

Summary of Information - Greater Wellington Regional Council's Proposed Resource Management Charging Policy (2013)

Greater Wellington has reviewed its Resource Management Charging Policy. This policy sets out a regime for resource management charges for the Wellington region including:

- Resource consent application charges
- Consent monitoring charges
- Charges for not complying with a rule in a regional plan or the Resource Management Act 1991
- Charges for providing information in relation to plans and resource consents
- Application charges for changing a plan or the Regional Policy Statement

The charges in the Policy are made either under section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991 or section 150 of the Local Government Act 2002. The charges are consistent with Greater Wellington's Revenue and Financing Policy June 2012.

The review has resulted in some key proposed changes to the Policy including:

- Changes to our charge-out rate for providing resource management services. The current flat rate of \$110/hour will change to \$100/hour (administration services), \$115/hour (consent processing services) and \$130/hour (technical or science expert services)
- Changes to state of the environment monitoring charges for all consent types. Due to the potential significant increases, it is proposed to phase in charges over a five year period
- Minor changes to some compliance monitoring charges to reflect changes brought about by central government regulations and current best practice

A copy of the Proposed Resource Management Charging Policy (2013) can be viewed on our website www.gw.govt.nz/Consent-fees.