

To Kaipara District Council - Joy Hewlett
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Submission #1

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Wishes to be heard? No
Is willing to present a joint case? No

Submission points

Point 1.1

1: Please detail the section and change you'd like to see in the proposed Fees and Charges
Answer

I wish to submit on two matters in the Resource Management section. First, the Pre-application meeting has increased to \$430. An increase is not supported, and further, Council should consider having no fee at all for this service.

The pre-application meeting provides a vital service for the economic growth of the District, ensuring there are early conversations with Council's consenting team regarding possible future land development. This saves on consenting frustrations once an resource consent application is lodged. One of the reasons given for the recent announcement of the RMA reform is the difficult and costly consenting process. A high fee for a pre-app meeting adds fuel to this fire.

The Pre-application meeting has a Public Good component to it, and this should be reflected in the fee by the General Ratepayer contributing to this important service.

It is noted that Whangarei District Council provide for free a 1 hour pre-app meeting for resource consents. Attending that meeting, as required, can be a planner, engineer, and Development Contributions officer.

The second matter I wish to submit on is the Limited Notification fee for subdivisions and land use resource consent applications. A standard \$5,000 is a blunt tool and it should be refined. There can be small and large Limited Notifications, depending on the limited number of parties to be served. If it is a simple Limited Notification, say 1-2 parties, then a fee of \$5,000 is excessive. Under the Local Government Act, fees are required to be fair and reasonable to cover costs. Charging \$5,000 to notify one party about a resource consent application is not fair or reasonable, and would generate a hefty profit for Council, after costs of the exercise have been deducted.

I request that the Limited Notification fee is broken down into sub category amounts to reflect small & large numbers of limited parties who are to be notified.

Regards,

Venessa Anich

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Submissions Summary - By Submitter

Hancock Forest Management NZ Ltd. - Ursula Buckingham / 2

Submission #2

Point 2.1

1: Please detail the section and change you'd like to see in the proposed Fees and Charges
Answer

?Hancock Forest Management NZ Ltd. submission is:

The Draft Fees and Charges 2021/2022 document outlines what charges Council propose to charge various activities. As it stands Forestry Permitted Activity will be charged \$475.00, extract is below. It is unclear from this description what this charge relates to. It is not clear if this fee takes affect when a forestry operation/company gives notice for a permitted activity under the NES PF, or if it is a monitoring fee or if it is a fee applicable when applying for resource consent.

?The decision Hancock Forest Management NZ Ltd. seeks from the Council is:

HFM NZ seeks to see clarification around the costs associated for forestry activities. Under regulation 106 of the NES PF Local authorities may charge for monitoring permitted activities they are responsible for, e.g. forestry quarrying. This excludes afforestation or replanting along boundaries. It also excludes reviewing notifications or plans.