

Resource Consent Fees and Charges for the 2022-2023 Financial Year

Statement of Proposal

Introduction

Section 36 of the Resource Management Act (RMA) enables the Far North District Council (Council) to set fees and charges payable by applicants for resource consent, by holders of resource consents, and for other matters set out in section 36 that relate to Council's administration of its functions under the RMA.

New and/or amended fees and charges relating resource consents may only be set following consultation. This Statement of Proposal has therefore been prepared in accordance with requirements of section 83 of the Local Government Act (LGA) relating to the Special Consultative Procedure.

The review and amendment of Resource Consent fees was carried out as part of Council's annual review of all fees and charges. Council may set its schedule of all fees and charges by resolution under section 150 of the LGA, without consultation, with the exception of charges set through the RMA which must be set following the Special Consultative Procedure prescribed by the LGA.

Proposed changes to Resource Consent fees and charges for 2022-23

Council proposes the following:

1. That all Resource Consenting fees and charges be increased by 2.3% to accommodate the inflationary effects of the Local Government Cost Index¹ (LGCI).
2. That fees be amended to vary the instalment paid on lodgement of applications for simple land use, subdivisions, National Environmental Standards (NES) for plantation forestry, and limited and public notified applications. This does not change the overall amount charged for the consent; it simply adjusts when the applicant is required to pay. Council believes (and this seems to be the experience of other councils) that higher instalment fees will be helpful to the customer when they get the final invoice, and this this may result in Council carrying lower arrears. Proposed amendments are as follows:

Application type	Current instalment	Proposed instalment	Increase/ (decrease)
Simple land use (single zone rule breach)	\$1,204	\$2,700	1,496
Subdivision 1 - 4 lots	\$1,933	\$2,900	967
Subdivision 5 - 8 lots	\$1,933	\$4,800	2,867
Subdivision 9+ lots	\$1,933	\$6,500	4,567
Combined subdivision / land use	\$3,360	\$4,900	1,540

¹ Business and Economic Research Ltd (BERL) forecast the LGCI for the Local Government Sector in New Zealand each year. The forecast for 2022-23 is currently 2.3%.

National Environmental Standards Plantation Forestry*	\$3,360	\$1,933	(1,427)
Limited notification: Land use and subdivision; combined land use and subdivision; notices of requirement; heritage orders; discharge to land	\$1,204	\$5,000	3,796
Public notification: Land use and subdivision; combined land use and subdivision; discharge to land; changes to consent conditions – Section 127; notice of requirements; heritage orders.	\$3,613	\$8,000	4,387

3. That installment fees be introduced for larger subdivisions, combined land use/discharge and NES for contaminated soil as follows:

Application type	Proposed instalment
Subdivision 9+ Lots - Discharge to Land	\$2,700
Subdivision 9+ Lots - Updating of cross lease flats plans	\$2,900
Combined land use/ discharge	\$3,500
National Environmental Standards for Contaminated Soil	\$1,933

4. That fees for the following be converted to an instalment payable at the time of lodgement, with a final invoice to cover the actual processing costs after the decision is issued:

Application type	Proposed instalment
Creation of right of way under S.348 LGA	\$925
Approval of survey plan s.223, cert under s.221 (consent notice), cert under s.222 (completion cert)	\$262
Approval of documents required prior to s.223 or s.224 e.g. engineering plans etc	\$1,136
Approval of documents required prior to s.223 or s.224 e.g. without engineering conditions	\$612

Our other fees and charges

We review all our fees and charges annually, and in most cases simply make inflationary adjustments in recognition of rising local government costs. Some may be adjusted beyond inflation, while others may not change at all.

We are not required by legislation to consult on these but have made the schedule that will be adopted in May for commencement on 1 July 2022 available on our website for you to look through. If you have feedback on any of the fees in that schedule please feel free to make a submission using any of the methods in this document.

Fees and charges that will rise beyond inflation in 2022-23 relate to:

- Procurement of property files;
- Animal impound fees; and
- Burial plots and cemetery interment fees.

The schedule of Fees and Charges for 2022-23 can be found [here](#). Please note that this schedule will not be formally adopted by Council until 19 May 2022.

Making a submission

Anyone can make a submission regarding the amendments proposed in this document, and we encourage you to let us know your views.

Submissions must be in writing. We have provided a submission form here and online. The form is ideal for brief submissions, but you may attach additional pages if you wish.

The submission period opens on Tuesday, 1 March 2022 and closes on Monday, 4 April 2022.

Submitters will have the opportunity to be heard in support of their submissions, the date for which will depend upon the number of submitters wishing to present. **Submitters wishing to speak will be contacted directly to make arrangements.**

Submissions can be:

- Made online: www.fndc.govt.nz/haveyoursay (or whatever the link is)
- Emailed to: submissions@fndc.govt.nz. Subject heading should read "Resource Consent Fees and Charges 22-23"
- Posted to: Far North District Council
Private Bag 752
Kaikohe 0440
Attention: Jo Boyd
- Delivered to: Any of our service centres:

KAIKOHE

5 Memorial Avenue
Open Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

KAEO

Leigh St
Open Monday-Friday 8am-4.30pm
(closed 12.30-1pm)

PAIHIA

i-SITE Visitor Centre
The Wharf, Marsden Rd
Open 7 days 8.30am-5pm

RAWENE

11 Parnell St
Open Tuesday and Thursdays
8am-4.30pm (closed 12.30-1pm)

KAITAIA

Te Ahu, corner Matthews Ave
& South Rd
Open Monday-Friday 8.30am-5pm

KERIKERI

John Butler Centre, 60
Kerikeri Rd
Open Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

KAWAKAWA

Te Hononga, Gillies St
Open Monday-Friday 8am-4.30pm

OPONONI

i-SITE Visitor Centre
29-31 SH12
Open 7 days 8.30am-4pm

Remember that written submissions must be received
by 5pm on 4 April 2022

What happens next?

Council will acknowledge each submission received in writing.

Following the closing of submissions on 4 April 2022, all submissions will be reviewed by Councillors. Submitters will have an opportunity to speak to their submissions at a meeting that is open to the public on dd/mm/yy. Council will then formally consider all submissions at the 19 May Council meeting where the schedule of Fees and Charges for 2022-23 will be formally adopted.

The adopted schedule will be enacted on 1 July 2022.