



Far North  
District Council

*Te Kaunihera o Tai Tokerau ki te Raki*

**NGĀ UTU  
FEES AND  
CHARGES  
2023/24**

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**SUBMISSIONS**

**HE ARA TĀMATA  
CREATING GREAT PLACES**  
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# MAHERE Ā TAU • ANNUAL PLAN 2023/24



Submission No: 1

<b>Surname</b>	Anon		
<b>First name</b>			
<b>Organisation</b>		<b>Position</b>	
<b>Do you support the proposed adjustments to the Resource Consent installment fee to increase the initial payment in line with actual charges currently invoiced for an application?</b>			
Yes			
<b>Do you support the proposed adjustment for hourly processing charges to align with current market rates for planners' services?</b>			
Yes			
<b>Do you support the proposal to introduce fees for Engineering Plan Approvals?</b>			
Yes			
<b>Do you support the proposal to introduce a charge for professional services involved in the pre-application and concept meetings?</b>			
Yes			
<b>Do you have any further comments about the proposal to amend resource consent fees?</b>			
<b>Do you support the proposal to introduce fees for the certificates, licenses and permits activity specifically the Food Control Programme?</b>			
Supply of thermometers : Yes			
Supply of additional food control plan documents: Yes			
Supply of additional national programme document pack: Yes			
<b>Do you support the removal of fees relating to the following:</b>			
Building consents - fixed and banded fee applications: Yes			
Environmental health license - fee for applications for charitable organisation : Yes			
Environmental health license - fee for applications for market food premises and mobile shop: Yes			
Bylaw license - fee for applications for keeping animals, poultry and bees, and entertainment premises: Yes			
Water supply - Standpipes metered fee section: Yes			
<b>Do you support the increase in the following fees to better reflect actual costs?</b>			
Vehicle crossing application and inspection fees: Yes			
Building consent hourly processing fees: Yes			
<b>Do you support the increase to the fee for oversize double depth internments?</b>			
No			
<b>Do you have any further comments about fees and charges?</b>			
<b>Which ward do you live in?</b>	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)		

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No			
<b>Do you have any further comments about fees and charges?</b>			
Equitable outcomes is needed in remote or less affluent areas like Kaikohe, Kaitaia, Panguru. Why charge the same costs and charges in these areas as would be charged in affluent well off communities like Kerikeri? You dont need to look far to realise tha			
<b>Which ward do you live in?</b>	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)		

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Vehicle crossing application and inspection fees: No			
Building consent hourly processing fees: No			
<b>Do you support the increase to the fee for oversize double depth internments?</b>			
Not sure			
<b>Do you have any further comments about fees and charges?</b>			
<b>Which ward do you live in?</b>			

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## Other Fees and charges comments (via the Annual Plan submission process)

- We support the proposed changes to Fees and Charges based on the “user pays” principal. We are also still strongly in favour of re-introducing Development Fees to ensure Developers pay for the impact on infrastructure.
- Re the Fees- Resource Consent hourly fee makes sense to me. Building Consent should be a fixed fee in my opinion.
- The proposal for Resource Consent fees and charges increase is not in line with the private sector or the actual costs for hourly processing charges. The shortfall will need to be absorbed into the general rates or obtained through other fees. In my opinion private development should be self-funding. The hourly processing charges for the Resource Consents are 10-30% lower than what they should be. This creates budget pressure in these areas and resourcing issues.

The charge out rates are not equitable across the schedule. A clear example is the comparison of rate charges between the Building consent and Resource consent fees. A Resource Consent Engineer is proposed to be charged out at \$190/ hour and a Development engineer proposed to be \$265/hour effectively similar roles. I declare that I am an employee of Far North District Council in the Resource Consents team.

- Yes. Stop tripling the costs of council fees. I've recently learned that the Resource Consent fee has increased from \$1750 to \$4900 in under 3 years. This is OUTRAGEOUS and completely unexplainable.