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Anonymous User completed Proposed changes to the Fees and Charges Policy

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Anonymous User just submitted the survey 'Proposed changes to the Fees and Charges Policy' with the responses below on Fees and Charges Policy changes.

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I am submitting on behalf of an organisation

No

My preferred option to address the under-recovery of costs from resource consent applications is to...

Other option (please specify) - I strongly object to your tick boxes trying to drive options towards options which result in an increase of charges irrespective of the the question. ECan has increased its charges to Rate Payers in excess of inflation, and likely massively in excess taking the impacts of Covid-19 into effect once government wage subsidies come into effect. I cannot see how any government department can justify above inflation increases to charges to the community . In fact in line with the negative impact upon overall income government departments should be looking to reduce their costs in line with the impact upon overall incomes

Tell us why this is your preferred option

Because ECan are out of touch with where real incomes are heading but consider that they can double dip by increasing rates above levels of inflation and then go for full cost recovery at charge out rates that are out of line with what industry could justify charging. I cannot see how ECan can justify increasing their charges above the CPI or inflation levels and the go after full cost recovery - where is the public accountability? I think like everybody else ECan needs to look at where it can make cuts to reduce costs and that includes reducing staffing numbers. ECan should also be looking to reduce its contempt for the New Zealand judiciary as demonstrated in its behaviour in escalating legal cases to highest courts, incurring significant legal fees (increasing costs to rate payers) and resulting in the same outcomes - we need to see some accountability for these futile legal escalation actions that do not change the outcomes from the rulings of the lower courts.

I wish to speak to Council on my submission

Yes

There is information in my submission I do not want disclosed

No