## **1 Introduction**

The Bay of Plenty Regional Council (Council) is responsible for controlling the use of a wide range of resources, which requires staff to process resource consents, monitor and manage consented and other authorised activities, and investigate the state of the region's resources.

The framework for setting RMA charges to do this work sits under Section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA). The Council also has certain functions under the Building Act 2004; section 243 of the Act allows Council to set a fee for the performance of some of its functions.

Each year we review the Council's charges for the services and functions undertaken when carrying out its regulatory functions under the RMA and Building Act 2004 which are contained in the Council's Resource Management Act and Building Charges Policy (the 'Charges Policy').

This paper recommends that the Council adopts, for the purposes of public consultation, the 'Statement of Proposal: proposed changes to Bay of Plenty Regional Council's Resource Management Act charges' (the consultation document), included as Appendix 1 to this report. The supporting information document for this consultation, which is a version of the Charges Policy including the proposed changes, is included as Appendix 2 to this report.

The proposed changes to the RMA charges are required to be consulted on using the special consultative procedure. It is recommended that this process is also used to consult on the Building Act 2004 charges in order to allow for a combined consultation process. Undertaking consultation on these charges will allow the Council to understand community views in terms of section 78 of the LGA 2002. Because the Charges Policy has been substantially revised, both in terms of charges and format, it is expected that the level of interest in the changes will be high.

All charges quoted include GST.

## **2 Resource Management Act charges**

The proposed changes to charges have been discussed in detail at the Council workshops on 12<sup>th</sup> October and 9<sup>th</sup> November. These proposed changes are set out in the list of recommendations to Council in this paper. The draft Charges Policy was adopted for audit by Council on 14<sup>th</sup> December and was provided to audit as a supporting document.

There are three proposed changes which were not discussed at previous Council workshops:

- Changing the deposit for complex plan or policy statement changes or new plan requests from 'up to \$50,000' to a single deposit of \$50,000 (including GST). This provides a more certain scale of charges, as required under section 36 of the RMA.
- Introduce categories for 'Production land – nutrient consents' into Schedule 2A (Consents subject to variable compliance monitoring charges) for land use consents to cover the additional activities introduced through the Council's Plan Change 10: Lake Rotorua Nutrient Management.
- The proposed science and data charge of \$59,800 in Schedule 10B for 'Activities on port land' has been changed to actual and reasonable charges in response to feedback on the proposed charge.

A Statement of Proposal (Appendix 1) has been prepared as part of the requirements of the special consultative procedure set out under sections 83 and 87 of the Local Government Act 2002. This is the consultation document which sets out the proposed changes to the charges.

## **3 Building Act charges**

The Council has transferred its building consent authority functions in relation to large dams to the Waikato Regional Council for efficiency and cost reduction reasons.

The Council retains responsibility for the following Building Act functions:

- Maintaining a Register of Large Dams
- Administering and monitoring the Dam Safety Scheme
- Adopting and implementing a policy on dangerous, flood-prone and earthquake-prone dams
- Taking action if a dam poses an immediate danger
- Issuing Project Information Memorandum for new dams
- Issuing Certificates of Acceptance
- Enforcing the provisions of the building code and the Building Act 2004.

Section 243 of the Building Act 2004 enables the Regional Council to recover costs through imposing fees or charges. There is no obligation to consult the public on the nature of these charges; however it is considered good practice to do so.

The Charges Policy sets out the fees and charges payable for Council's functions undertaken under the Building Act. The charging regime is based on a principle of full cost recovery.

There are no changes to these charges proposed since these are in the form of a deposit, with recovery of full costs on an actual and reasonable basis.

## **4 Implications for Māori**

Māori are both consent holders/applicants and Kaitiaki. As consent holders or applicants they would be charged in the same way as other members of the community. Resource Management Act charges support effective monitoring of our natural resources which is of significant interest to Māori. Future revenue through charges may be considered for use as a targeted contribution to support monitoring of cultural health indicators under our Mātauranga Māori Framework.

## **5 Next steps**

If adopted for consultation by Council, the Statement of Proposal will be consulted on concurrently with the Long Term Plan. Following adoption, the Statement of Proposal will be released for public submissions on the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and submissions will close on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018. The Statement of Proposal and the supporting information document will be made available to the public on the Council website, with public notices regarding the consultation published in all local papers. In addition, a link to the Statement of Proposal and supporting information document will be sent to affected consent holders.

## **6 Council's Accountability Framework**

### **6.1 Community Outcomes**

This proposal directly contributes to the new community outcomes 'A healthy environment', 'Freshwater for life' and 'Safe and resilient communities' in the Council's Long Term Plan 2018-2028.

### **6.2 Long Term Plan Alignment**

The work to review the Charges Policy is planned under the Resource Consents, Regulatory Compliance, Science and Data Activities in the draft Long Term Plan 2015-2025.

#### **Current Budget Implications**

The work relating to the charges set under the Charges Policy is being undertaken within the budgets for the Resource Consents, Regulatory Compliance, Science and Data of the Annual Plan 2018.

#### **Future Budget Implications**

Future work on Resource Management Act and Building Act charges is provided for in Council's draft Long Term Plan 2018-2028.

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**APPENDIX 1 – Statement of Proposal:  
Proposed Changes to Bay of Plenty  
Regional Council’s Resource Management  
Act Charges**





# Have your say



*Statement of Proposal: Proposed Changes to Bay of Plenty Regional Council's Resource Management Act 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 requirement to apply for consents.*

*The Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) and Building Act 2004 form the foundation of the majority of our work. The Resource Management Act and Building Act Charges Policy (“Council Charges Policy”) sets out our charges under these Acts.*

Every year we review the Council Charges Policy. This year we have carried out a more in-depth review to ensure it reflects the true cost of carrying out our work under the RMA. This document, the Statement of Proposal, outlines the changes we propose to our charges. We also considered the option of a minimal increase in charges to reflect inflation, as we have done in previous years. This would have meant only a small increase in costs to consent holders and applicants. However it would also have meant either reducing the level of service we provide or covering the additional costs through our general funds, paid by all ratepayers. We did not consider either of these options to be fair or equitable. Because we need to take into account the increased cost of performing our RMA functions, Council considered that retaining the existing RMA charges was not a sustainable option.

The charges could also be changed in other ways, for example, to reflect other priorities and drivers. But Council considers that its preferred option best supports its work programme going forward and results in charges that are fair and equitable. The preferred option also allows the community to give feedback on specific proposals.

We are currently seeking feedback on these changes and we want to know what you think. Council will consider your feedback through the hearings and deliberations process and the charges may change. The charges set will be in the Resource Management Act and Building Charges Policy 2018/19 which will be finalised in June 2018. Please see [www.boprc.govt.nz/feesandcharges](http://www.boprc.govt.nz/feesandcharges) for the supporting information document which contains a full list of the RMA charges, including the proposed changes.

For information about how to give feedback please see page 16 of this document. **Submissions close at 4:00 pm, 19 March 2018.**

## What happens next

### Submission Period - 19 February – 19 March 2018

Submissions on the proposed changes must be received by **4:00 pm, 19 March 2018.**

### Public Hearing - 16-20 April 2018

Depending on the number of submissions received, these days have been set aside for those who wish to present their submission to the Council in person.

### Deliberations - 22 – 24 May 2018

The Council will make their decisions on the policies and proposals based on your submissions and any other relevant information.

### Adoption - by 29 June 2018

The Council will adopt the final policies and proposals. These will include any changes agreed on through the deliberations process.

*We are also seeking feedback on our proposed Long Term Plan 2018 - 2028.*

Please see [www.boprc.govt.nz/longtermplan](http://www.boprc.govt.nz/longtermplan) for more information.



# Resource Management Act 1991, section 36

*The Resource Management Act 1991 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.

# Summary of proposed changes

*The charges associated with the work we carry out under the RMA are reviewed annually. This year we have undertaken a significant review of our charges and this has led to us proposing a number of changes. The cost of inflation has been included in the proposed charges.*

*The key changes proposed are summarised as follows.*

## APPLICATION CHARGES

- Split the general consent application deposit into three tiers set at \$775, \$1,770 and \$2,700. This will provide greater transparency of the likely cost for different consent types (see Table 1 of the supporting information document);
- Introduce a single 'bore fee' of \$475. This fixed fee would incorporate both the consent application fee and the compliance monitoring fee for up to three bores. This streamlines the process meaning that applicants will only receive one invoice, rather than two separate invoices (see Table 2 of the supporting information document);
- Increase the fee for a 'transfer of consent to another person at the same site' to \$165 to cover up to 1.5 hours of staff time. It is proposed that any time over 1.5 hours due to incomplete applications will be charged on an actual and reasonable basis (see Table 2 of the supporting information document);

- Change the deposit for 'publicly notified applications' to a deposit for 'publicly notified applications which proceed to a hearing'. This means that the deposit is only paid once the decision to proceed to a hearing has been confirmed. The level of the deposit remains the same at \$10,000 (see Section 2.1.3 of the supporting information document);
- Introduce a \$5,000 deposit for 'limited notified application fees which proceed to a hearing', to be paid once the decision to proceed to a hearing has been confirmed (see Section 2.1.3 of the supporting information document);
- Change the deposit for a complex plan or policy statement change or new plan request from 'up to a maximum of \$50,000' to a single deposit of \$50,000 (see Section 2.1.4 of the supporting information document);
- Introduce a charge for the Council's processing of requests to treat an activity as permitted (i.e. not requiring a consent) if there is only a 'marginal or temporary' rule breach. The charge is proposed to be on an actual and reasonable basis, with the first hour being free (see Section 2.1.5 of the supporting information document);
- In the event of an objection, Council can recover charges associated with the objection on an actual and reasonable basis. The Council may ask the hearings commissioner(s) to make a recommendation as to whether these costs should be charged to the objector (see Section 2.3 of the supporting information document).

## ANNUAL CONSENT CHARGES - BASE CHARGE

- Change the name of the 'base charge' to 'administration charge' to better reflect the services covered by this charge;
- Increase the administration charge by \$5 to \$135 (see Section 2.4.1 of the supporting information document).

## ANNUAL CONSENT CHARGES - COMPLIANCE MONITORING CHARGES

- Revision of the compliance monitoring fixed fees listed in Schedule 1A of the supporting information document to better reflect the staff time involved;
- Introduce categories for "Production land - nutrient management consents" (Schedule 2A of the supporting information document) for actual and reasonable costs for monitoring in relation to land use;
- Introduce charges on an actual and reasonable basis for additional monitoring of water takes in over-allocated catchments (see Schedule 2A of the supporting information document);
- Introduce charges on an actual and reasonable basis for additional time spent processing compliance monitoring returns in excess of the standard time allocated (see Section 2.4.2 of the supporting information document).



## ANNUAL CONSENT CHARGES - REGIONAL/IMPACT MONITORING CHARGES

- Include the costs of Council's Data Services activity when calculating the regional/impact monitoring charges to reflect the work carried out by Data Services in this area (see Section 2.4.3 of the supporting information document);
- Change the name of the 'regional/impact monitoring charges' to 'data and science charges' to better reflect the services covered by these charges (see Section 2.4.3 of the supporting information document);
- Revision of the data and science charges to better reflect the costs involved, phased in over two years (see Schedules 1B - 12B);
- Introduce a category for 'activities on port land' (Schedule 10B of the supporting information document) for actual and reasonable costs for data and science monitoring in relation to port activities.

## ANNUAL CONSENT CHARGES - LOW RISK ONSITE WASTEWATER EXEMPTIONS

- Reintroduce the administration, compliance monitoring and data and science charges for low risk onsite wastewater consents (see Section 2.4 of the supporting information document).

## STAFF TIME AND TRAVEL COSTS

- Introduce a standard travel charges policy, with each site visit attracting a charge of half an hour of staff time plus 50km at the applicable IRD mileage rate, regardless of location (see Section 2.5);
- Increase charges for staff in Schedule A and include an additional category for a Māori Technical Advisor.



# Explanation of proposed changes

The relevant section number is provided to help you find the detail in the supporting information document.

## Application charges

### APPLICATION CHARGES FOR NON-NOTIFIED RESOURCE CONSENTS (SUPPORTING INFORMATION DOCUMENT SECTION 2.1.2)

For a number of years we have charged a General Application Fee of \$774 (including GST). This was made up of a fixed charge of \$633 and a deposit towards processing of \$141. We have reviewed this against best practice and propose shifting to a deposit in three tiers depending on the type of consent application. We believe that doing this will provide greater transparency and enable us to provide consent applicants with a more realistic price expectation for a particular type of consent. We have based our proposed tiers on the estimated number of hours to complete each type of consent application.

We always recover actual and reasonable costs. This means some applicants receive a refund and others receive an additional charge.

Consent type	Proposed deposit (incl. GST)	Estimated average hours to process consent
<b>Tier 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificates of compliance</li> <li>Re-consenting existing unchanged lake structures</li> <li>Lapsing period extensions</li> </ul>	\$775	4.5 hours of officer time 0.7 hours of coordinator time
<b>Tier 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Onsite effluent discharge (septic tanks)</li> <li>Onsite dairy effluent discharge</li> <li>Remediation of contaminated land</li> <li>Multiple bores (more than three)</li> <li>Changes, cancellation or review of consent conditions</li> <li>Transfer of consent to another site or another person at another site</li> </ul>	\$1,770	10 hours of officer time 2 hours of coordinator time
<b>Tier 3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All other consent categories</li> </ul>	\$2,700	16 hours of officer time 2 hours of coordinator time



**FIXED APPLICATION CHARGES  
(SUPPORTING INFORMATION DOCUMENT SECTION 2.1.2)**

We have reviewed our fixed resource consent application charges and propose changes to the following two charges: land use consent application fee to construct a bore and fee for a consent transfer.

Our charge for processing bore consent applications has not been revised significantly since 2009. These applications are relatively straightforward to process and are usually followed up by a compliance administrative review. This means that consent holders currently receive two separate invoices relating to the bore within the same year which adds additional administrative time for both the Council and applicants. We propose moving to a single “bore fee” which incorporates both the consent and compliance staff charges. This fee will apply to applications for up to three bores – applications with four or more bores will be charged the Tier 2 deposit outlined in the previous section.

Our charge for a complete application to transfer a consent to another person at the same site has not been revised since 2009. We propose increasing this fee to ensure recovery of costs.

<i>Consent type</i>	<i>Current fee 2017/18 (incl. GST)</i>	<i>Proposed fee 2018/19 (incl. GST)</i>	<i>Estimated average hours to process consent 2018/19</i>
Land use consent to construct 1 - 3 geotechnical freshwater bores or domestic geothermal bores	\$390	\$475	1 hour of officer time 1.5 hours of coordinator time 1 hour of compliance officer time
Transfer of consent to another person at the same site where a complete application is submitted <sup>1</sup>	\$90	\$165	1.5 hours of coordinator time

**CHARGES FOR LIMITED AND PUBLICLY NOTIFIED  
RESOURCE CONSENTS (SUPPORTING INFORMATION  
DOCUMENT SECTION 2.1.3)**

The charge for resource consent applications that need to be publically notified is set at \$10,000. Currently, this is due when the consent application is submitted (if it is thought likely to be publically notified) or when the application is notified. However, the additional costs associated with public notification are not incurred until the decision to proceed to a hearing has been made, which happens at a later stage in the application process. To make sure that we are charging applicants at the point where the costs are incurred, we propose a minor change to the deposit so that it relates to “Publicly notified applications which proceed to a hearing”. This means that the deposit will only need to be paid once it is been confirmed that a hearing will take place. The level of the deposit remains the same at \$10,000.

Currently we don’t have a charge for limited notified applications so we are proposing to introduce a deposit of \$5,000 for “Limited notified applications which proceed to a hearing”. As with publicly notified applications, it is not until a decision has been made to proceed to a hearing that additional costs are incurred.

**APPLICATION CHARGES FOR THE PREPARATION OF  
OR A CHANGE TO A PLAN OR POLICY STATEMENT  
(SUPPORTING INFORMATION DOCUMENT SECTION 2.1.4)**

The deposit for submitting a complex plan or policy statement change or new plan request is currently set at ‘up to \$50,000’, so it is unclear to applicants how much they will need to pay as a deposit. We therefore propose to set this deposit at ‘\$50,000’ to provide greater clarity.

<sup>1</sup> Where an incomplete application for a ‘transfer of consent to another person at the same site’ results in more than 1.5 hours of staff time being required to process the transfer, actual and reasonable costs will be charged to the transferee for the additional time required to process the incomplete application.

### PERMITTED MARGINAL OR TEMPORARY ACTIVITIES (SUPPORTING INFORMATION DOCUMENT SECTION 2.1.5)

The Resource Legislation Amendment Act 2017 introduced section 87BB to the RMA which came into effect on 18 October 2017. This provides councils with the option to treat an activity as permitted (i.e. not requiring a consent) if there is only a 'marginal or temporary' rule breach. Previously any activity that breached a rule in a district and/or regional plan required a resource consent regardless of the scale of the environmental effects of the breach. This section therefore reduces the cost and administrative burden for all involved. We expect the majority of these requests will be straightforward and handled relatively quickly. We propose charging for these requests on an actual and reasonable basis with the first hour being free.

### CHARGES FOR OBJECTIONS (SUPPORTING INFORMATION DOCUMENT SECTION 2.3)

As part of the Resource Legislation Amendment Act 2017, an additional clause, section 36(1)(af) of the RMA, came into effect on 18 October 2017. This gives Council the ability to set:

“charges payable by a person making an objection under section 357A(1)(f) or (g), if the person requests under section 357AB that the objection be considered by a hearings commissioner, for the cost of the objection being considered and decided in accordance with the request”

We propose to recover actual and reasonable costs associated with any objections with the option to seek a recommendation from the hearings commissioner(s) as to whether these costs should be passed onto the objector.

## Annual consent charges

### ADMINISTRATION CHARGE (SUPPORTING INFORMATION DOCUMENT SECTION 2.4.1)

We charge an annual fee to cover routine administrative costs. This covers consent computer database and file system maintenance, compiling and monitoring accounts, correspondence to consent holders (e.g. around expiring consents) and general administration and enquiries.

The current annual base charge is \$130 per consent. We propose increasing this to \$135 to reflect inflation and the costs of running our services. It covers approximately 30% of our administration costs. We also propose changing the name from “base charge” to “administration charge” to more accurately reflect the activities that it covers.

<i>Administration charge</i>	<i>Current fee 2017/18 (incl. GST)</i>	<i>Proposed fee 2018/19 (incl. GST)</i>
Standard charge	\$130	\$135

## COMPLIANCE MONITORING CHARGES (SUPPORTING INFORMATION DOCUMENT SCHEDULES 1A AND 2A)

Our Regulatory Compliance Team monitor resource consents, undertaking site inspections to ensure the activity complies with the consent requirements and regional plan rules. The compliance monitoring charges are annual charges which cover these inspections as well as day to day contact with individual consent holders, quality checking and filing of monitoring returns, and other administrative tasks.

We have reviewed our annual fixed fees for each consent category against the staff hours taken to monitor each consent (Schedule 1A). The adjacent table shows the proposed changes to reflect the time and level of monitoring required.

Compliance category	Annual charge 2017/18 (incl. GST)	Proposed annual charge 2018/19 (incl. GST)	Increase	Estimated monitoring hours <sup>2</sup>
Air Discharge - small industry	\$125	\$235	\$110	1.5 hours of officer time
Air Discharge - medium industry	\$495	\$1,085	\$590	7.0 hours of officer time
Dairy Sheds - low risk	\$55	\$95	\$40	0.6 hours of officer time
Dairy Sheds - moderate risk	\$155	\$155	-	1.0 hours of officer time
Dairy Sheds - high risk	\$310	\$310	-	2.0 hours of officer time
Industrial Discharges - small	\$185	\$185	-	1.2 hours of officer time
Industrial Discharges - medium	\$870	\$930	\$60	6.0 hours of officer time
Landfills - closed	\$175	\$175	-	1.1 hours of officer time
OSET - low risk	\$85	\$85	-	0.6 hours of officer time

<sup>2</sup> The annual charge relates to activities such as receiving monitoring returns, physical site inspections or day to day contact. It is based on an average number of hours per year dependent on the inspection frequency.

<b>Compliance category</b>	<b>Annual charge 2017/18 (incl. GST)</b>	<b>Proposed annual charge 2018/19 (incl. GST)</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Estimated monitoring hours<sup>2</sup></b>
Piggeries	\$135	\$165	\$30	1.1 hours of officer time
Wastewater Plants - small	\$435	\$620	\$185	4.0 hours of officer time
Transfer Stations	\$310	\$465	\$155	3.0 hours of officer time
Timber Treatment Plant	\$555	\$700	\$145	4.5 hours of officer time
Minor Dams	\$40	\$40	-	0.3 hours of officer time
Geothermal Abstraction - excluding Rotorua field	\$175	\$335	\$160	2.2 hours of officer time
Geothermal Abstraction - Rotorua field only	\$155	\$195	\$40	1.3 hours of officer time
Industrial Abstraction - minor	\$160	\$160	-	1.0 hours of officer time
Hort/Agr Abstraction <sup>3</sup> - >5L/s	\$175	\$175	-	1.1 hours of officer time
Hort/Agr Abstraction <sup>3</sup> - <5L/s	\$155	\$115	-	0.8 hours of officer time
Municipal Abstraction - minor	\$170	\$170	-	1.1 hours of officer time
Geothermal Abstractors (Warm Water Bores Tga)	\$175	\$195	\$20	1.3 hours of officer time

We also propose introducing additional categories into Schedule 2A – Consents subject to variable compliance monitoring charges. This charge will be for land use consents to cover the additional activities introduced through the Council’s Plan Change 10: Lake Rotorua Nutrient Management.

<b>Compliance category</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Inspection frequency</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Production Land – high risk	ProdLand - high	Annual	A consent for land use, subject to the management of nutrient loss from that activity.  Risk is determined through the consent process and stipulated within the resource consent.
Production Land – medium risk	ProdLand - med	2 yearly	
Production Land – low risk	ProdLand - low	5 yearly	

Please note that any instances of non-compliance are followed up by additional compliance inspections until the activity is in compliance – consent holders are charged an extra fee for these additional inspections, based on actual and reasonable costs.

<sup>3</sup> Any additional monitoring work required in over-allocated catchments not covered by the fixed fee will be charged on an actual and reasonable basis.

## REGIONAL IMPACT/MONITORING CHARGES (SUPPORTING INFORMATION DOCUMENT SECTION 2.4.3)

There are significant changes proposed to the charges associated with our regional impact/monitoring. The last significant change to these charges was in 2009. Since then our costs, the way we do things and what we need to do has changed substantially.

Council has two activities which help to monitor our water, land and air resources; our Data Service and Science activities. These activities operate monitoring sites which measure and monitor water quality, water quantity, air quality and ecosystems. The monitoring data are collected and managed in our databases and on our website and are also analysed and reported by our scientists.

Section 35 of the RMA requires us to monitor the state of the whole or any part of the environment, and to undertake or commission research, to enable us to effectively carry out our functions under the RMA. The majority of this monitoring and science work is undertaken for the benefit of the wider community and is funded through general funds. However, some of the work is also of benefit to consent holders. The RMA allows Council to recover costs from consent holders for this activity.

Consent holders benefit from our monitoring programme in various ways; it provides the evidence base needed for sound management of natural resources and the information can be used by consent holders to:

- Prepare monitoring reports;
- Help with future consent applications;
- Meet conditions on their resource consents.

## PROPOSED CHANGES

We propose changing the title of the charges to “data and science charges” to better reflect the work undertaken.

At present our budget for our Data Services and Science activities is approximately \$10 million. Council currently only recovers approximately \$1 million of these costs from consent holders. We have reviewed our costs and assessed them in terms of their relevance to consent holders. We propose increasing our charges to recover approximately \$2 million through our Data Services and Science activities to better reflect the work undertaken that benefits consent holders directly. The costs of both activities are expected to increase over the next few years due to additional requirements being introduced through updated or new legislation, such as the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management.

Implementing the proposed changes immediately will result in some large one-off increases in charges, particularly for larger consents. To ensure that any increases are managed in a fair and transparent manner, we propose to introduce the new charges over two years – 50% of the increase in the first year and the remaining 50% in the second year.

**The adjacent table shows some examples of the proposed data and science charges. Full details of the proposed and indicative charges for 2018/19 and 2019/20 are included in the supporting information document.**

We also propose introducing an additional category for ‘Activities on port land’ in Schedule 10B, charging for data and science monitoring on an actual and reasonable basis. The Data Services and Science activities currently carry out a significant amount of monitoring work on air quality in the Mount Maunganui/Sulphur Point area. The need for this monitoring has arisen due to the number of large industrial operators in the area conducting activities which result in a discharge to air, including significant levels of nuisance dust. The work in this area is currently funded through general funds and charges from existing consented activities. In future, it is expected that consents will be introduced for port activities that currently operate as permitted activities and the proposed category is included in anticipation of this.

<i>Schedule and Step</i>	<i>Schedule description</i>	<i>Current annual charge 2017/18 (incl. GST)</i>	<i>Proposed annual charge 2018/19 (incl. GST)</i>	<i>Indicative annual charge 2019/20 (incl. GST)</i>
Schedule 1B Step 6	<b>Water management</b> - Consents to discharge industrial or process related water and/or contaminants	\$2,820	\$3,620	\$4,410
Schedule 2B Step 4	<b>Water management</b> - Consents to discharge sewage related water and/or contaminants	\$420	\$980	\$1,530
Schedule 3B Step 2	<b>Water management</b> - Consents to discharge agricultural related water and/or contaminants	\$70	\$160	\$240
Schedule 4B Step 4	<b>Water management</b> - Consents to discharge stormwater, quarrying, dredging, leachate and miscellaneous related water and/or contaminants	\$420	\$790	\$1,160
Schedule 5B Step 11	<b>Water management</b> - Consents to discharge warm water/geothermal fluid into the ground	\$7,045	\$8,100	\$9,160
Schedule 6B Step 5	<b>Water management</b> - Consents to take surface water	\$2,265	\$3,020	\$3,770
Schedule 7B Step 4	<b>Water management</b> - Consents to take groundwater excluding geothermal	\$2,060	\$2,430	\$2,800
Schedule 8B Step 4	<b>Water management</b> - Consents to take geothermal fluid and geothermal heat/energy	\$475	\$570	\$670
Schedule 9B Step 4	<b>Water management</b> - Consents to dam and/or divert	\$420	\$640	\$850
Schedule 10B Step 4	<b>Air management</b> - Consents to discharge contaminants into air	\$565	\$770	\$970
Schedule 11B Step 2	<b>Coastal management</b> - Coastal consents (other than takes and discharges)	\$115	\$120	\$135
Schedule 12B Step 2	<b>Land use management</b> - Land use consents	\$70	\$160	\$250

## LOW RISK ONSITE WASTEWATER CONSENTS

Historically Council has granted exemption to low risk onsite wastewater consents (OSET) for the following charges:

- Administration charge
- Compliance monitoring charges
- Data and science charges

In order to ensure all our fees and charges are fair and equitable, we propose re-introducing these charges for low risk OSET.

## Travel charges

### (SUPPORTING INFORMATION DOCUMENT SECTION 2.5)

We have reviewed our policy regarding travel time and propose following best practice guidelines by charging a standard amount for both time and travel costs. This will ensure that we avoid penalising consent applicants and holders in outlying areas. We propose introducing the following clause:

*“Site visits for resource consent applications and compliance monitoring, regardless of location, will be charged a standard rate of half an hour of staff time (at the staff charge out rates detailed in Schedule A) for travel time and 50km at the applicable IRD mileage rate.”*

## Staff charges

### STAFF CHARGE OUT RATES (SUPPORTING INFORMATION DOCUMENT SCHEDULE A)

Charges for staff time can be incurred by consent and plan change applicants, consent holders and people requesting information from Council. This work forms the basis for the charges in the Council Charges Policy. Staff hourly rates are proposed to increase slightly to reflect inflation and revised costings across Council, as shown in the adjacent table.

## Building Act charges

There are no proposed changes to the Building Act charges.

Group	Current hourly rate 2017/18 (incl. GST)	Proposed hourly rate 2018/19 (incl. GST)
Administration	\$105	\$110
Officers/Planners		
Senior Officers/Planners		
Engineers/Scientist/ Regulatory Project Officer (RPO)/ Environmental Data Officer/ Laboratory Technicians	\$145	\$155
Compliance Monitoring Officer (externally contracted)		
Maritime Officer		
Team Leaders/Senior RPO/Works Engineer/Senior Maritime Officer		
Senior Engineer/Senior Scientist/ Harbourmaster	\$160	\$180
Pou Ngaio (Technical/Cultural RMA Specialist)		
Managers/Regional Harbourmaster	\$210	\$260
Consultants/ Contractors		As charged by consultant/ contractor
Regional Council staff mileage		Current applicable IRD rate







# How to have your say

*You can have your say by providing a submission in any of the ways outlined below. Submissions close 4pm on Monday 19 March.*

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**Complete a submission online**

Visit [www.boprc.govt.nz/feesandcharges](http://www.boprc.govt.nz/feesandcharges)

**Email your submission form to**

[feesandcharges@boprc.govt.nz](mailto:feesandcharges@boprc.govt.nz)

**Complete the submission form attached and post it to us at:**

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Council Charges Policy

Bay of Plenty Regional Council

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Whakatāne 3158

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# What do you think?



## Your details

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you submitting as an individual, or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual  Organisation

Organisation (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Your gender:

- Male
- Female
- I'd rather not say

### Your age:

- 0-17 years
- 18-24 years
- 25-34 years
- 35-44 years
- 45-54 years
- 55-64 years
- 65 or older
- I'd rather not say

### Your ethnicity:

- NZ European
- Maori
- Pacific Islander
- Asian
- Middle Eastern/  
Latin American/African
- Other, please specify:  
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All submitters have the opportunity to present their feedback to council during the hearings process. Please indicate your preferred option below.

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**1. Application charges for non-notified resource consents**  
*See page 7*

Do you support the change?

Please tick your preferred option.

Yes  No  No opinion

Comments/feedback:

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**2. Fixed application charges**  
*See page 8*

Do you support the change?

Please tick your preferred option.

Yes  No  No opinion

Comments/feedback:

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**3. Charges for limited and publicly notified resource consents**  
*See page 8*

Do you support the change?

Please tick your preferred option.

Yes  No  No opinion

Comments/feedback:

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**4. Permitted marginal or temporary activities**  
*See page 9*

Do you support the change?

Please tick your preferred option.

Yes  No  No opinion

Comments/feedback:

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**5. Charges for objections**  
*See page 9*

Do you support the change?

Please tick your preferred option.

Yes  No  No opinion

Comments/feedback:

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**6. Administration charge**  
*See page 9*

Do you support the change?

Please tick your preferred option.

Yes  No  No opinion

Comments/feedback:

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**7. Compliance monitoring charges**  
*See page 10*

Do you support the change?

Please tick your preferred option.

Yes  No  No opinion

Comments/feedback:

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**8. Data and science charges**  
*See page 12*

Do you support the change?

Please tick your preferred option.

Yes  No  No opinion

Comments/feedback:

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**9. Low risk onsite wastewater consents**  
*See page 13*

Do you support the change?

Please tick your preferred option.

Yes  No  No opinion

Comments/feedback:

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**10. Travel charges**  
*See page 14*

Do you support the change?

Please tick your preferred option.

Yes  No  No opinion

Comments/feedback:

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**11. Staff charges**  
*See page 14*

Do you support the change?

Please tick your preferred option.

Yes  No  No opinion

Comments/feedback:

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**General comments and feedback**

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**APPENDIX 2 – Supporting Information  
Document - Resource Management Act  
and Building Act Charges (including  
proposed changes to the RMA charges)**



# Supporting Information Document

## Resource Management Act and Building Act Charges

(Including proposed changes to the RMA charges)





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**Resource Management Act and Building Act Charges**  
**(Including proposed changes to the RMA charges)**

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# 1 Introduction

This supporting information document sets our existing Resource Management Act (RMA) and Building Act charges, along with our proposed changes to some of the charges. Authority to set these charges falls under section 36 of the RMA and section 243 of the Building Act.

## 2 Resource Management Act charges

Under the RMA, the Bay of Plenty Regional Council (Council) is responsible for managing the use of a wide range of natural resources including air quality, geothermal energy, groundwater and surface water. In order to carry out this function we are required to undertake a significant level of activity including:

- Processing and administration (e.g. in regard to regional plans and resource consents)
- Monitoring and supervision of resource consents
- Monitoring of natural resources.

The RMA gives Council the power to recover the 'reasonable' costs associated with these functions using charges made under section 36. The RMA charges covered by this policy include:

- Application charges
- Discount on administrative charges
- Charges for objections
- Annual consent charges
- Travel charges

### 2.1 Application charges

The charges in the following tables relate to applications for new resource consents, transfers or renewals of consents, certificates of compliance and the preparation or change to a policy statement or plan. The majority of these charges are deposits, with any

additional costs charged on an actual and reasonable basis. An estimate of these additional costs can be provided on request.

#### 2.1.1 Applications for resource consents

Resource consents are processed as either non-notified, limited notified or publicly notified. The majority of resource consents are processed as non-notified. Council charges consent applicants for any costs incurred when processing resource consent applications. Charges include the costs of technical assessment, RMA assessment, peer review work and administration costs.

We charge the actual and reasonable costs for processing a consent application, apart from a limited number of applications which are subject to a fixed fee (Table 2). Actual and reasonable costs include, but are not limited to:

- Staff time spent processing a resource consent at the staff charge out rates detailed in Schedule A (page 12)
- Contractor's or consultant's time based on the charge out rate of the contractor or consultant engaged to do the work
- Disbursements which may include travel costs, expert advice, photocopying and hearing costs

Before Council begins to process an application, we require the deposit (Table 1) or fixed application fee (Table 2) to be paid in full.

Please note that application charges apply even if your consent application is declined or you withdraw your application.

Our Duty Consents Officer can help you make an informed decision and, if required, offer advice about your application. The first hour is free and will save you time and money in the long run. After the first hour, we will charge you for the service. We will advise you before we start charging.

## 2.1.2 Application charges for non-notified resource consents

Resource consent applications are processed as “non-notified” if their effects are minor and anyone who might be affected by the activity agrees to the consent being granted. The application deposits are outlined in Table 1. Where consent processing costs exceed the deposit an additional charge for actual and reasonable costs will be made.

**Table 1: General resource consent application deposits**

Consent type	Deposit (incl. GST)
Tier 1 •Certificates of compliance •Re-consenting existing unchanged lake structures •Lapsing period extensions	\$775
Tier 2 •Onsite effluent discharge (septic tanks) •Onsite dairy discharge effluent •Remediation of contaminated land •Multiple bores (more than three) <sup>(1)</sup> •Changes, cancellation or review of consent conditions •Transfer of consent to another site or another person at another site	\$1,770
Tier 3 •All other consent categories	\$2,700

A limited number of consents are subject to a fixed application fee with no additional costs payable, as detailed in Table 2.

1 Consent applications for one, two or three bores are subject to a fixed fee (Table 2)

**Table 2: Fixed consent application fees**

Consent type	Fixed charge (incl. GST)
OSET approval inspection fee	\$50
Land use consent to construct between 1 to 3 geotechnical freshwater bores or domestic geothermal bores (includes compliance monitoring charges)	\$475
Transfer of consent to another person at the same site where a complete application is submitted. <sup>(2)</sup>	\$165

### 2.1.3 Charges for limited and publicly notified resource consents

When an application is notified and proceeds to a hearing, a further charge is payable as detailed in Table 3.

**Table 3: Limited notified or publicly notified resource consent deposits**

Resource consent process	Deposit (incl. GST)
Limited notified applications which proceed to a hearing	\$5,000
Publicly notified applications which proceed to a hearing	\$10,000

Costs for hearing committee members and commissioners will be recovered from applicants at their set charge-out rate. Disbursements will be charged on an actual and reasonable basis.

### 2.1.4 Application charges for the preparation of or change to a plan or policy statement

Applicants will pay a deposit in advance for any requests for a change to an existing regional plan or policy statement, or for the preparation of any new plan or policy

statement. If a change to an existing regional plan or policy statement, or new plan request is deemed complex, a deposit of \$50,000 will be payable at the discretion of the General Manager Strategy.

**Table 4: Deposit for the preparation of or change to a plan or policy statement**

	Deposit (incl. GST)
Standard deposit	\$5,000
Deposit for complex plan or policy statement changes or new plan requests	\$50,000

Where costs exceed the deposit, an additional charge for actual and reasonable costs will be made. Actual and reasonable costs include, but are not limited to:

- Staff time spent at the staff charge out rates detailed in Schedule A
- Contractor's or consultant's time based on the charge out rate of the contractor or consultant engaged to do the work
- Disbursements which may include travel costs, expert advice, photocopying and hearing costs

### 2.1.5 Charges for permitted marginal or temporary activities

The cost for processing a request to issue a notice stating whether an activity is a permitted marginal or temporary activity will be charged based on actual staff time spent on an actual and reasonable basis, with the first hour being provided free of charge. Staff charge-out rates are detailed in Schedule A (page 12).

**Table 5: Permitted marginal or temporary activity charges**

	Charge (incl. GST)
Issuing a notice stating whether an activity is a permitted marginal or temporary activity	Actual and reasonable cost with the first hour free

<sup>2</sup> Where an incomplete application for a 'transfer of consent to another person at the same site' results in more than 1.5 hours of staff time being required to process the transfer, actual and reasonable costs will be charged to the transferee for the additional time required to process the incomplete application.

## 2.1.6 Exemptions from application charges and zero fee activities

The exemptions in Table 6 are in accordance with decisions adopted by Council at its meeting on xxx.

**Table 6: Exemptions and zero fee activities**

Consent category	Charge
	(incl. GST)
Activities listed in regional plans that have zero fee	\$0
Application to reduce the allocated rate of a surface water take consent or allocated annual volume of groundwater take consent which reduces the environmental effect of that take	\$0

## 2.2 Discount on administrative charges

The Resource Management (Discount on Administrative Charges) Regulations 2010, commonly called the 'Discount Regulations', sets a default discount policy for resource consents that are not processed within statutory timeframes. Council's policy is to adhere to the Discount Regulations.

The Discount Regulations set out a discount of 1% of the total administrative charges for every working day an application remains unprocessed beyond the statutory timeframes specified in the RMA, up to a maximum of 50% (i.e. 50 working days).

The Discount Regulations apply to the processing of most resource consent applications or applications to change consent conditions. They do not apply to the following:

- Applications for extensions to consent lapsing periods
- Local authority initiated consent reviews
- Certificates of compliance
- When an applicant withdraws a resource consent application

## 2.3 Charges for objections

If a person who has lodged an objection requests that the objection be considered by a hearings commissioner, Council may recover charges associated with the objections being considered and decided in accordance with that request. Those costs will be recovered on an actual and reasonable basis. Council may ask the commissioner(s) to make a recommendation as to whether it would be appropriate to remit (i.e. not charge) any of these costs.

## 2.4 Annual consent charges

The annual consent charge payable by the consent holder in relation to each current resource consent is made up of:

- Administration charge
- Compliance/supervision charge (referred to as 'compliance monitoring charge')
- Data and science charge



For those consents where compliance monitoring is charged on an actual and reasonable basis, the monitoring charges will be invoiced according to the frequency of inspections (e.g. consents inspected more than once during the year will receive monitoring invoices during the year in addition to the annual consent charge).

## 2.4.1 Administration charge

**Table 7: Administration charge**

	<b>Fixed charge (incl. GST)</b>
Standard charge	\$135
Multiple consents: additional charge per consent holder where separate invoicing and correspondence is required	\$115

## 2.4.2 Compliance monitoring charges

Compliance monitoring charges are based on the actual and reasonable costs of carrying out compliance monitoring of consents. Fixed and variable charges are made up of the staff time to carry out an inspection (if required), audit any monitoring information provided by consent holders, follow up any non-compliance and report back to consent holders (if required).

Actual and reasonable costs include, but are not limited to:

- Staff time spent processing a resource consent at the staff charge out rates detailed in Schedule A (page 12)
- Contractor's or consultant's time based on the charge out rate of the contractor or consultant engaged to do the work
- Disbursements which may include travel costs, expert advice, photocopying and hearing costs

It is Council policy that the majority of costs of compliance monitoring should be recovered from consent holders.

**Table 8: Compliance monitoring charges**

<b>Compliance monitoring charge</b>	<b>Charge (incl. GST)</b>
Fixed fee compliance monitoring charges <sup>(3)</sup>	Schedule 1A
All other consents not listed in Schedule 1A	Actual and reasonable
Second and subsequent inspections as necessitated by previous non-compliance	Actual and reasonable
Auditing information required by consent conditions or participation in peer review panels	Actual and reasonable
Fixed administration fee relating to late submission of records and monitoring reports	\$230

## 2.4.3 Data and science charge

The data and science charge is a fixed annual fee which covers a portion of the Council's costs of carrying out regional and impact monitoring and specific investigations into the state of the environment.

**Table 9: Data and science charge**

<b>Data and science charge</b>	
All applicable consents	Schedules 1B to 12B

<sup>3</sup> Where the time spent processing monitoring returns exceeds the standard time allocated to the compliance category, any additional time will be charged on an actual and reasonable basis.



## 2.4.4 Exemptions from annual charges

The exemptions in Table 10 are in accordance with decisions adopted by Council at its meeting on xxx.

**Table 10: Exemptions from annual consent charges**

Consent category	Exempt from
Long term consents for structures, reclamations or diversions in the Coastal Marine Area, rivers and lakes unless an inspection has been carried out (in which case the consent holder is charged as per Schedule 1A or 2A)	Administration charge
"Consequential" consents such as the discharge permit in an activity that involves a diversion and discharge, or the discharge permit in an activity that involves taking and discharging water (e.g. to heat a pool). To qualify, the "consequential" consent must occur as a natural consequence of the primary activity and have no significant environmental effect compared to the primary consent.	Administration charge

## 2.5 Travel charges

Site visits for resource consent applications and compliance monitoring, regardless of location, will be charged a standard rate of half an hour of staff time (at the staff charge out rates detailed in Schedule A, page 12) for travel time and 50km at the applicable IRD mileage rate.

### 3 Building Act charges

Under the Building Act 2004, Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC) is responsible for functions relating to dams. For efficiency and cost reduction reasons, BOPRC has transferred the following building consent authority functions for dams to the Waikato Regional Council <sup>(4)</sup>:

- Processing of building consents
- Inspection processes
- Issuing dam code compliance certificates
- Issuing compliance schedules

Please contact Waikato Regional Council or see its website [www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/damsafety](http://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/damsafety) for relevant up-to-date fees and charges for these areas.

Section 243 of the Building Act 2004 enables BOPRC to recover costs through imposing fees or charges for the functions not delegated to Waikato Regional Council. The charges have been set using the principle that the full cost of the service provided is to be recovered. Any costs in addition to charges specified in Table 11 will be on an actual and reasonable basis.

**Table 11: Building Act charges**

Activity	Deposit (incl. GST)
<b>Administration cost for Register of Dams</b>	
Dam potential impact classification	\$240
Dam safety assurance programme	\$240
Annual dam compliance certificate	\$240
<b>Review</b>	
Review of potential impact classifications submitted by dam owners	Actual and reasonable costs
Review of dam safety assurance programme	Actual and reasonable costs
<b>Building consent for dams</b>	
Project Information Memorandum (PIM)	\$155
<b>Certificate of acceptance</b>	
Dam valued up to \$20,000	\$585
Dam valued between \$20,000 and \$100,000	\$2,345
Dam valued over \$100,000	\$4,690
<b>Compliance and other functions</b>	
Standard labour cost and extra cost of expert advice	Actual and reasonable costs

4 Memorandum with Waikato Regional Council (WRC) dated 6 March 2009 (WRC document no. 1329516), updated with Memorandum with WRC dated 1 June 2015 (WRC document no. 3165770)

## 4 Miscellaneous administrative charges

Under sections 36(1)(e), 36(1)(f) and 36(1)(g) of the RMA and section 13 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, Council is able to charge for the provision of information in respect of plans and resource consents, the supply of documents and any kind of charge authorised by regulations.

**Table 12: Miscellaneous administrative charges**

Charge (incl. GST)	
<b>Information requests</b>	
Administration fee	Actual and reasonable costs with first hour free
<b>Photocopying</b>	
A4 (black and white)	6c per page
A3 (black and white)	10c per page
A4 (colour)	50c per page
A3 (colour)	75c per page

## 5 Enforcement

The cost of issuing an abatement notice will be charged to the holder of the consent, even if the notice itself is issued to a representative of the consent holder (e.g. farm manager, contractor, etc.). This charge is for generating and issuing the notice and does not include any additional costs associated with non-compliance, which will be charged on an actual and reasonable basis. Actual and reasonable costs include, but are not limited to:

- Staff time to carry out the inspection and prepare reports etc. at the staff charge out rates detailed in Schedule A
- Associated disbursements such as travel costs, sampling and testing costs and specialist advice

**Table 13: Enforcement charges**

	<b>Fixed charge (incl. GST)</b>
Issue of an abatement notice	\$220

## 6 General matters

- (a) Charges will be payable on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month following the month the invoice was issued e.g. invoices issued in September will be due on 20<sup>th</sup> October.
- (b) Where charges are deposits, applicants will be charged all actual and reasonable costs above the deposit.
- (c) Actual and reasonable costs include, but are not limited to staff time (see Schedule A, page 12), travel costs, advertising, peer review, meeting and hearing costs, commissioner charges, disbursements and costs of consultants.
- (d) Where the deposit fee exceeds the processing costs by \$25 or more, the difference will be refunded to the applicant.
- (e) In accordance with section 36AAB(2) of the RMA and section 243(2) of the Building Act, Council may decline to perform the action to which the charge relates until the charge has been paid in full, with the exception of those noted in section 36AAB(3) of the RMA.
- (f) Where a consent application is withdrawn, any actual and reasonable costs incurred will be charged.
- (g) If an activity is consented during the year which is not accommodated on the existing compliance monitoring and data and science schedules (schedules 1A – 12B), an interim charge will be invoiced based on the actual and reasonable costs to Council of carrying out the monitoring of the consent.
- (h) When a consent is issued part way through the financial year, the compliance monitoring and data and science charges will be on a pro-rata basis, but in all cases the full annual administration charge will first be payable.
- (i) Where a consent is varied during the financial year to which this policy applies, any change in compliance monitoring and data and science charges will apply on a pro-rata basis from when the variation is approved.
- (j) When a consent expires or is surrendered or lawfully terminated during the year and the activity ceases, then in any case the full annual administration charge will apply and the remainder of the annual consent charge will be on a pro-rata basis having regard to the compliance and data and science monitoring that has been undertaken.
- (k) Where a consent expires or is surrendered or lawfully terminated during the course of a year but the activity continues and is subject to a renewal process, then the full annual consent charge shall apply.
- (l) Council may remit any charge referred to in this Charges Policy, in part or in full, on a case by case basis, and solely at Council's discretion (see section 36(5) of the RMA).
- (m) Council will recover the actual and reasonable costs of investigating and reporting substantiated complaints relating to consented activities.
- (n) Provisions pertaining to private plan changes under the RMA apply and the charging or provision of payment does not infer approval or acceptance of any plan change request.
- (o) Holders of consents to take and/or discharge geothermal water and or contaminants will be invoiced separately for actual and reasonable costs of monitoring of temperature and flow, where such monitoring is required to be carried out by the consent holder, but is not carried out by the consent holder.

# 7 Worked examples

The following are examples of annual charges (GST inclusive) for a range of consented activities. Note that actual charges will be determined on a case by case basis.

*Small cooling water discharge to a river*

<b>Administration charge</b>	+	<b>Compliance monitoring charge</b>	+	<b>Data and science charge</b>	=	<b>Total annual consent charge</b>
<b>\$135</b>		<b>\$185</b>		<b>\$180</b>		<b>\$500</b>
		Schedule 1A Category – ID Min		Schedule 1B Step 3		

*Small sewage discharge, land treatment, annual inspection*

<b>Administration charge</b>	+	<b>Compliance monitoring charge</b>	+	<b>Data and science charge</b>	=	<b>Total annual consent charge</b>
<b>\$135</b>		<b>\$620</b>		<b>\$330</b>		<b>\$1,085</b>
		Schedule 1A Category – STP Min		Schedule 2B Step 3		

*Small to medium stormwater discharges, flood pumping schemes without contaminants to surface water*

<b>Administration charge</b>	+	<b>Compliance monitoring charge</b>	+	<b>Data and science charge</b>	=	<b>Total annual consent charge</b>
<b>\$135</b>		<b>Actual and reasonable costs for inspections</b>		<b>\$220</b>		<b>\$355 + A&amp;R</b>
		Schedule 2A Category – SW		Schedule 4B Step 2		

*Water take for irrigation, large impact*

<b>Administration charge</b>	+	<b>Compliance monitoring charge</b>	+	<b>Data and science charge</b>	=	<b>Total annual consent charge</b>
<b>\$135</b>		<b>Actual and reasonable costs for inspections</b>		<b>\$18,840</b>		<b>\$18,975 + A&amp;R</b>
		Schedule 2A Category – Irri large		Schedule 7B Step 7		

# 8 Schedules

Note: all charges in the following schedules are GST inclusive.

- Schedule A Charges for staff and consultants
- Schedules 1A and 2A Compliance monitoring charges
- Schedules 1B to 12B Data and science charges

## Schedule A - Charges for staff, consultants/contractors (GST inclusive)

Group	Hourly rate
	(incl. GST)
Administration/Coordinator	\$110
Officers/Planners	\$155
Senior Officers/Planners	
Engineers/Scientist/Regulatory Project Officer (RPO)	
External contracted Compliance Monitoring Officer (externally contracted)	
Maritime Officer	\$180
Team Leaders/Senior RPO/Works Engineer/Senior Maritime Officer	
Senior Engineer/Senior Scientist/Harbourmaster	
Pou Ngaio (Technical/Cultural RMA Specialist)	\$260
Managers/Regional Harbourmaster	
Consultants/Contractors	As charged by consultant/contractor
Regional Council staff mileage	Current applicable IRD rate

Note: Some positions may not be listed. In such cases the charge will be calculated from actual time multiplied by the most appropriate charge out rate listed above.

## Compliance monitoring charges

### Schedule 1A - Consents subject to fixed fee compliance monitoring charges

Compliance category	Code	Inspection frequency	Comments	Annual charge (incl. GST)
Air Discharge - small industry	Air min	3 yearly	Small operations with a low risk when managed well for example sandblasters, spray painters, etc.	\$235
Air Discharge - medium industry	Air med	1 yearly	Medium sized sites with a potential to result in moderate environmental impacts if not managed well. May require more significant reporting (e.g. monthly)	\$1,085
Dairy Sheds - low risk	DairyLR	3 yearly	PI systems: Adequate pond storage (lined in Rotorua lakes), appropriate irrigator technology for soil types and slopes, good compliance history	\$95
Dairy Sheds - moderate risk	DairyMR	2 yearly	All disposal systems that don't meet DairyLR or DairyHR criteria, but have good compliance history and systems that can be managed in a way that ensures compliance	\$155
Dairy Sheds - high risk	DairyMR	1 yearly	Any consent authorising a discharge to surface waters, or other High Risk dairy systems that don't meet DairyLR or DairyMR criteria	\$310
Industrial Discharges - small	ID Min	3 yearly	Small sites with small discharges and a low risk when managed well	\$185

Compliance category	Code	Inspection frequency	Comments	Annual charge (incl. GST)
Industrial Discharges - medium	ID Med	1 yearly	Medium sites with potential to result in moderate effects if not managed well	\$930
Landfills - closed	Landfill min	5 yearly	Closed landfills and managed cleanfill sites	\$175
OSET - low risk	OSET LR	8 yearly	All septic tanks and AWTS that are not within the OSET HR category. Inspected at time of installation and then on an 8 yearly basis	\$85
Piggeries	Pig	2 yearly	Low risk when managed correctly	\$165
Wastewater Plants - small	STP Min	1 yearly	A small scale sewage treatment plant, not an OSET HR or OSET LR system, and up to 50m <sup>3</sup> /day	\$620
Transfer Stations	Transfer	1 yearly	Operational Transfer Stations	\$465
Timber Treatment Plant	TTP	1 yearly	Timber treatment plants which generally have tight environmental controls with a significant amount of reporting. Risk is high if uncontrolled discharges occur	\$700
Minor Dams	Dams	10 yearly	Small dams (e.g. farm dams). Does not include hydro-electric scheme dams	\$40
Geothermal Abstraction - excluding Rotorua field	GeoO	3 yearly	All geothermal abstractors who are not large commercial operators, and are located outside of the Rotorua Geothermal field	\$335
Geothermal Abstraction - Rotorua field only	GeoR	3 yearly	All geothermal abstractors who are not large commercial operators, and are located inside of the Rotorua Geothermal field. Cost of undertaking temp and flow charged at A+R if not done by consent holder	\$195

Compliance category	Code	Inspection frequency	Comments	Annual charge (incl. GST)
Industrial Abstraction - minor	Ind Min	5 yearly	As most of these water takes will fall under the <b>NER<sup>(5)</sup></b> , inspections can be reduced as records will be good indicator of compliance. Generally inspect the industrial takes at the same time as the industrial discharge consents are inspected	\$160
Hort/Agr Abstraction <b>(6)</b> -5L/s	Irri large	5 yearly	Larger takes covered by NER so require meter and verification. LTP target aims for reduced non-compliance	\$175
Hort/Agr Abstraction <sup>(6)</sup> - <5L/s	Irri small	3 yearly	Small takes that do not generally require metering and verification, so require more frequent inspection	\$115
Municipal Abstraction - minor	MA Min	5 yearly	These water takes will generally fall under the NER, and as such records will be good indicator of compliance	\$170
Geothermal Abstractors (Warm Water Bores Tga)	Warm	3 yearly	All warm water abstractors in the Western Bay area who are not Industrial or Municipal abstractors	\$195

5 Resource Management (Measurement and Reporting of Water Takes) Regulations 2010

6 Any additional monitoring work required in over-allocated catchments not covered by the fixed fee will be charged on an actual and reasonable basis



## Schedule 2A - Consents subject to variable compliance monitoring charges

Compliance category <sup>(7)</sup>	Code	Inspection frequency	Comments
Air Discharge - large industry	Air Maj	3 monthly	In addition to regular visits, these require very frequent review of compliance returns, technical reports, etc. throughout year.
Aquaculture	Aqua	1 yearly	Aquaculture monitoring
Bore Installations	Bore Ins	As required	Administration only. Generally no site visit undertaken
Coastal structures	Struct	10 yearly	Inspected during construction (A+R) then reduced inspection frequency
Comprehensive Catchment Stormwater	CCSW	1 yearly	Regular review of returns and reports
Dewater	Dewater	As required	Short term consents usually associated with earthworks, so inspected during earthworks site visit
Other Disturbance	Disturb	1 yearly	Inspected during works
Diversions	Div	As required	Inspected as per earthworks during construction, then not at all
Dredging	Dredge	1 yearly	Inspected during works
Earthworks	EW	As required	An estimated annual monitoring time has been allocated for this category, as only a portion of all consents are "active" at any one time. Inspections are usually once every month, but can increase or decrease depending on site risk
Forestry	Forest	As required	An estimated annual monitoring time has been allocated for this category, as only a portion of all consents are "active" at any one time. Inspections are once every 2 months, but can increase or decrease depending on site risk
Geothermal Abstractors (Large scale industrial)	Geol	6 monthly	Complex sites, Peer Review Panels, Community Liaison Groups, etc.

Compliance category <sup>(7)</sup>	Code	Inspection frequency	Comments
Hydro Dams	Hydro	1 yearly	Large hydro schemes are generally well managed however impact of non-compliance can be very significant
Industrial Discharges - major	ID Maj	3 monthly	These require very frequent review of compliance returns, technical reports, etc. throughout year
Industrial Abstraction - major	Ind Maj	As required or 5 yearly	As most of these water takes will fall under the NER, inspections can be reduced as records will be good indicator of compliance. Generally inspect the industrial takes at the same time as the industrial discharge consents are inspected
Lake structures	Lake Struct	10 yearly	Inspected during construction (A+R) then reduced inspection frequency. Mainly accessed by boat
Landfills - Open	Landfill Maj	6 monthly	Open landfills and managed cleanfill sites
Mangroves	Mangrove	1 yearly	Inspected as and when required when removal is taking place
Municipal Abstraction - major	MA Maj	As required or 5 yearly	These water takes will fall under the NER, and as such records will be good indicator of compliance
OSET - high risk	OSET HR	1 yearly	All septic tanks and AWTS within 200m of Rotorua Lakes, or within Maintenance Zones as shown in OSET Plan, or where the system receives more than 2m <sup>3</sup> /day, or where there has been a poor history of compliance
Production land -high risk	ProdLand - high	Annual	A consent for land use, subject to the management of nutrient loss from that activity. Risk is determined through the consent process and stipulated within the resource consent.
Production land - medium risk	ProdLand - med	2 yearly	
Production land - low risk	ProdLand - low	5 yearly	

7 Where an activity is consented but does not fall into one of these categories, inspections will be scheduled according to the risk associated with the activity

14 SUPPORTING INFORMATION DOCUMENT - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT AND BUILDING ACT CHARGES (INCLUDING PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE RMA CHARGES)

Compliance category <sup>(7)</sup>	Code	Inspection frequency	Comments
Quarries - large commercial	Quarry Lge	6 monthly	Large commercial quarries
Quarries (small)	Quarry Sml	3 yearly	Example: Forestry, farm quarry
Reclamations	Rec	As required	Inspected as per earthworks during construction, then not at all
Disturb, excavate foreshore or seabed	Sand	5 yearly	Inspected during works
Wastewater Plants - large	STP Maj	6 monthly	Not an OSET HR or OSET LR system, and greater than 50m <sup>3</sup> /day
Shingle extraction	Shingle	1 yearly	Inspected during extraction - irregular basis
Spray - herbicides, etc.	Spray	As required	Inspected on an infrequent basis depending on whether the activity is taking place
Stream structures	Stream	10 yearly	Inspected during construction (A+R) then reduced inspection frequency
Stormwater	SW	As required	Variety of low risk consents. Generally only monitored at installation, unless issues arise
Water takes (over-allocated catchments)		As required	Additional monitoring work required in over-allocated catchments

7 Where an activity is consented but does not fall into one of these categories, inspections will be scheduled according to the risk associated with the activity

# Data and science charges

## Schedule 1B - Water management

### Consents to discharge industrial or process related water and/or contaminants

Step	Examples	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
		Current annual charge	Proposed annual charge	Indicative annual charge
		(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)
1	Negligible individual impact but cumulative impacts require monitoring. Monitoring of receiving water classification standards where relevant. Small volume, often intermittent.	\$45	\$60	\$80
2	Minor individual impact but cumulative impacts require monitoring. Monitoring of receiving water classification standards where relevant. Small volume, low concentration waste. May not be continuous.	\$70	\$90	\$110
3	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Monitoring of receiving water classification standards where relevant. Regular discharge. Contains contaminants. Volume <20 m <sup>3</sup> /day.	\$140	\$180	\$220
4	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Monitoring of receiving water classification standards where relevant. Range of contaminants. Volume <50 m <sup>3</sup> /day, regular. Discharge to surface water. No impact on other users. For land discharge volume up to 150 m <sup>3</sup> /day increase in contaminant concentration.	\$355	\$460	\$560
5	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity may require specific monitoring techniques. Monitoring of receiving water classification standards where relevant. Noticeable effect on resource, other users. Regular discharge volume <100 m <sup>3</sup> /day. Noticeable effect on resource, other users. Regular discharge volume <100 m <sup>3</sup> /day. Range of contaminants. For land discharge volume up to 250 m <sup>3</sup> /day and increase in contaminant concentration.	\$1,410	\$1,870	\$2,320

Step	Examples	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
		Current annual charge	Proposed annual charge	Indicative annual charge
		(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)
6	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity may require specific monitoring techniques. Monitoring of receiving water classification standards where relevant. Significant potential effect on resource, but does not exclude other users. Volume <1,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day. Range of contaminants. For land discharge volume up to 2,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day and increase in contaminant concentration.	\$2,820	\$3,620	\$4,410
7	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity may require specific monitoring techniques. Major receiving water impact monitoring investigation annually. Report prepared. Monitoring of receiving water classification standards where relevant. Significant potential effect on resource, but does not exclude other users. Volume <10,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day. Range of contaminants. For land discharge, volume up to 20,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day and increase in contaminant concentrations.	\$7,045	\$9,030	\$11,020
8	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity may require specific monitoring techniques. Major receiving water impact monitoring investigation annually. Report prepared. Monitoring of receiving water classification standards where relevant. Significant potential effect on resource, but does not exclude other users. Volume <20,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day. Contaminants discharge to receiving waters, utilises significant portion of assimilative capacity of receiving water. Likely to exclude other significant users.	\$14,095	\$18,060	\$22,030

Step	Examples	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
		Current annual charge	Proposed annual charge	Indicative annual charge
		(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)
9	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity may require specific monitoring techniques. Major receiving water impact monitoring investigation annually. Report prepared. Monitoring of receiving water classification standards where relevant. Significant effect on resource, other users. Volume exceeds 20,000m <sup>3</sup> /day. Contaminants discharge to receiving waters, utilises substantial proportion of assimilative capacity of receiving water. Likely to exclude other significant users.	\$21,140	\$27,910	\$34,670
10	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity may require specific monitoring techniques. Major receiving water impact monitoring investigation annually. Report prepared. Monitoring of receiving water classification standards where relevant. Very High Impact; as a result of individual discharge or combined effect with other discharges. Substantial effect on resource or other users. Substantial range of contaminants. Can exclude other significant users.	\$28,190	\$37,220	\$46,240
11	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity may require specific monitoring techniques. Major receiving water impact monitoring investigation annually. Report prepared. Monitoring of receiving water classification standards where relevant. Severe impact. The individual discharge has a substantial effect on resources and other users. Substantial range of contaminants. Excludes other significant users. May alter habitat and impact ecosystem.	\$56,375	\$72,240	\$88,110

## Schedule 2B - Water management

### Consents to discharge sewage related water and/or contaminants

Step	Examples	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
		Current annual charge	Proposed annual charge	Indicative annual charge
		(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)
1	Negligible individual impact but cumulative impacts require monitoring. Monitoring of receiving water classification standards where relevant. No offsite impacts. Small scale on site disposal. Individual household, up to 2m <sup>3</sup> /day.	\$45	\$110	\$170
2	Minor individual impact but cumulative impacts require monitoring. Monitoring of receiving water classification standards where relevant. No offsite impacts. Small scale on site disposal. Up to 30m <sup>3</sup> /day.	\$70	\$170	\$260
3	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Monitoring of receiving water classification standards where relevant. Limited offsite impacts. Small scale communal system. Land based system 30-50m <sup>3</sup> /day.	\$140	\$330	\$510
4	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Monitoring of receiving water classification standards where relevant. Potential offsite impacts. Small communal system. 50-100m <sup>3</sup> /day. For land based 50-200 m <sup>3</sup> /day.	\$420	\$980	\$1,530
5	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity may require specific monitoring techniques. Monitoring of receiving water classification standards where relevant. Potential and occasional offsite impacts. Significant community. Up to 2,000m <sup>3</sup> /day. For land discharge up to 4,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day. No trade wastes.	\$1,410	\$3,270	\$5,130

Step	Examples	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
		Current annual charge	Proposed annual charge	Indicative annual charge
		(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)
6	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity may require specific monitoring techniques. Major receiving water impact monitoring investigation annually. Report prepared. Monitoring of receiving water classification standards where relevant. Moderate impact. Small town treatment system. Potential effect on resource, but does not exclude other users. Limited trade wastes.	\$3,525	\$8,170	\$12,820
7	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity may require specific monitoring techniques. Major receiving water impact monitoring investigation annually. Report prepared. Monitoring of receiving water classification standards where relevant. Moderate lipact. Medium scale treatment system. Identifiable effects on resource, but does not exclude other users. Trade wastes.	\$7,045	\$16,330	\$25,610
8	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity may require specific monitoring techniques. Major receiving water impact monitoring investigation annually. Report prepared. Monitoring of receiving water classification standards where relevant. Moderate to high impact. Identifiable effects on resource, can exclude other users. Significant trade wastes.	\$14,095	\$33,970	\$53,850

## Schedule 3B - Water management

### Consents to discharge agricultural related water and/or contaminants

Step	Examples	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
		Current annual charge	Proposed annual charge	Indicative annual charge
		(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)
1	Negligible individual impact but cumulative impacts require monitoring. Monitoring of receiving water classification standards where relevant. No offsite impacts. Land discharge <20 m <sup>3</sup> /day.	\$45	\$130	\$210
2	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Monitoring of receiving water classification standards where relevant. Discharge to surface water and land discharge >20 m <sup>3</sup> /day. Potential effect on resource, but does not exclude other users.	\$70	\$160	\$240
3	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Monitoring of receiving water classification standards where relevant. Small to moderate impact. Some impact on resource, minimal impact on other users.	\$280	\$620	\$950
4	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity may require specific monitoring techniques. Monitoring of receiving water classification standards where relevant. Moderate impact. Utilises significant amount of receiving water capacity. May impact on other users. <50 m <sup>3</sup> /day.	\$845	\$2,200	\$3,550
5	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity may require specific monitoring techniques. Major receiving water impact monitoring investigation annually. Report prepared. Monitoring of receiving water classification standards where relevant. Moderate to high impact. Utilises substantial amount of receiving water capacity. Excludes other users.	\$1,410	\$3,660	\$5,910

## Schedule 4B - Water management

### Consents to discharge stormwater, quarrying, dredging, leachate and miscellaneous related water and/or contaminants

Step	Examples	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
		Current annual charge	Proposed annual charge	Indicative annual charge
		(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)
1	Negligible individual impact but cumulative impacts require monitoring. Monitoring of receiving water classification standards where relevant. No offsite effects. Land based disposal only.	\$55	\$110	\$160
2	Minor individual impact but cumulative impacts require monitoring. Monitoring of receiving water classification standards where relevant. Low concentration of limited contaminants. Intermittent discharge. Insignificant impact on resource.	\$115	\$220	\$320
3	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Monitoring of receiving water classification standards where relevant. Small impact. Low concentration of limited contaminants. Intermittent to regular discharge.	\$170	\$320	\$470
4	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity may require specific monitoring techniques. Monitoring of receiving water classification standards where relevant. Moderate impact. Minor effect on resource. Does not exclude other users. Low to medium concentration of limited contaminants. Intermittent to regular discharge.	\$420	\$790	\$1,160
5	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity may require specific monitoring techniques. Monitoring of receiving water classification standards where relevant. Moderate to significant impact. Has impact on resource and may affect other users. Increase in concentration and number of contaminants discharged.	\$1,410	\$2,650	\$3,880

Step	Examples	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
		Current annual charge	Proposed annual charge	Indicative annual charge
		(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)
6	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity may require specific monitoring techniques. Monitoring of receiving water classification standards where relevant. Significant impact. Has impact on resource, can exclude other users. Can have impact on biota and alters habitat. May contain toxic substances.	\$4,225	\$7,920	\$11,610
7	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity may require specific monitoring techniques. Major receiving water impact monitoring investigation annually. Report prepared. Monitoring of receiving water classification standards where relevant. Major impact. Has impact on resource, can exclude other users. Has impact on biota and alters habitat.	\$8,455	\$16,450	\$24,440

## Schedule 5B - Water management

### Consents to discharge warm water/geothermal fluid into the ground

Step	Examples	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
		Current annual charge	Proposed annual charge	Indicative annual charge
		(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)
1	Negligible individual impact but cumulative impacts require monitoring. No foreign contamination.	\$30	\$30	\$40
2	Reinjection (Rotorua Geothermal Field), small volume <25 m <sup>3</sup> /day. Regular discharge.	\$0	0	\$0
3	Soakage (Rotorua Geothermal Field), small volume <25 m <sup>3</sup> /day. Regular discharge. Minor individual impact but cumulative impacts may require monitoring. Minor impact. No foreign contamination.	\$55	\$60	\$70
4	Reinjection (Rotorua Geothermal Field), volume <250 m <sup>3</sup> /day. Regular discharge.	\$0	\$0	\$0
5	Soakage (Rotorua Geothermal Field). Regular discharge. Volume <250 m <sup>3</sup> /day. Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Small impact. No foreign contamination.	\$140	\$160	\$180
6	Reinjection (Rotorua Geothermal Field), volume <500 m <sup>3</sup> /day. Regular discharge.	\$0	\$0	\$0
7	Soakage (Rotorua Geothermal Field). Regular discharge. Volume <500 m <sup>3</sup> /day. Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Small to moderate impact. No foreign contamination.	\$565	\$650	\$730
8	Reinjection (Rotorua Geothermal Field), volume <2,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day. Regular discharge.	\$0	\$0	\$0
9	Soakage (Rotorua Geothermal Field). Regular discharge. Volume <2,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day. Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity may require specific monitoring techniques. Moderate impact. No foreign contamination. Has potential to affect resource or other users.	\$1,410	\$1,620	\$1,830

Step	Examples	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
		Current annual charge	Proposed annual charge	Indicative annual charge
		(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)
10	Discharge to reinjection. Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity may require specific monitoring techniques. Moderate impact. No foreign contamination. May affect resource and other users. Regular discharge. Volume <5,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day.	\$2,820	\$3,240	\$3,670
11	Discharge to reinjection. Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity may require specific monitoring techniques. High impact. No foreign contamination. Resource affected. Can exclude other users. Volume >5,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day.	\$7,045	\$8,100	\$9,160



## Schedule 6B - Water management

### Consents to take surface water

Step	Examples	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
		Current annual charge	Proposed annual charge	Indicative annual charge
		(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)
1	Negligible individual impact but cumulative impacts require monitoring. Includes environmental protection or enhancement activities. Plentiful resource 0-250 m <sup>3</sup> /day. Frost protection - up to 1,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day.	\$60	\$80	\$100
2	Minor individual impact but cumulative impacts require monitoring. Includes environmental protection or enhancement activities. No significant impact on other users. Plentiful resource 250-500 m <sup>3</sup> /day. Frost protection - up to 2,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day.	\$120	\$160	\$200
3	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Small impact. Some impact on flow particularly in combination with other users. Not detrimental to in-stream values. 500-1,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day. Frost protection - up to 3,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day.	\$220	\$300	\$370
4	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Small to moderate impact. Impact on flow may exclude other users. 1,000-2,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day (municipal and industrial takes). Up to 5,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day (irrigators). Frost protection - >3,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day.	\$875	\$1,170	\$1,460
5	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity may require specific monitoring techniques. Moderate impact. Impact on flow may exclude other users. May be detrimental to in-stream values. Up to 10,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day.	\$2,265	\$3,020	\$3,770
6	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity may require specific monitoring techniques. Moderate to large impact. Significant abstraction. Can have impacts on the resource and other users. Up to 30,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day.	\$6,790	\$9,040	\$11,280

Step	Examples	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
		Current annual charge	Proposed annual charge	Indicative annual charge
		(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)
7	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity may require specific monitoring techniques. Major resource impact monitoring investigation annually. Report prepared. High impact. Significant water abstraction. Has significant impact on resource. Up to 50,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day.	\$11,315	\$15,060	\$18,800
8	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity require specific monitoring techniques. Major resource impact monitoring investigation annually. Report prepared. High impact. Significant water abstraction. Has significant impact on resource. Up to 100,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day.	\$22,630	\$30,110	\$37,590
9	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity require specific monitoring techniques. Major resource impact monitoring investigation annually. Report prepared. Substantial impact. Has significant impact on water availability and capacity to receive discharges. Utilises large proportion of stream flow >10% of Q5. Potential to exclude other users. Up to 200,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day.	\$45,260	\$60,220	\$75,170

Note: these charges vary depending on the volume of water permitted to be taken under the consent and apply regardless of whether the allocation is being used.

## Schedule 7B - Water management

### Consents to take groundwater excluding geothermal

Step	Examples	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
		Current annual charge	Proposed annual charge	Indicative annual charge
		(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)
1	Negligible individual impact but cumulative impacts require monitoring. Plentiful resource. Up to 250 m <sup>3</sup> /day. Frost protection - up to 1,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day.	\$140	\$170	\$200
2	Minor individual impact but cumulative impacts require monitoring. No significant impact on other users. Plentiful resource. Up to 500 m <sup>3</sup> /day. Frost protection - up to 2,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day.	\$280	\$340	\$390
3	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Small impact. Resource may be limited. Can impact other users. Up to 1,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day. Frost protection - up to 3,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day.	\$515	\$610	\$700
4	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Moderate impact. Resource may be limited. Can impact resource and other users. Up to 2,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day (municipal and industrial takes). Up to 5,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day (irrigators). Frost protection - >3,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day.	\$2,060	\$2,430	\$2,800
5	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity may require specific monitoring techniques. Moderate impact. Other users potentially affected. Resource may be impacted. Up to 5,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day (municipal and industrial takes). Up to 7,500 m <sup>3</sup> /day (irrigators).	\$2,895	\$3,420	\$3,940
6	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity may require specific monitoring techniques. Moderate to large impact. Other users affected or excluded. Resource impacted. Up to 10,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day.	\$5,325	\$6,280	\$7,240

Step	Examples	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
		Current annual charge	Proposed annual charge	Indicative annual charge
		(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)
7	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity may require specific monitoring techniques. Major resource impact monitoring investigation annually. Report prepared. Large impact. Other users affected or excluded. Resource impacted. Up to 30,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day.	\$15,975	\$18,840	\$21,710
8	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity require specific monitoring techniques. Major resource impact monitoring investigation annually. Report prepared. Major impact. Localised effect on complex resource. Can limit or exclude other users. Up to 50,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day.	\$26,620	\$31,420	\$36,210

Note: these charges vary depending on the volume of water permitted to be taken under the consent and apply regardless of whether the allocation is being used

## Schedule 8B - Water management

### Consents to take geothermal fluid and geothermal heat/energy

Step	Examples	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
		Current annual charge	Proposed annual charge	Indicative annual charge
		(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)
1	Negligible individual impact but cumulative impacts require monitoring. Geothermal fluid <5 m <sup>3</sup> /day. Warm water bores (Tauranga Field) <25 m <sup>3</sup> /day.	\$30	\$40	\$50
2	Minor individual impact but cumulative impacts require monitoring. No significant impact on other users. Geothermal fluid <25 m <sup>3</sup> /day. Down-hole heat exchangers < 5 kw. Warm water bores (Tauranga Field) <100 m <sup>3</sup> /day.	\$55	\$70	\$80
3	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Small impact. Resource may be limited. Can impact other users. Geothermal fluid < 50 m <sup>3</sup> /day. Down-hole heat exchangers >5 kw. Warm water bores (Tauranga Field) >100 m <sup>3</sup> /day.	\$80	\$100	\$120
4	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Moderate impact. Resource may be limited. Can impact resource and other users. Geothermal fluid <150 m <sup>3</sup> /day.	\$475	\$570	\$670
5	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity may require specific monitoring techniques. Moderate impact. Other users potentially affected. Resource may be impacted. Geothermal fluid <350 m <sup>3</sup> /day.	\$1,410	\$1,700	\$1,990
6	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity may require specific monitoring techniques. Moderate to large impact. Other users affected or excluded. Resource impacted. Geothermal fluid <2,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day.	\$3,525	\$4,240	\$4,960

Step	Examples	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
		Current annual charge	Proposed annual charge	Indicative annual charge
		(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)
7	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity may require specific monitoring techniques. Major resource impact monitoring investigation annually. Report prepared. Large impact. Other users affected or excluded. Resource impacted. Geothermal fluid up to 20,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day.	\$7,045	\$8,470	\$9,900
8	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity require specific monitoring techniques. Major resource impact monitoring investigation annually. Report prepared. Major impact. Localised effect on complex resource. Can limit or exclude other users. Geothermal fluid >20,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day.	\$16,915	\$20,340	\$23,770

## Schedule 9B - Water management

### Consents to dam and/or divert

Step	Examples	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
		Current annual charge	Proposed annual charge	Indicative annual charge
		(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)
1	Negligible individual impact but cumulative impacts require monitoring. Intermittent flood control, permanent stream diversions and realignments. Environmental protection or enhancement activities. Dams:- less than 1.5 m. Diversions:- mean stream flow less than 0.5 m <sup>3</sup> /sec.	\$45	\$70	\$100
2	Minor individual impact but cumulative impacts require monitoring. No significant impact on resource. No impact on in-stream values. Permanent stream diversions and realignments. Environmental protection or enhancement activities. Dams:- less than 3 m. Diversions:- mean stream flow less than 1 m <sup>3</sup> /sec.	\$70	\$110	\$150
3	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Small impact. Potential effect on resource. Some impact on in-stream values on a more sensitive stream/river. Permanent stream diversions and realignments. Dams:- less than 3 m. Diversions:- mean stream flow less than 2 m <sup>3</sup> /sec.	\$140	\$220	\$290
4	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Small impact. Effect on resource. Some impact on in-stream values. Permanent stream diversions and realignments. Dams:- less than 5 m. Diversions:- mean stream flow less than 10 m <sup>3</sup> /sec. Diversion of water (power schemes) less than 10% of mean flow of river system.	\$420	\$640	\$850

Step	Examples	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
		Current annual charge	Proposed annual charge	Indicative annual charge
		(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)
5	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity may require specific monitoring techniques. Small to moderate impact. Significant effect on resource. Impact in-stream values. Ecosystem impacts. Minimal compensation flow. Dams:- less than 10 m. Diversions:- (a) Permanent stream diversions and realignments - mean stream flow less than 20 m <sup>3</sup> /sec. (b) Diversion of water (power scheme) less than 20% of mean flow of river system.	\$1,125	\$1,700	\$2,280
6	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity may require specific monitoring techniques. Moderate impact. Impacts flow regime of part of catchment. Significant impact on stream ecosystem and in-stream values. Limits and may exclude other users. Diversion of water (power schemes) less than 30% of mean flow of river system.	\$3,170	\$4,870	\$6,570
7	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity may require specific monitoring techniques. Major resource impact monitoring investigation annually. Report prepared. Large impact. Other users affected or excluded. Resource impacted. Geothermal fluid up to 20,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day.	\$5,640	\$8,520	\$11,390
8	Individual and cumulative impacts require monitoring. Impacts of consent holder's activity require specific monitoring techniques. Major resource impact monitoring investigation annually. Report prepared. Large impact. Impacts flow regime of part of catchment. Substantial impact on stream ecosystem and in-stream values. Likely to exclude other users. Diversion of water (power schemes) greater than 50% of mean flow of river system.	\$9,865	\$14,900	\$19,930

## Schedule 10B - Air management

### Consents to discharge contaminants into air

Step	Examples	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
		Current annual charge	Proposed annual charge	Indicative annual charge
		(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)
1	Small landfills.	\$45	\$60	\$80
2	Sand blasters, small incinerators. Predominantly former Class "B" processes. Medium/large sewage plant air discharges.	\$210	\$290	\$360
2a	Spray painters. Small/medium sewage plant air discharges.	\$45	\$60	\$80
3	Hot dip galvanising. Asphalt manufacture.	\$210	\$290	\$360
4	Rendering plants.	\$565	\$770	\$970
5	A range of chemical processes. Larger boiler plant.	\$1,410	\$1,910	\$2,400
6	A range of chemical processes with higher risk of offsite effects.	\$4,230	\$5,710	\$7,190
7	Fertiliser Manufacturing Plant.	\$8,455	\$11,420	\$14,380
8	Major pulp and paper mill.	\$16,915	\$22,830	\$28,750
9	Activities on port land.	\$0	Actual and reasonable charges*	Actual and reasonable charges*

\*Actual and reasonable costs include, but are not limited to; staff time at the staff charge out rates detailed in Schedule A, sampling and testing costs and any specialist advice needed.

## Schedule 11B - Coastal management

### Coastal consents (other than takes and discharges)

Step	Examples	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
		Current annual charge	Proposed annual charge	Indicative annual charge
		(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)
1	No charge as there is no specific regional/impact monitoring programme associated with this category of consents.	\$0	\$0	\$0
2	Aquaculture – marine farms <10 hectare consented area.	\$115	\$120	\$135
3	Aquaculture – marine farms >10 hectare consented area.	\$1,175	\$1,260	\$1,350

Note: The Data and Science charges for marine farms apply from the time the consent is exercised (ie: once marine farm equipment is installed in the water) and are based on the area consented.

## Schedule 12B - Land use management

### Land use consents

Step	Examples	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
		Current annual charge	Proposed annual charge	Indicative annual charge
		(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)
1	Minor earthworks not covered by Steps 2-6 (e.g. installation of structures such as culverts and jetties).	\$0	\$0	\$0
2	Earthworks and forestry operations <1 hectare (total land area covered under the consent).	\$70	\$160	\$250
3	Earthworks and forestry operations 1-10 hectares (total land area covered under the consent).	\$210	\$480	\$750
4	Earthworks and forestry operations >10 hectares (total land area covered under the consent).	\$420	\$940	\$1,460
5	Quarries <2 hectare (total land area allowed to be worked under the consent).	\$70	\$190	\$300
6	Quarries >2 hectare (total land area allowed to be worked under the consent).	\$140	\$310	\$470

Note: earthworks include those associated with land development, tracks, roads, forestry, vegetation clearance and rehabilitation works. It does not include consents for installation of structures (e.g. culverts and jetties).