

Flood Protection and Drainage Bylaw Authority fees and charges

Those wanting to carry out activities within Bylaw Applicable Areas are required to apply for a Bylaw Authority.

This is about landowners and Regional Council working together so any impact on our flood protection assets are minimised.

Bylaw Authorities often have specific conditions that ensure that flood protection assets are safeguarded, which in turn ensures people, properties and livelihoods are protected.

	Current fees (2019)	Proposed fees
Standard application fee	\$172.50	NONE
Additional charges may apply for technical review or advice	\$160/hour	hourly rate to be determined annually

Note: Fees are set during the Council's Annual Plan process



To wrap up here's a summary of the key proposed changes

1. Strengthening clauses related to stock access to drains
2. Extending the Bylaw Applicable Areas for earthworks in relation to defences against water
3. Strengthening clauses related to safeguarding erosion protection assets e.g. river edge plantings, buffer zone plantings, trenched willows, rock protection, fencing
4. Additional clauses related to fencing, ploughing and land use intensification in areas with pumiceous soils – the lower reaches of the Kaituna, Tarawera and Rangitāiki Rivers
5. Identification of additional floodways to be safeguarded by the Floodway and Drainage Bylaw
6. Strengthening compliance and enforcement provisions and processes
7. No longer charging a standard fee for Bylaw Authority applications

We want to know what you think

You can provide feedback by:

- speaking with a staff member today - 0800 884 880
- emailing your feedback to **riversanddrains@boprc.govt.nz**
- visiting the project page at **www.boprc.govt.nz/drainagebylaw** and completing the online form
- making a written submission once the draft Bylaw has been publically notified in April-May 2020

We are here

October - November 2019
Early engagement feedback

April - May 2020
Draft Bylaw notified for formal public submissions

Early May 2020
Formal public submissions received

Late May 2020
Submissions considered and hearings held

June 2020
Bylaw operative