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Subject:

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...

Keep charge-out rates the same and make up shortfall from general rates reserve

Tell us why this is your preferred option

The costs of obtaining new consents and renewing existing consents are well and truly getting out of control as Ecan makes rules and adds complexity to the consenting requirements that then requires consent holders to use consultants for much of the application process. We now see many land use consents that were costing +/- \$10,000 to secure having increased to +/- \$30,000. New and changing requirements for water consent renewals will add significantly to costs incurred. We need to get back to a position whereby applicants can complete the majority of applications without having to employ consultants. Excessive amounts of money spent on the consenting process results in less money being available for consent holders to spend on actions that will actually enhance the environment like riparian planting, fencing and adopting new and improved technologies. Consent durations are now substantially reduced from what we have had historically so more frequent consent renewals will add more strain to an already under resourced industry, in terms of Ecans ability to process applications in a timely manner.

I wish to speak to Council on my submission

Yes

There is information in my submission I do not want disclosed

No