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Highlights

- This Policy document contains our regime of resource management charges for the region. It comes into force on 1 July 2015 and includes:
 - 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
 - Charges associated with our work administering dams under the Building Act 2004
- The charge out rate for Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) staff for all work relating to our resource management charges is between \$105 – \$135 per hour depending on the level of service provided
- When you apply for a resource consent, an initial fixed application fee is required to be submitted with your application. These fees vary depending on the type of consent you apply for and how your application will be processed. Additional charges may apply depending on the nature and complexity of your application
- Once you receive a consent, you will receive either a one-off or annual consent monitoring charge which is split into three parts:
 - A customer service charge (\$40/year)
 - A compliance monitoring charge (variable depending on your consent)
 - A state of the environment monitoring (SOE) charge (variable depending on your consent)
- GWRC will charge actual and reasonable costs for carrying out and monitoring all abatement notices and enforcement orders covering consented and unconsented activities. All inspections for non-complying environmental incidents will incur a minimum standard charge
- The key changes to the 2013 Policy are:
 - An increase to the charge out rate for resource management services by \$5/hour. Administration services increase from \$100/hour to \$105/hour (excl. GST). Consent processing and compliance monitoring services increase from \$115/hour to \$120/hour (excl. GST). Technical and science expert advice services increase from \$130/hour to \$135/hour

- Adjustments to the initial non-notified and notified application fees to more accurately reflect the average/median cost of processing particular consent types
 - Changes to the compliance monitoring charge schedules to reflect a shift from a traditional compliance programme that monitors everyone to a strategic compliance programme that focusses more monitoring on more important resource consents, particularly in terms of environmental risk. This has resulted in adjustments to a number of fixed compliance charges. Also it is expected that a number of compliance activities that receive fixed charges will now receive variable charges based on actual and reasonable costs incurred in the previous year
 - Minor adjustments to some state of the environment monitoring (SOE) charge categories
- There are a number of other minor amendments to the 2013 Policy. There are no changes to the customer service charge

Part 1: Policy

1. Introduction

1.1 About this document

This document is the Resource Management Charging Policy ("Policy") for the Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC). It describes the charges that are payable to GWRC for a range of resource management services.

We charge for processing your resource consent application. This is made up of an initial fixed application fee, and in some cases, an additional charge when the cost of processing your consent goes over the initial fixed application fee paid by \$20.00 or more. Should processing costs be less than the initial fixed application fee paid by \$20.00 or more, you will receive a refund.

If you obtain a consent, you will most likely receive an annual or one-off Consent Monitoring charge.

This document also describes our charges for:

- Processing applications for a change to a Regional Plan or the Regional Policy Statement
- Recovering costs for responding to environmental incidents that are not linked to the operation of a resource consent
- Provision of information and/or documents in relation to plans and resource consents
- Charges associated with our work administering dams under the Building Act 2004

All of the charges in the Policy are made under either section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), under section 150 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA), or section 243 of the Building Act 2004 (BA). These charges are also consistent with the GWRC Revenue and Financing Policy.

GWRC grants resource consents which allow organisations and individuals to “appropriate” or use parts of public resources such as air, water, or the coast. Hence any resource consent holder is obtaining a private benefit from the use of a public resource. Accordingly, the Funding Policy concludes that the “Economically Efficient Funding Mechanism” is a 100% user charge. However, the Revenue and Financing Policy recognises that it would be unfair to allocate all the costs of resource consent processing and compliance monitoring to resource users.

1.2 Our philosophy

The RMA has an emphasis on the beneficiary pays principle; those who benefit from the use of natural and physical resources are expected to pay the full costs of that use.

The charges in this Policy reflect that philosophy, but they also recognise that the community benefits from much of the environmental monitoring carried

out by GWRC. The regional community is therefore expected to share some of the costs of state of the environment monitoring.

1.3 Access to community resources

GWRC manages the community's resources. No individual owns our rivers, aquifers, air, and coastal waters. They are used by all of the regional community. However, by obtaining a resource consent, individuals can access these resources for their own private use and economic benefit.

GWRC's job is to facilitate this resource use. But it must also make sure that the resource use is sustainable, that it is available for public use, both now and in the future. The charges for consent applicants and consent holders in this Policy reflect the reasonable cost of GWRC doing this job.

1.4 Customer service

We are a customer service organisation. We want to provide you with excellent service and value for money. You have a right to good service which comes with the payment of your charges.

We recognise your desire to run a successful business. We see ourselves as a partner in that success, looking after your continued access to the resources that are your raw materials.

To this end, the charges in this Policy are:

- Reasonable, fair, and consistent
- Based on the services we deliver
- Able to be estimated before you start your business
- Reviewed annually to limit significant changes to charges

Every consent holder has someone who is personally responsible for ensuring you get the best service we can offer. If you want help with your consent, information about our monitoring programmes, or have a query about your account, the Resource Advisors or Consents & Compliance can help.

1.5 Goods and Services Tax

The charges and formulae described in this document **do not include** GST.

2. Principles

The principles which have guided GWRC in setting its resource management charges are set out below.

2.1 Charges must be lawful

GWRC can only levy charges which are allowed by the RMA, the LGA and BA.

Section 36 of the RMA provides for consent application charges, consent administration and monitoring charges, and charges for carrying out state of the environment monitoring. Applications for the preparation of, or changes to, regional plans or policy statements may also be charged. This section also covers charging for information in respect of plans and resource consents and the supply of documents.

Section 150 of the LGA enables GWRC to prescribe the fees payable in respect of any inspection made by GWRC under the LGA or any other legislation. This provides for recovering costs of responding to environmental incidents.

Section 243 of the BA allows for GWRC to impose fees or charges for performing functions and services under the Act. It also allows GWRC to recover its costs from a dam owner should we need to carry out building work in respect of a dangerous dam.

2.2 Charges must be reasonable

The sole purpose of a charge is to recover the reasonable costs incurred by GWRC in respect of the activity to which the charge relates – see RMA (section 36(4)(a)), LGA (section 150), and BA (section 243).

2.3 Charges must be fair

Charges must be fair and relate to consent holders' activities. GWRC can only charge consent holders to the extent that their actions have contributed to the need for GWRC's work.

GWRC must also consider the benefits to the community and to consent holders when setting a charge. It would be inequitable to charge consent holders for resource management work done in the interests of the regional community and *vice versa*. We take this into account when setting the proportion of charges we wish to recover for state of the environment and compliance monitoring from an individual consent holder.

Where possible, GWRC will look for opportunities to streamline and improve processes to ensure that consent processing and compliance monitoring functions continue to be cost effective and efficient.

With regard to state of the environment monitoring, GWRC must also relate any charge to the effects of consent holders' activities on the environment (see RMA section 36(4)).

2.4 Charges must be uniformly applied

Irrespective of how far you are from our offices, GWRC should provide the same service for the same price. Charges should be applied uniformly and consistently to users whose activities require them to hold a consent and where GWRC incurs ongoing costs.

2.5 Charges must be simple to understand

Charges should be clear and easy to understand. The administration and collection of charges should be simple and cost effective.

2.6 Charges must be transparent

Charges should be calculated in a way that is clear, logical and justifiable. The work of GWRC for which costs are to be recovered should be identifiable.

2.7 Charges must be predictable and certain

Consent applicants and resource users are entitled to certainty about the cost of their dealings with GWRC. The manner in which charges are set should enable customers to evaluate the extent of their liability.

Resource users need to know the cost of obtaining and maintaining a consent to manage their business and to plan for future growth and development. Charges should not change unnecessarily; any charges must be transparent and fully justified.

2.8 GWRC must act responsibly

GWRC should implement its charging policy in a responsible manner. Where there are significant changes in charges GWRC should provide advance warning and give consent holders the opportunity to make adjustments.

3. Application charges

3.1 Introduction

This section of this Policy describes our charges for your:

1. Application for a resource consent, application to change conditions or lapse date on an existing consent, application to transfer a water permit (from site to site), and certificates of compliance
2. Application for the preparation or change of a regional plan or the Regional Policy Statement

3.2 Applications for resource consents

3.2.1 Types of resource consent and resource consent application process

Resource consents permit you to do something that would otherwise contravene the RMA. GWRC processes the following consent types as classified by section 87 of the RMA:

- Water permit
- Discharge permit
- Land use consent
- Coastal permit

Resource consents are processed as either non-notified, limited notified, or publicly notified. The majority of consent applications are processed as non-notified. Our staff are happy to provide advice about your application for a resource consent. Our aim is to ensure your application is processed quickly and simply, while meeting the requirements set down by the law.

3.2.2 Charges for processing applications

GWRC charges consent applicants for any costs incurred when processing resource consent applications. Charges include the costs of technical assessment, RMA assessment, peer review work and administration costs. We may also charge for travel time associated with site visits.

Our policy is that we charge the actual and reasonable costs for processing a resource consent application. This is based on the charge out rates identified in Table 3.1 below,

Table 3.1: Charge out rates for processing applications

Hourly charge out rate	Excl. GST	Incl. GST
Administration services including consent registration, database entry, and notified consent processing support	\$105.00	\$120.75
Consent processing services including assessment of consent applications, decision recommendations	\$120.00	\$138.00
Technical or science expert services for technical and/or science expert advice on consent applications	\$135.00	\$155.25

Before beginning to process an application we require an initial fixed application charge to be paid in full. These application charges are shown in Tables 3.2 and 3.3 and are explained in more detail in sections 3.3 and 3.4. Where consent processing costs exceed the initial fixed application charge, an additional charge for actual and reasonable costs is made. Under section 36(7) of the RMA, **we will not begin to process any consent application until the initial fixed application charge is paid.**

Please note that application charges apply **even if your consent application is declined or you withdraw your application.**

3.2.3 Charges associated with pre-application advice

GWRC provides a pre-application advice service as getting things right early in the process can save considerable time and expense later on. As we believe it is important that you know how to make an application and how it will be processed, the first hour of our pre-application advice is **free of charge**. However, after the first hour, we will charge for this service. We will always advise you before we start charging for application advice. In most cases costs incurred for pre-application advice (exceeding one hour) are included when calculating your final consent processing charges. However, for larger projects we may invoice before and during the resource consent process.

3.3 Application charges for non-notified resource consents

3.3.1 Schedule of fees

Resource consent applications are processed as “non notified” (ie, not advertised in the newspaper and public submissions not called for) if their effects are minor and those who might be affected by the activity agree to the consent being granted. The initial fixed application fees for non-notified resource consents are outlined in Table 3.2 on the following page.

These charges are the average cost of processing standard non-notified consents of these types. In many cases they will be the total cost you pay. However, for some consent applications the cost of processing may vary from these charges. In some circumstances you may receive a refund on your application fee or we may require a further additional charge. When the processing costs are nearing the application fee paid, and costs are likely to significantly exceed the application fee paid, you will be advised of any potential additional charges.

Table 3.2: Initial fixed application fees for non-notified resource consents, changes to existing consents, and certificates of compliance

Consent Type (s87 RMA unless specified)	Initial fee (excl. GST)	Initial fee incl. GST)	Hours
Discharge to Land	\$2,025.00	\$2,328.75	17
Discharge to Land/Water (earthworks)	\$2,985.00	\$3,432.75	25
Discharge to Water (other)	\$2,985.00	\$3,432.75	25
Discharge to Air	\$1,305.00	\$1,500.75	11
Take/Use, Water – new application	\$1,785.00	\$2,052.75	15
Take/Use, Water – replacement application	\$1,065.00	\$1,224.75	9
Dam/Divert Water	\$945.00	\$1,086.75	8
Land Use (land clearing, logging, soil disturbance)	\$1,545.00	\$1,776.75	13
Land Use (works in the bed of a lake or river, bridge, culvert)	\$1,005.00	\$1,155.75	8.5*
Land Use (bore)	\$405.00	\$465.75	3.5*
Coastal Permit (boatshed or mooring)	\$585.00	\$672.75	5
Coastal Permit (other)	\$1,005.00	\$1,155.75	8.5*
Change of consent conditions – administrative conditions only (s127, RMA) – see key note 4 below	\$465.00	\$534.75	4
Change of consent conditions – all other conditions (s127, RMA) – see key note 4 below	\$1,065.00	\$1,224.75	9
Change of lapse date (s125, RMA)	\$585.00	\$672.75	5
Transfer of water permit from site to site (s136(2), RMA)	\$825.00	\$948.75	7
Certificate of compliance (s139, RMA)	\$1,305.00	\$1,500.75	11
Other Consent Types	\$1,065.00	\$1,224.75	9

Key notes:

1. The hours specified above include 1 hour for administration services (\$105/hour), and the remaining balance for consent processing services (\$120/hour).

2. Where there is more than one application required for the same proposal, an initial fixed application charge is required for each application. In some instances, GWRC may waive, at its discretion, the requirement to pay all initial fixed application fees associated with multiple applications.

3. The initial fixed application fee for consent types marked with a * includes a consent monitoring charge of \$60. This covers 0.5 hours for compliance monitoring (eg, registering bore logs on our Wells Database, and checking any photographic records sent to us). This is because the majority of these consent types are one-off and not monitored with a site inspection. No further consent monitoring charges after the granting of consent apply in these instances.

4. For applications to change consent conditions, *administrative conditions* include monitoring and reporting requirements. *All other conditions* include conditions relating to avoiding, remedying, or mitigating environmental effects, eg, rates of take/discharge, water quality standards, maintaining environmental flows, construction methodology.

3.3.2 Waiver of fees

GWRC may at its discretion, waive non-notified fees in relation to any consents required for wetland restoration where consents are required under any new regional plan. This is because GWRC supports protection of wetland ecosystems including restoration.

3.4 Application charges for limited and publicly notified resource consents

3.4.1 Schedule of fees

In general, a resource consent is publicly notified (ie, advertised in the newspaper and public submissions called for) if its effects are more than minor. Where the effects on the environment are considered to be minor but it is not possible to obtain the written agreement of all those who might be affected by a proposed activity, the application is limited notified.

The initial fixed application charges for a limited notified or publicly notified or resource consent are as follows:

Table 3.3: Initial fixed application fees for limited notified or publicly notified resource consents

Resource consent process	Initial fee (excl. GST)	Initial fee (incl. GST)
Initial limited notified application fee (up to hearing)	\$10,000	\$11,500
Initial publicly notified application fee (up to hearing)	\$20,000	\$23,000
Further application fee if hearing scheduled for less than 5 days is required	\$20,000	\$23,000
Further application fee if hearing scheduled for 5 days or more is required	\$50,000	\$57,500

Key notes:

1. The initial fixed application fees for limited notified or publicly notified consents applies to each proposal and not each consent application if multiple consents are required for the same proposal.

2. The initial fixed application fees also apply to changes to consent conditions (s127, RMA) which are required to be processed on a limited notified or publicly notified basis.

The fixed application charges for limited and publicly notified consents are required to be paid at two stages:

1. When the application is lodged the initial application fee is required
2. If a hearing is required to determine the application, a further application fee will be invoiced when the hearing is notified

Under section 36(7) of the RMA, the processing of any application will be stopped if the applicable fixed fee is not paid in full. For the initial fixed fee the processing of the application will not commence until the fee is paid. For the further application fee (if a hearing is required), the processing of the

application will be stopped and, if required, the hearing postponed until the fee is paid.

The actual and reasonable cost of processing a limited or publicly notified resource consent varies considerably and is dependent on a number of factors such as how well the applicant has consulted, how well the application is prepared, the number of submissions received, and how difficult the issues are to resolve.

3.4.2 Resource consent hearings

The cost of the Hearing Panel when made up from Council members is charged as per the schedule set in the Local Government Elected Members (2014/15) (Certain Local Authorities) Determination 2014. Council members are reimbursed for time spent at a formal site inspection, preparing for a hearing, the hearing, and in deliberations. At the time of writing this Policy the charges are as follows:

- Chairperson of hearing panel – \$100/hour
- Elected member on hearing panel – \$80/hour

Independent commissioners can be appointed to decide your consent application in the following circumstances:

1. An iwi commissioner is commonly appointed to a Hearing Panel
2. Where GWRC considers the issues are sufficiently complex in nature or the size of the hearing in terms of public interest
3. Where there is a conflict of interest, eg, where an internal department of GWRC is applying for resource consent
4. At the request of a submitter
5. At the request of an applicant

Where independent commissioners are appointed at the request of the applicant or Council, the full costs of the independent commissioners are on charged to the applicant. Where independent commissioners are appointed at the request of submitters, the applicant pays for the hearing costs that would have been incurred if there was a Hearing Panel of Councillors, whilst the balance of any additional costs are passed on to the submitters who requested independent commissioners.

Any disbursements incurred by the Hearing Panel and/or independent commissioners such as photocopying, meals, travel and accommodation are on charged to the applicant.

3.4.3 Cost estimates and regular invoicing

For limited and publicly notified resource consent applications we will provide you with a detailed cost estimate which we will update where necessary.

If you wish, we can also arrange for instalment or pay as you go billing so that you do not receive a large account at the end of the process.

GWRC has the discretion to request additional charges during the processing of an application and once processing has been completed.

3.4.4 Application charges where application processed by Environment Protection Agency or via direct referral to Environment Court

Where an application is a proposal of national significance that the Minister for the Environment directs to be processed by the Environment Protection Agency, all actual and reasonable costs incurred by GWRC for the s88 completeness check and key issues report will be on charged to the applicant.

Where an application is processed via direct referral to the Environment Court, all actual and reasonable costs incurred by GWRC up to notification of the application will be on charged to the applicant. All costs incurred after that point, will be sought through the normal Environment Court costs order process.

3.5 Application charges for the preparation or change of a Regional Plan or the Regional Policy Statement¹

3.5.1 Receiving, accepting or adopting a request

When GWRC receives a request to prepare or change a Regional Plan or to change the Regional Policy Statement, it may treat the request in one of three ways.

GWRC may decide to:

1. Decline the request. In this case, the request would go no further
2. "Accept" the request, but to charge the applicant the cost of processing the application; or
3. "Adopt" the request. In this case we will meet the cost of making the change after the initial assessment

A request may be adopted if GWRC considers the benefit of the change accrues wholly to the community as distinct from the person or persons making the request.

In all three cases above, we charge the actual and reasonable costs for the initial assessment of the merits of the request. The application charge for this assessment is set out in Table 3.4. The actual costs of this assessment will vary depending on the nature and complexity of the request.

The charge out rate for any actual and reasonable costs are the same as those outlined in Table 3.1.

¹ Only Ministers of the Crown or local authorities can apply to change the Regional Policy Statement.

3.5.2 Schedule of fees

The charges levied by GWRC in relation to a Regional Plan or Regional Policy Statement changes are set out in Table 3.4.

Table 3.4: Initial fixed application fee for the preparation or change of a Regional Plan or the Regional Policy Statement

	Initial fee (excl. GST)	Initial fee (incl. GST)
Charge for assessing a request before deciding to decline, accept, or adopt it; <u>and</u>	\$6,900.00	\$7,935.00
Charge for processing a request which is accepted; <u>or</u>	\$17,250.00	\$19,837.50
Charge for processing a request which is adopted	No charge	

The charge for processing a change which GWRC has accepted (but not adopted) is intended to provide for:

- Public notification of the change and the calling of submissions
- Preparation of a summary of submissions
- Advertising for further submissions

The actual cost will vary depending on the number and complexity of submissions received.

The charge **does not** include any cost associated with processing the change after the receipt of further submissions. This is because the amount of work necessary to take the proposed change through the remainder of the process laid down in the First Schedule to the RMA may vary considerably depending on the magnitude or complexity of the proposal and the number of submissions received.

This can best be estimated once the public has demonstrated its interest in the change through the public submission and further submission phase. We will recover any actual and reasonable costs that exceed the amounts shown in this section by way of an additional charge under section 36 of the Act.

We will provide an estimate of the total cost of the application when the period for submissions on the requested change has closed.

If the cost of processing a request which has been accepted is less than \$17,250, we will refund the difference.

3.6 Charging basis

To process your resource consent application or request to change a Regional Plan or the Regional Policy Statement we charge for our actual and reasonable costs in the following way:

1. Staff services:

- Staff time is charged on the basis of actual time spent. The charge-out rate is dependent on the services provided as outlined below:

Hourly charge out rate	Excl. GST
Administration services including consent registration, database entry, and notified consent processing support	\$105.00
Consent processing or plan change services including assessment of consent applications, decision recommendations	\$120.00
Technical or science expert services for technical and/or science expert advice	\$135.00

2. Consultant services:

- a) Where GWRC uses a consultant that provides a skillset and experience that will assist the consent or plan change process, particularly with any complex application(s) and/or technical matters; the charge out rate is based on the charge out rate of the consultant engaged to undertake the work.
- b) Where GWRC uses a consultant in instances that do not satisfy a) above, the charge out rate is based on the table above, ie, the same as GWRC staff
- c) Where GWRC uses a consultant to commission a report under section 92(2) of the RMA the full cost of the consultant is charged as a disbursement

3. Disbursements:

- Disbursements include advertising expenses, laboratory analysis, consultants (expert advice), photocopying (at 20 cents per A4 page) and hearing costs (other than staff time) eg, venue hire
- The fees do not include any charges payable to the Crown in respect of any application (eg, the Maritime Safety Agency's fee for checking the navigational safety of maritime structures)

3.7 Resource Management (Discount on Administrative Charges) Regulations 2010

3.7.1 Introduction

Changes to the RMA in 2009, resulted in the implementation of the Resource Management (Discount on Administrative Charges) Regulations “Discount Regulations” which sets a default discount policy for resource consents that are not processed within statutory timeframes.

Whilst the Discount Regulations allow for Councils to implement a more generous policy, GWRC’s policy is to adhere to the Discount Regulations.

3.7.2 Value and scope of Discount Regulations

The Discount Regulations set out a discount of 1% for each day an application is processed over the statutory timeframes specified in the RMA, up to a maximum of 50% (ie, 50 working days).

The Discount Regulations apply to the processing of most resource consent applications or applications to change consent conditions. They do not apply to the following:

- Applications to extend consent lapsing periods (s127, RMA)
- Consent reviews (s128, RMA)
- Certificates of compliance (s139, RMA)
- Replacement consent applications when applications are processed prior to the expiry of a resource consent.
- When an applicant withdraws a resource consent application

If your application is not processed within statutory timeframes, you will be advised at the time a decision is made on your consent and a discount will be identified accordingly in line with the Discount Regulations.

If you have any questions regarding your charges and whether the Discount Regulations apply to the processing of your consent, please consult a Consents and Compliance Team Leader or phone us to have your questions answered on 04 384 5708 or toll free 0800 486 734. In the Wairarapa, phone 06 378 2484.

The Discount Regulations can be viewed in full at <http://www.legislation.govt.nz/>. The Ministry for the Environment (MfE) has prepared some helpful guidance on the Discount Regulations². This information can be accessed at the MfE website www.mfe.govt.nz.

3.8 Your right of objection and appeal

If you consider any additional charge (that is any charge which exceeds the initial fixed application fees specified in Tables 3.2, 3.3, or 3.4) is unreasonable, you may object to GWRC in accordance with s357 of the RMA. You need to make your objection in writing to GWRC within 15 working days of receiving your account. GWRC will hear your objection and make a decision on whether to uphold it.

If you are still not satisfied then you may appeal GWRC's decision to the Environment Court.

You may not object to any of the charges listed in Tables 3.2, 3.3, or 3.4.

² Ministry for the Environment. 2010. *Resource Management (Discount on Administrative Charges) Regulations 2010 – Implementation Guidance*. Wellington: Ministry for the Environment.

4. Consent monitoring charges for resource consents

4.1 Introduction

This section of the Policy sets the charges which GWRC levies annually in relation to resource consents. Under section 36(1)(c) of the Act, GWRC may charge for costs associated with its ongoing consent management responsibilities. These include:

- The administration and monitoring of resource consents
- The gathering of information necessary to monitor the state of the environment of the region

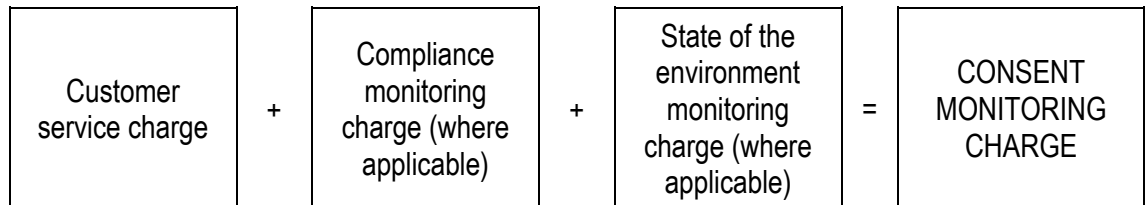
Where the charges set in this section are inadequate to cover GWRC's reasonable costs, GWRC may impose an additional charge under section 36(3) of the Act.

4.2 Consent monitoring charges

The components of the consent monitoring charge which consent holders face are:

- A fixed customer service charge
- A fixed or variable charge for compliance monitoring
- A fixed or variable charge for state of the environment monitoring

Your Consent Monitoring Charge



4.3 The customer service charge

Summary: The annual customer service charge for administering your consent is \$40 (excl. GST). It allows approximately 20 minutes of staff time per year for administering your consent.

4.3.1 What we do for your money

There is a cost in providing a range of customer services relating to consents. We pass this cost on to consent holders. The services we provide are:

- Information and advice about your consent
- The maintenance of an up-to-date record of your consent on our database
- A record of any changes in the status of your consent (eg, if you surrender your consent or transfer it to another person)³

³ We will not accept a surrender or transfer of a consent unless all outstanding fees have been paid.

- The administration of these charges
- The review of the charging policy at regular intervals
- The maintenance and storage of your permanent consent file

We welcome any inquiry about your consent and are happy to assist you in understanding these charges. Please consult a Resource Advisor or a Consents & Compliance Team Leader or phone us to have your questions answered on 04 384 5708 or toll free 0800 496 734. In the Wairarapa, phone 06 378 2484.

4.3.2 The basis for the customer service charge

The basis for the customer service charge is the time spent on the above tasks by GWRC staff. As most consents take about the same time to maintain, this cost is averaged across all consent holders. A standard customer service charge applies to all consents.

The charge includes overhead costs which are related to the services we deliver. These costs include office rental, stationery, and computer costs. Only those overheads that can be reasonably attributed to the provision of services to customers are charged for. Other GWRC overheads, such as the cost of corporate services, management, and Council meetings are **not** charged to consent holders.

4.3.3 Application of the customer service charge

The customer service charge is \$40 per consent per year (excl. GST).

The full customer service charge applies to consents which:

- Are active and where there is ongoing administration and/or monitoring by GWRC or by the consent holder
- Are temporarily inactive, but where there will be ongoing administration and/or monitoring when the consent becomes active

4.3.4 Circumstances where the customer service charge does not apply

The customer service charge does not apply:

- For most land use consents (bores and works in the bed of a lake or river) and coastal permits, where no compliance inspections are required to be undertaken
- The activity for which the consent was granted has concluded, and the consent will most likely not be active in the future
- Other circumstances at our discretion

The charge does not apply in this instance because little or no work is required to maintain the record on the database in the long term.

4.4 The compliance monitoring charge

Summary: Your compliance monitoring programme is tailored to your individual circumstances. You pay only the cost of monitoring your consent.

4.4.1 What we do for your money

The purpose of compliance monitoring is to confirm that consent holders are meeting the conditions of their consents. The conditions on resource consents are designed to control any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of the consent. We need to know that consents are being complied with. In this way we can ensure the resource you are using remains fit for you and other consent holders to use.

We have a strategic compliance monitoring programme that prioritises monitoring of particular activities that require resource consent. In principle, this programme focusses more monitoring on consents of more importance (particularly in terms of environmental risk), and less monitoring on consents of less importance.

How your activity fits within our strategic compliance monitoring programme is determined at the time your consent is granted. For existing consents, each consent will be assessed against our strategic compliance monitoring programme at the next consent anniversary after 1 July 2015. How much compliance monitoring is required varies according to the nature of your activity, its size and frequency, and its potential environmental impact.

As part of the compliance monitoring programme for a consent, we may:

- Carry out site visits and inspections (where required)
- Review management plans and/or the results of any monitoring carried out by you or your consultants
- Advise you on the outcome of the compliance visit

Occasionally, we may also need to use outside expertise to assist with the monitoring of some consents. The costs of these experts may be included as part of your compliance monitoring charge.

4.4.2 The basis for the compliance monitoring charge

The basis for the compliance monitoring charge is the actual and reasonable cost of carrying out your compliance monitoring programme. You pay only the cost of monitoring compliance with your consent.

GWRC has considered the criteria in section 36 of the RMA before setting this charge. It considers that the need for this type of monitoring arises only because of consent holder's activities and that the benefits accrue entirely to consent holders. It is appropriate, then, for consent holders to bear the reasonable cost of this monitoring.

Fixed and variable charges are made up of the cost of staff time to carry out an inspection (if required), audit any monitoring information provided by you,

follow up any non-compliance, and reporting back to you outcomes of any compliance monitoring (if required). If we are required to inspect your activity, you will be charged a standard rate of half an hour for our travel time.

The charge-out rate is dependent on the services provided as outlined in Table 4.1 below:

Table 4.1: Charge out rates for consent monitoring

Hourly charge out rate	Excl. GST
Compliance monitoring services including undertaking site visits and auditing any monitoring information supplied by consent holders	\$120.00
Technical or science expert services for technical and/or science expert advice on compliance monitoring information supplied by consent holders	\$135.00

Where GWRC uses a consultant that provides a skillset and experience that will assist the compliance process, particularly with any complex or technical matters; the charge out rate is based on the charge out rate of the consultant engaged to undertake the work. Where GWRC uses a consultant in instances that do not satisfy the above, the charge out rate is based on the table above, ie, the same as GWRC staff.

4.4.3 Application of the compliance monitoring charge

The compliance monitoring charge applies to all consents for which a compliance monitoring programme is established. Depending on the activity, either fixed or variable charges will apply. Table 4.2 below outlines what activities incur fixed or variable charges:

Table 4.2: Fixed and variable charges for various activities

Fixed charges	Variable charges
Water takes	Municipal wastewater
Agricultural effluent	Municipal water supplies
Quarries	RoNS projects and earthworks
Industrial, non-municipal, and winery discharges	Urban stormwater
Coastal works, structures, and activities	Air discharges
River works, bridges, and culverts	Landfills & cleanfills
Boatsheds	Contaminated sites
Bores	Forestry
Swing moorings	Reclamation
	1080 & agrichemical

Fixed charges are set charges which generally apply to activities where conditions are very similar or the same. If an activity identified for fixed charges is non-standard, then variable charges may apply to that non-standard activity, eg, a water take may have non-standard consent conditions which may

require additional monitoring. Fixed charges are invoiced annually at the consent anniversary.

Fixed charges under section 36(3) of the Act are not open to objection and appeal.

Variable charges apply to activities where consent conditions and the nature and scale of activity is likely to vary. In most instances variable charges are invoiced annually at the consent anniversary. In some instances (eg, large infrastructure projects, or municipal activities) variable charges may be invoiced more frequently, ie, monthly or quarterly. All variable charges are based on actual and reasonable costs since the previous invoice. There may be some instances where the variable charge may be \$0 as no monitoring is undertaken in the previous year.

Variable charges are considered additional charges under section 36(3) of the Act. Section 36(6) provides for any additional charge to be open to objection and appeal.

4.4.4 Circumstances where the annual compliance monitoring charge does not apply

Some activities in our strategic compliance monitoring programme are not inspected. Only minimal monitoring is completed. These activities include:

- Bores
- Most river works
- Most coastal works and activities

For these activities a compliance monitoring charge of \$60 is included when the consent is processed. Note: In special circumstances, for some of the above activities an inspection may be required and fixed or variable charges will apply.

4.4.5 Self-monitoring and auditing

Where appropriate, some activities will be monitored using self-monitoring, where you provide us with information or data on how your activity is meeting your consent conditions. We will audit your information or data and charge for this time on an actual and reasonable basis. The charge you receive will only cover the work we do to assess the data you provide and report to you on any compliance outcomes, which means we can pass on some savings to consent holders. The types of activities where self-monitoring and auditing is undertaken are provided in Part 2 (Table A) of this Policy.

We reserve the right however to carry out selected or random compliance monitoring ourselves if deemed necessary on activities where no inspections have been identified. You will only be charged the full cost of the inspection if we find that you are not fully complying with your resource consent.

4.4.6 Additional compliance monitoring charges

Fixed compliance monitoring charges are based on the premise that consent holders use resources in a responsible manner and according to the conditions of their consent. The charge covers only routine monitoring.

Where the actual and reasonable costs incurred by us in carrying out compliance monitoring exceed any fixed compliance monitoring charge identified for your resource consent, by \$20 or more, then these costs may be recovered by way of an additional charge. Any additional charge is levied under section 36(3) of the Act. Section 36(6) provides for any additional charge to be open to objection and appeal.

Additional compliance monitoring charges apply in situations where:

- Resource users need to undertake further work to meet conditions of their resource consent and there is consequently additional monitoring work required
- Further inspections, assessment and reporting are required from GWRC for the activity than originally anticipated.
- Non-compliance with consent conditions has been observed following an incident notification
- Additional site visits requested by the consent holder

Where non-compliance is recorded on a **routine or random inspection** visit, remedial action is identified and advised to the consent holder in writing. You will receive an additional charge for the costs of the follow up visit undertaken by GWRC to ensure that compliance with consent conditions is met.

If any consent does not comply with the conditions and inspections are less than one per year, your compliance charge may be altered at the next charging round to provide for additional inspections until such time that good compliance is observed.

Where we carry out an inspection as a result of an **incident notification** (for example, a complaint about water pollution or odour release), the consent holder is only charged if the consent is breached and non-compliance is observed.

Where we carry out an inspection to determine compliance with **an enforcement order or abatement notice** for a consented activity, we will charge the consent holder actual and reasonable costs for any follow up visit to confirm that the required action has been taken and full compliance with the notice and your resource consent is achieved.

We levy any additional charges on an actual and reasonable basis. The charge is made up of:

- The cost of any staff time (including travel time) necessary to carry out an inspection and to prepare a report at the charge out rates identified in Table 4.1
- Associated disbursements, such as specialist advice

In all circumstances where an additional charge might apply, we provide you with a written report stating why your consent is not in compliance and, where practicable, give suggestions for improvement.

4.5 The state of the environment monitoring charge

Summary: GWRC charges consent holders for the cost of state of the environment monitoring where that monitoring benefits consent holders.

The charge you pay is related to the effects of your activity on the environment.

Consent holders pay for only a part of the cost of this monitoring. The regional community pays for the rest as it also benefits from the information gained.

Due to significant increases in state of the environment charges in 2013, these charges will be phased in over a 5 year period through to 2018.

4.5.1 What we do for your money

State of the environment (SOE) monitoring is the gathering of information about a resource (water, land, and air) so that it can be managed on a sustainable basis. GWRC is tasked under section 35 of the RMA to monitor the state of the environment in the Wellington region in order to effectively carry out our functions. The information is used, amongst other purposes, to determine the nature and state of a resource, to enable us to grant resource consents with confidence, and to check whether the management tools for resources in regional plans are working properly.

GWRC carries out SOE monitoring in many of the air sheds, catchments and groundwater zones of the region. We operate a network of hydrological recording stations which measure such variables as rainfall, river flow, and water depth in aquifers. We also routinely test the health quality of water in our rivers, aquifers, and the sea. In addition, we monitor ambient air quality.

This type of monitoring and investigations focus on a resource in a more general way than the monitoring of an individual consent (eg, a catchment or area basis). We measure a range of environmental variables to identify a resource's availability and quality, and the uses to which it is being put. In relation to rivers, for example, we monitor changes in water quality and quantity to ensure that our rivers remain available for a wide range of private and community uses, both now and in the future.

We carry out a wide range of monitoring and investigations and produce publicly available information on:

- The quantity and quality of surface water
- The quality of coastal water
- The quantity and quality of groundwater
- Air quality

Where practicable, GWRC will look to optimise and co-ordinate its SOE monitoring programme in a cost effective manner (as required under the Local Government Act) in order to avoid any duplicated monitoring that may be undertaken by consent holders.

You can find out about the resource you are using by accessing this information. It may be useful in operating your business. Please contact our Environmental Science team on 04 384 5708 for more information.

4.5.2 The basis of the state of the environment charge

The basis of the SOE monitoring charge is the cost to GWRC of undertaking this monitoring. However, we only charge consent holders for a portion of our monitoring that benefits consent holders. The cost is shared with the regional community (ie, ratepayers), as they also necessitate this type of monitoring and benefit from the knowledge acquired through the programme. We do not charge consent holders for monitoring undertaken for flood warning, river management, or regional planning purposes.

The benefits for consent holders are:

- Protection of the resource through its management on a sustainable basis
- Early warning of changes in resources
- Reduced costs for future consent applications
- Better information to aid business planning

However, as indicated above, SOE monitoring is carried out for a variety of reasons, of which meeting the needs of consent holders is but one. It is appropriate only to charge consent holders for their share of this monitoring.

GWRC considers that the SOE monitoring charges established meets the requirements for setting SOE monitoring charges in section 36 of the RMA. As part of these requirements, GWRC also examines the benefits of the monitoring programme to determine whether consent holders benefit from it to a greater extent than other members of the regional community. GWRC is of the view that consent holders do enjoy a benefit which non-consent holders do not, that is, a legal right to access the resource for their economic benefit.

4.5.3 Application of the state of the environment charge

A SOE monitoring charge applies to most consent types. This includes:

- Land use consents where there are ongoing environmental effects relating to our environmental science programme
- Water permits to take surface water or groundwater
- Discharge permits to discharge contaminants to land
- Discharge permits to discharge contaminants to fresh water
- Discharge permits to discharge contaminants to air
- Coastal permits to discharge contaminants to coastal water
- Coastal permits where there are ongoing environmental effects relating to our environmental science programme

A scale of fixed SOE monitoring charges are applied to consents. These charges vary due to the following factors:

- The nature and scale of activity, eg, the size of a water take or type of discharge
- The level of stress a particular catchment or groundwater zone is under, eg, the level of allocation from a groundwater zone

The scale of fixed charges applied to consents are more specifically identified in Part 2 of this Policy.

4.5.4 Waiver or reduction in state of the environment monitoring charges

GWRC may waive or reduce the SOE monitoring charge in the following instances:

1. Where an activity has multiple consents (relating to the same consent type), the SOE monitoring charge may be waived.
2. Where through the operation of the formula for setting the charge in the Schedules to this Policy, the resulting amount does not satisfy the principles of reasonableness and fairness in Sections 2.2 and 2.3 of this Policy.

4.5.5 Additional state of the environment monitoring charges

GWRC may apply an additional SOE monitoring charge. This will occur in instances where due to the nature and scale of the activity, the formulas set in the Schedules to this Policy are not adequate to recover the reasonable costs related to our SOE monitoring programme. Any additional charges will need to satisfy the principles of reasonableness and fairness in Sections 2.2 and 2.3 of this Policy. Also any additional charge is levied under section 36(3) of the Act. Section 36(6) provides for any additional charge to be open to objection and appeal.

4.5.6 Review of state of the environment monitoring charges in 2013

GWRC reviewed the SOE monitoring charges in 2013. There had been no changes to the SOE monitoring charges since 2009. In the 2009 review only the structure of the charges was reviewed and altered. The amount of charges attributable to consent holders was not reviewed in 2009.

The 2013 review highlighted that GWRC was only recovering \$260,000 from a SOE monitoring budget of just over \$4 million. Hence only approximately 6.5% of the total cost of SOE monitoring is being recovered. Most other Regional Councils recover between 20%–35% of their SOE monitoring programmes.

All SOE monitoring programmes undertaken by GWRC were costed and assessed in terms of their relevance to consent holders. This information is provided in Appendix 1 to this Policy. Up to 23% of the total cost of our SOE monitoring programme is now expected to be recovered from consent holders.

Due to this significant four-fold increase in cost recovery, SOE monitoring charges are being phased in over a 5 year period. How charges are being phased in is outlined in more detail in Part 2 of this Policy.

4.6 Changes to consent monitoring charges

4.6.1 Consent termination

Where a resource consent expires, or is surrendered, during the course of the year and the activity to which it relates ceases, then the customer service, compliance, and state of the environment charges apply only to that period of the year (based on complete months) for which the consent was operative. We may not accept a surrender of consent unless the fees have been paid in full.

4.6.2 Consent expiry and replacement

Where a resource consent expires during the course of the year, but the activity to which the consent relates continues until the consent is replaced, then the consent monitoring charges outlined in this Policy apply.

4.6.3 Consent variation (change of consent conditions)

Where a resource consent is varied during the course of the year, and there is a resultant increase or decrease in the compliance and/or state of the environment monitoring charges, this is charged on a proportionate basis (calculated on complete months) on the next anniversary of the granting of the consent.

4.6.4 Consent transfer

Where a resource consent is transferred during the course of the year (eg, when a property with a consent is sold to a new owner), it is the responsibility of the original owner to advise us of the change. *Any apportionment of fees after the charge has been made remains the responsibility of the respective owners.* We may not accept a transfer of consent unless the fees have been paid in full.

4.6.5 Partial remission of consent monitoring charges for minor activities with community service or good

GWRC recognises that there are some minor activities undertaken by not-for-profit organisations relating to community services that incur consent monitoring charges which can significantly impact the ability for the consent holder to provide this community service or good. If a consent holder can demonstrate that their minor activity is for a community good or service and it is primarily operated through sourcing public funding (eg, charitable grants or donations), they can apply for a remission of up to 50% of their consent monitoring charge. GWRC at its discretion will consider each request on a case by case basis.

5. Building Act charges

5.1 Introduction

The Building Act 2004 (BA) altered the regime for which territorial authority handled matters pertaining to dams. Prior to 2004 territorial local authorities (ie, City and District Councils) were responsible for dams. The BA referred matters pertaining to dams to Regional Councils.

In July 2008 GWRC transferred various Building Act 2004 functions relating to dams to Waikato Regional Council (WRC). The Building Consent Authority (BCA) functions transferred relate to the assessment, processing, inspection and granting of building consents and certificates of compliance.

Section 243 of the BA allows GWRC to retain some functions such as the processing and issuing of a project information memorandum, certificates of acceptance, building warrant of fitness' and the dam safety requirements. The BA allows GWRC to impose fees or charges for performing these functions.

5.2 Schedule of charges

The fees and charges for various activities for administering the Building Act are outlined in Table 5.1 below:

Table 5.1: Building Act 2004 fees and charges (all figures exclude GST)

Function	Deposit	Hourly charge
Project Information Memorandum (PIM)	Large Dam (above \$100,000 value) \$1,000 Medium Dam (\$20,000 to \$100,000 Value) \$750 Small Dam (\$0 to \$20,000 value) \$500	\$120 per hour
Building consent application (lodged directly with WRC)	Large Dam (above \$100,000 value) \$4,000 Medium Dam (\$20,000 to \$100,000 Value) \$2,000 Small Dam (\$0 to \$20,000 value) \$500	\$156 per hour (WRC Resource use group managers) \$127 (WRC Building Act officer)
Lodge Building Warrant of Fitness	\$120	\$120 per hour
Amendment to compliance schedule	\$1,000	\$120 per hour for officer time Actual and reasonable costs for expert advice
Building warrant of fitness audit		\$120 per hour

Function	Deposit	Hourly charge
Certificate of Acceptance	Large Dam (above \$100,000 value) \$4,000 Medium Dam (\$20,000 to \$100,000 value) \$2,000 Small Dam (\$0 to \$20,000 value) \$500	\$120 per hour for officer time Actual and reasonable costs for expert advice
Lodge dam potential impact category	\$120	\$120 per hour
Lodge dam safety assurance programme	\$120	\$120 per hour
Lodge annual dam safety compliance certificate	\$120	\$120 per hour
Policy implementation – Dangerous Dams, Earthquake-prone dams, Flood-prone dams		\$120 per hour Actual and reasonable costs for expert advice

Key notes:

1. The charges associated with building consent applications are those that are directly applied by Waikato Regional Council (WRC) as these functions have been transferred to WRC. It is therefore advised to contact WRC (www.waikatoregion.govt.nz) to check building consent application charges and charge-out rates.

2. Building consents incur BRANZ and Department of Building and Housing levies. The levies are payable to Waikato Regional Council

The costs for processing various applications under the BA vary greatly due to the scale, complexity, and specialist design features associated with each project. Hence the charges listed in Table 5.1 are considered deposits only and in most circumstances additional charges will apply at the charge out rates specified.

6. The provision of information

6.1 Information provided under the Resource Management Act 1991

GWRC may charge for the provision of information in relation to resource consents and regional plans and policies (see section 36(1)(e) and (f) of the RMA).

We recognise that we have a significant advisory and information role. Our aim is to assist you to have access to the information you need to make effective use of your resource consent. To this end, we provide a reasonable amount of information free of charge, as listed below. If more time is spent, or more photocopying required than is allowed for here, the provision of information may be subject to the following charges.

Any charge for information is made in accordance with the following:

1. **Staff time** spent in making information available, or in providing technical advice is charged after the first half hour (except in relation to applications for resource consents) at the following rates:

Hourly charge out rate	Excl. GST
Administration services from our Environmental Support staff	\$105.00
Resource management services from our Environmental Regulation staff	\$120.00
Technical or science expert services from our Environmental Science staff	\$135.00

2. **Photocopying** charges are 20 cents per A4 page after the first 10 pages
3. **All other disbursements** are charged at cost. We may pass on charges to the person requesting the information where the information held by us is subject to agreements with commercial data suppliers who may require us to levy charges
4. Regional Freshwater Plan – \$45
5. Regional Plan for Discharges to Land – \$45
6. Regional Air Quality Management Plan – \$45
7. Regional Soil Plan – \$30
8. Regional Coastal Plan – \$75
9. Regional Policy Statement – \$75

6.2 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

Information provided in response to requests under this Act may be charged for under section 13(1A) of the Act. We follow the Ministry of Justice Guidelines for charging, therefore GWRC's costs for responding to information requests will be charged in the following way (GST inclusive):

- The first hour of time spent searching, abstracting, collating, copying, transcribing and supervising access should be free
- \$38 may be charged for each subsequent half hour (or part of this time), irrespective of the seniority of the staff member (unless specialists are required)
- 20c per A4 sized page may be charged after the first 20 pages
- The actual costs may be recovered for the
 - Provision of documents on computer disks
 - Retrieval of information off-site
 - Reproduction of film, video or audio recording and
 - Provision of maps, plans or other documents large than foolscap size

7. Environmental incident inspection charges

7.1 Circumstances in which a charge may apply and charges applicable

Where a person (or persons) or organisation carries out an activity in a manner which does not comply with the provisions of section 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 315, 323, 327, or 329 of the RMA, GWRC will charge that person or organisation for the cost of any inspection it undertakes in relation to that activity. This cost may include:

1. Time spent by GWRC officers identifying and confirming that the activity is taking or has taken place
2. Time spent by GWRC officers identifying and confirming the person or organisation responsible for causing or allowing the activity to take place or to have taken place
3. Time spent by GWRC officers alerting and informing the person or organisation responsible of their responsibilities in relation to the activity, including any suggestions or advice relating to how any adverse effects might be managed
4. Staff travel time
5. Costs of disbursements (such as laboratory analysis costs, professional services, clean up costs and materials)

GWRC will only charge for time spent which exceeds 30 minutes. Travel time will be included in the calculation of this time

An initial minimum standard charge of \$240 will apply to all environmental incidents inspected which covers:

- 30 minutes travel time
- 30 minutes initial inspection time
- 1 hour identifying parties and providing follow up advice

Any additional charges will only be made to allow GWRC to recover its actual and reasonable costs from the perpetrator.

7.2 Charges applicable to consented activities

Where an incident occurs on a site that holds a resource consent and a breach of consent conditions is confirmed, then Section 8.1 does not apply. Any actual and reasonable costs incurred in investigation the incident will be recovered as additional compliance monitoring charges in accordance with Section 4.4.6 of this Policy.

7.3 Authority to charge

These charges are made under section 150 of the LGA.

7.4 Charge-out rate

The rate at which staff time shall be charged shall be \$120 per hour.

7.5 When due

Charges are due within 28 days.

7.6 Relationship of charges to infringement offences

Where we utilise the infringement offences legislation for environmental incidents no charge will be made for preparation of documents relating to the issue of the infringement notice.

7.7 Relationship of charges to enforcement orders and abatement notices

GWRC may also seek reimbursement for any actual and reasonable costs it incurs in inspecting an activity to determine compliance with an enforcement order or abatement notice under section 315 and section 323 of the RMA.

A minimum standard charge of \$240.00 will apply for any follow up visit to confirm full compliance with any abatement notice is achieved which covers:

- 30 minutes travel time
- 1.5 hours inspection time and providing follow up advice

Any additional charges for a follow up visit to confirm compliance will only be made to allow GWRC to recover its actual and reasonable costs.

7.8 Relationship of charges to the Maritime Transport Act 1994

These charges do not apply to marine oil pollution incidents. These are provided for under the Maritime Transport Act 1994.

8. Payment of charges

8.1 Date charges become operative

This Policy applies from 1 July 2015 and will continue in effect until amended or replaced under section 36(2) of the Act. We intend to review the Policy on an annual basis.

8.2 When charges are due or invoiced

8.2.1 Application charges

Initial fixed application fees are due prior to commencement of processing applications. We will not commence processing your application until the initial fixed application fees are paid in full.

Additional charges for processing resource consents are invoiced on completion of processing of your consent or when the amount owing exceeds \$2000. This means that for notified consents particularly, we will invoice at regular intervals during the processing of your consent.

8.2.2 Consent monitoring charges

Consent monitoring charges are calculated from the date of the granting of your consent. Consents which have ongoing consent monitoring charges are invoiced on the anniversary of the granting of the consent. Consents which have one-off consent monitoring charges may be invoiced at the time of final inspection.

8.3 Remission of charges

We may remit any charge referred to in this Policy, in part or in full, on a case by case basis, and solely at our discretion (see section 36(5) of the RMA).

8.4 Credit

Credit is not generally available for application charges or consent monitoring charges in this Policy. We will consider staged payments in exceptional circumstances. In some circumstances, we may require full payment of the estimated cost of processing an application prior to initiating work.

8.5 Debtors and unpaid charges

Under this Policy debtors and unpaid charges are treated like any other outstanding amount owed to GWRC. An outstanding debt will be pursued according to GWRC's procedures which are summarised below:

- Reminders are sent by GWRC accounts staff between 1–3 months after the charge has been processed and sent to you
- If charges are not paid within three months of being processed and sent to you, a final reminder letter is issued by Environmental Support staff. This letter gives a final deadline to pay any unpaid charges

- If charges remain unpaid and unresolved after the final deadline, GWRC reserves the right to recover actual and reasonable costs for recovering the unpaid charges. This is through the combination of a minimum fixed charge of \$210 (excl. GST) and any additional actual and reasonable costs for staff time charged at \$105/hour (excl. GST)
- In the event that the unpaid charges remain after the final deadline, GWRC will place the account in the hands of a collection agency and you will be charged the full costs of collecting the debt

8.6 Charges required to be paid

All **application charges** for resource consents or for Plan or Policy Statement changes shall be paid according to the provisions of Sections 3 and 8 of this Policy.

All **consent monitoring charges** for customer services, compliance monitoring, and state of the environment monitoring shall be paid according to the provisions of Sections 4 and 8 of this Policy and the relevant sections in Part 2 of the Policy.

All **Building Act charges** shall be paid according to the provisions of Sections 5 and 8 of this Policy.

All **provision of information charges** shall be paid according to the provisions of Sections 6 and 8 of this Policy.

All **environmental incidents charges** not related to resource consents shall be paid according to the provisions of Sections 7 and 8 of this Policy.

Part 2: Compliance and SOE monitoring charges

A. Compliance monitoring charges

The compliance monitoring charges for each activity are presented in Table A. This table outlines the various compliance activities, the fixed and variable charges for each activity, and a summary of the compliance monitoring programme.

All fixed charges are invoiced annually based on the consent anniversary. Depending on your compliance assessment, the category of your charge may change from year to year.

Most variable charges are invoiced annually at the consent anniversary. They are based on actual and reasonable amount of time spent monitoring your consent since your last invoice. There are some instances where more regular invoicing of your variable charges may apply. This is normally for large projects where significant monitoring occurs on a regular basis.

The compliance monitoring programme is made up of three components

- **Inspections** – site inspections (by arrangement or unannounced) to the property or location where the consent activity takes place
- **Auditing** – a desktop audit of monitoring information submitted by a consent holder
- **Reporting** – GWRC staff report back to consent holders on their compliance rating for their consent

Not all three components are necessarily required for undertaking compliance monitoring programme on a consent. Your consent may be inspected and/or audited. Also for some activities we don't intend to report back to you unless you are not complying with your consent conditions.

Table A: Compliance monitoring charges (all figures exclude GST)

Compliance activity	Charges	Compliance categories	Compliance monitoring programme	Related SOE charges
Agricultural effluent	<u>Variable charges</u> for non-complying and non-standard agricultural discharges	DL1 (variable charge)	Inspections and annual compliance report assessed on case by case basis	Discharge to land
	<u>Fixed charges</u> for categories below			
	\$300 Standard agricultural discharge	DL2 (ag discharge)	Annual inspection and compliance report completed	
	\$60 Fully complying dairy discharge (with accredited effluent system operating) and industry/GWRC approved WoF	DL5	No inspection or compliance report completed, annual audit of industry/GWRC approved WoF	
Air discharges	<u>Variable charges</u> based on actual and reasonable costs	DA1 (variable charge)	Inspections determined on an annual basis Compliance report provided following inspection(s)	Discharge to air
Boatsheds	<u>Variable charges</u> for non-standard boatsheds based on actual and reasonable costs	CP1 (variable charge)	Inspections and annual compliance report assessed on case by case basis	N/A
	<u>Fixed charges</u> for categories below			
	\$240 Cost per inspection for consents requiring inspection	CP2 (one inspection)	Inspections determined on an annual basis Compliance report provided following inspection(s)	
Bores	<u>Variable charges</u> for non-standard bores based on actual and reasonable costs	LU1 (variable charge)	Most consents not inspected and therefore no annual charges	N/A
	<u>Fixed charges</u> for categories below			
	\$60 All standard bores	N/A	Applies to most consents – fee included in consent processing charges	N/A
Catchment Management consents	<u>Variable charges</u> based on actual and reasonable costs	LU1 (variable charge)	Inspection only on as needs basis Audited once a year Annual compliance report completed	Land use
Coastal works, structures, and activities	<u>Variable charges</u> for non-standard consents based on actual and reasonable costs	CP1 (variable charge)	Inspections and annual compliance report assessed on case by case basis	Coastal
	<u>Fixed charges</u> for categories below			
	\$60 Standard coastal works, structures, and activities	N/A	Applies to most consents – fee included in consent processing charges	N/A
	\$240 Cost per inspection for consents requiring inspection	CP2 (one inspection) CP3 (two inspections) CP4 (three inspections)	Compliance report provided following inspection(s)	Coastal
Contaminated sites	<u>Variable charges</u> based on actual and reasonable costs	DW1 (variable charge) DL1 (variable charge)	Inspections determined on a case by case basis Annual compliance report completed	Discharge to water Discharge to land

Compliance activity	Charges	Compliance categories	Compliance monitoring programme	Related SOE charges
Forestry	<u>Variable charges</u> based on actual and reasonable costs	DW1 (variable charge) DL1 (variable charge) LU1 (variable charge)	Inspections determined on a case by case basis Annual compliance report completed	Discharge to water Discharge to land Land use
Industrial, non-municipal, and winery discharges	<u>Variable charges</u> for non-standard discharges based on actual and reasonable costs <u>Fixed charges</u> for categories below	DW1 (variable charge) DL1 (variable charge)	Inspections and annual compliance report assessed on case by case basis	Discharge to water Discharge to land
	\$120 Low risk discharges	DL4 (low risk discharge)	Inspection once every three years and compliance report completed	
	\$300 High risk discharges	DL3 (high risk discharge)	Annual inspection and compliance report completed	
Landfills & cleanfills	<u>Variable charges</u> based on actual and reasonable costs	DW1 (variable charge) DL1 (variable charge) DA1 (variable charge)	Inspections determined on a case by case basis Annual compliance report provided	Discharge to water Discharge to land Discharge to air
Municipal water supplies	<u>Variable charges</u> based on actual and reasonable costs	WS1 (variable charge) WG1 (variable charge)	Inspection only on as needs basis Audited every quarter Annual compliance report completed	Surface water takes Groundwater takes
Municipal wastewater	<u>Variable charges</u> based on actual and reasonable costs	DW1 (variable charge) DL1 (variable charge)	Inspection only on as needs basis Audited every quarter Annual compliance report completed	Discharge to water Discharge to land Coastal discharges
Quarries	<u>Variable charges</u> for non-standard quarries based on actual and reasonable costs <u>Fixed charges</u> for categories below	DW1 (variable charge) DL1 (variable charge) LU1 (variable charge)	Inspections and annual compliance report assessed on case by case basis	Discharge to water Discharge to land
	\$240 Standard quarry	LU2 (one inspection)	Annual inspection and compliance report completed	
Reclamation	<u>Variable charges</u> based on actual and reasonable costs	LU1 (variable charge)	Inspections and annual compliance report assessed on case by case basis	Land use
River works, bridges & culverts	<u>Variable charges</u> for non-standard consents based on actual and reasonable costs <u>Fixed charges</u> for categories below	LU1 (variable charge)	Most consents not inspected and therefore no annual charges	Land use
	\$60 Standard river works	N/A	Applies to most consents – fee included in consent processing charges	N/A
	\$240 Cost per inspection for consents requiring inspection	LU2 (one inspection) LU3 (two inspections) LU4 (three inspections)	Compliance report provided following inspection(s)	Land use

Compliance activity	Charges	Compliance categories	Compliance monitoring programme	Related SOE charges
RoNS projects and earthworks	<u>Variable charges</u> based on actual and reasonable costs	DW1 (variable charge) DL1 (variable charge) LU1 (variable charge)	Weekly inspections for RoNs projects and large earthworks Less frequency for small earthworks No annual compliance report completed	Discharge to water Discharge to land
Swing moorings	<u>Variable charges</u> for non-standard swing moorings based on actual and reasonable costs <u>Fixed charges</u> for categories below	CP1 (variable charge)	Inspections and annual compliance report assessed on case by case basis	N/A
	\$30 Swing moorings – fully complying	CP5 (moorings complying)	No annual compliance report completed	
	\$180 Swing moorings – non-complying	CP6 (moorings non-complying)	No annual compliance report completed	
Urban stormwater	<u>Variable charges</u> based on actual and reasonable costs	DW1 (variable charge) CP1 (variable charge)	Inspection only on as needs basis Audited every quarter Annual compliance report provided	Discharge to water Coastal
Water takes <i>Note: Surface water takes include 'Category A' groundwater takes from bores/wells where consent specifies a minimum flow condition.</i>	<u>Variable charges</u> for non-standard water takes based on actual and reasonable costs <u>Fixed charges</u> for categories below	WS1 or WG1 (variable charge)	Inspections, water use data audit, and annual compliance report assessed on case by case basis	Surface water takes Groundwater takes
	\$60 Complying groundwater takes – approved electronic submission of water use data	WG2	No inspection or compliance report completed, annual water use data audit once a year	Groundwater takes
	\$120 Complying surface water takes - approved electronic submission of water use data	WS2	No inspection or compliance report completed, water use data audit during low flow periods and at end of year	Surface water takes
	\$180 Complying groundwater takes – non-electronic submission of water use data	WG3	No inspection or compliance report completed, annual water use data audit once a year	Groundwater takes
	\$240 Complying surface water takes – non-electronic submission of water use data	WG3	No inspection or compliance report completed, water use data audit during low flow periods and at end of year	Surface water takes
	\$0 Unmetered takes	WS4 or WG4	No inspection, audit, or compliance report completed	Surface water takes Groundwater takes
	\$360 Non-complying takes with reporting	WS5 or WG5	No inspection, water use data audit and annual compliance report completed	Surface water takes Groundwater takes
	\$480 Non-complying takes with inspection and reporting	WS6 or WG6	Inspection, water use data audit and annual compliance report completed	Surface water takes Groundwater takes
1080 & agrichemical	<u>Variable charges</u> based on actual and reasonable costs	DW1 (variable charge) DL1 (variable charge)	Inspection only on as needs basis, compliance report completed following inspection	Discharge to water Discharge to land

B. State of the Environment (SOE) monitoring charges

The fixed SOE monitoring charges for each consent type are presented in section B.1 – B.6. These charges are being phased in over a 5 year period until 2018. A proportion of the SOE monitoring charge applies up until that time as detailed in Table B1 below:

Table B.1: SOE monitoring charges 2013-2018

Consent Type	Cost of SOE monitoring programme	Year				
		2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Surface water take (Section B.1)	\$358,346	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%
Groundwater take (Section B.2)	\$202,522	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%
Discharge to water (Section B.3) Coastal discharges (Section B.6)	\$243,651	40%	55%	70%	85%	100%
Discharge to land (Section B.4)	\$169,204	40%	55%	70%	85%	100%
Discharge to air (Section B.5)	\$37,851	80%	85%	90%	95%	100%

Further detail on the cost of the SOE monitoring programme is provided in Appendix A.

All **land use consents, water permits to dam/divert water, and coastal permits (excluding discharges)** that with ongoing effects on the environment receive an annual SOE monitoring charge of \$100. (Note: This does not apply to one-off construction related activities.)

Special SOE monitoring charges apply to the activities shown in Table B.2. These charges are made as the nature and scale of these activities are not fairly reflected in the fixed charges specified in section B.1 – B.6:

Table B.2: Special SOE monitoring charges

Consent holder	Activity	Annual SOE Charge
GWRC, Flood Protection	River works maintenance for all schemes in the region	\$30,000
GWRC, Water Supply	Water take from Hutt aquifer	\$50,000
NZTA, Transmission Gully	All works associated with the construction of Transmission Gully	\$50,000
NZTA, MacKays to Peka Peka	All works associated with the construction of MacKays to Peka Peka expressway	\$30,000

B.1 Surface water takes

The SOE monitoring charge for this consent type is levied on all surface water and groundwater take ('Category A') consents. The charge is dependent on:

- The level of stress (based on a low, medium, or high level of allocation) created by water takes in a catchment
- The size of water take based on the maximum instantaneous rate of take in litres/second (for surface water takes from catchments) or average instantaneous rate of take in litres/second from total weekly allocation (for groundwater takes from 'Category A' groundwater management zones)

Category 1 – LOW level of allocation		
<u>Surface water catchments</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huangarua • Kuripuni • Martinborough streams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Otaki • Wairarapa eastern hill and south coast catchments (except Pahaoa) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellington City catchments • All other catchments not specifically identified in Cat. 2 or 3
<u>'Category A' groundwater management zones</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huangarua 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Otaki 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waitohu
Rate of take	Fixed charge	Charge category
0–9.99 litres/sec	\$60	2.3.1.1
10–19.99 litres/sec	\$100	2.3.2.1
20–29.99 litres/sec	\$200	2.3.3.1
30–39.99 litres/sec	\$300	2.3.4.1
40–59.99 litres/sec	\$400	2.3.5.1
60–99.99 litres/sec	\$800	2.3.6.1
100–299.99 litres/sec	\$1,200	2.3.7.1
300 + litres/sec	\$2,000	2.3.8.1

Category 2 – MEDIUM level of allocation		
<u>Surface water catchments</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hutt (lower) • Kapiti Streams • Pahaoa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pauatahanui inlet • Rimutaka • South Featherston 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tauanui • Turanganui
<u>'Category A' groundwater management zones – None</u>		
Rate of take	Fixed charge	Charge category
0–9.99 litres/sec	\$100	2.3.1.2
10–19.99 litres/sec	\$200	2.3.2.2
20–29.99 litres/sec	\$400	2.3.3.2
30–39.99 litres/sec	\$600	2.3.4.2
40–59.99 litres/sec	\$800	2.3.5.2
60–99.99 litres/sec	\$1,200	2.3.6.2
100–299.99 litres/sec	\$1,500	2.3.7.2
300 + litres/sec	\$3,000	2.3.8.2

Category 3 – HIGH level of allocation		
<u>Surface water catchments</u>		
• Dock	• Mangaone	• Upper Ruamahanga
• Hutt (upper)	• Orongorongo	• Waikanae
• Kopuaranga	• Otakura	• Wainuiomata
• Lake Wairarapa	• Papawai	• Waingawa
• Lower Ruamahanga	• Parkvale/Booths	• Waiohine
• Makahakaha	• Taueru	• Waipoua
• Makoura	• Tauherenikau	• Whangaehu
• Mangatarere		
<u>'Category A' groundwater management zones</u>		
• Lower Ruamahanga	• Onoke	• Waikanae
• Mangatarere	• Tauherenikau	• Waingawa
• Middle Ruamahanga	• Te Ore Ore	• Waiohine
• Moiki	• Upper Ruamahanga	
Rate of take	Fixed charge	Charge category
0–9.99 litres/sec	\$200	2.3.1.3
10–19.99 litres/sec	\$500	2.3.2.3
20–29.99 litres/sec	\$700	2.3.3.3
30–39.99 litres/sec	\$1,000	2.3.4.3
40–59.99 litres/sec	\$1,300	2.3.5.3
60–99.99 litres/sec	\$2,000	2.3.6.3
100–299.99 litres/sec	\$3,000	2.3.7.3
300 + litres/sec	\$8,000	2.3.8.3

Surface water takes from catchments – size of take based on maximum instantaneous rate in litres/second

Groundwater takes from 'Category A' groundwater management zones – size of take based on average instantaneous rate in litres/second from total weekly allocation

A proportion of the fixed charges above apply until 2018 as follows:

2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
60%	70%	80%	90%	100%

For surface water takes where consent holders take water from supplementary allocation for water storage or for frost protection purposes, the applicable SOE monitoring charge may be reduced at the discretion of GWRC. The reason for this is that these activities often abstract large volumes of water for only short periods during the year, often at times where water resources are less stressed (ie, at higher river/stream flows or during spring months when river/stream flows are on average greater).

B.2 Groundwater takes

The SOE monitoring charge for this consent type is levied on all groundwater take (excluding 'Category A') consents. The charge is dependent on:

- The level of stress (based on a low, medium, or high level of allocation) created by water takes in a groundwater management zone (as determined by current management zones in our Regional Freshwater Plan)
- The size of groundwater take which is based on the annual volume of water taken (in m³)

Category 1 – LOW level of allocation		
<u>Groundwater management zones</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Akatarawa • Coastal (Kapiti) • East Taratahi • Fernhill • Hautere • Mangaroa • Masterton 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matarawa • Moroa • Opaki • Pakuratahi • Pirinoa Terraces • Raumati/Paekakariki • Tauherenikau • Upper Hutt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upper Opaki • Upper Plain • Wainuiomata • West Taratahi • Woodside • All other groundwater zones not specifically identified
Rate of take	Fixed charge	Charge category
0–99,999 m ³ /year	\$60	3.3.1.1
100,000–199,999 m ³ /year	\$120	3.3.2.1
200,000–299,999 m ³ /year	\$180	3.3.3.1
300,000–399,999 m ³ /year	\$250	3.3.4.1
400,000–599,999 m ³ /year	\$600	3.3.5.1
600,000–999,999 m ³ /year	\$800	3.3.6.1
1,000,000 + m ³ /year	\$1,200	3.3.7.1

Category 2 – MEDIUM level of allocation		
<u>Groundwater management zones</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hodders • Otaki 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Featherston 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waitohu
Rate of take	Fixed charge	Charge category
0–99,999 m ³ /year	\$120	3.3.1.2
100,000–199,999 m ³ /year	\$180	3.3.2.2
200,000–299,999 m ³ /year	\$250	3.3.3.2
300,000–399,999 m ³ /year	\$400	3.3.4.2
400,000–599,999 m ³ /year	\$800	3.3.5.2
600,000–999,999 m ³ /year	\$1,000	3.3.6.2
1,000,000 + m ³ /year	\$2,000	3.3.7.2

Category 3 – HIGH level of allocation		
<u>Groundwater management zones</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Battersea Carterton Huangaarua Lower Hutt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lower Valley Martinborough Eastern Terraces Martinborough Western Terraces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parkvale Te Ore Ore Waikanae
<i>Rate of take</i>	<i>Fixed charge</i>	<i>Charge category</i>
0–99,999 m ³ /year	\$240	3.3.1.3
100,000–199,999 m ³ /year	\$300	3.3.2.3
200,000–299,999 m ³ /year	\$400	3.3.3.3
300,000–399,999 m ³ /year	\$600	3.3.4.3
400,000–599,999 m ³ /year	\$1,000	3.3.5.3
600,000–999,999 m ³ /year	\$3,000	3.3.6.3
1,000,000 + m ³ /year	\$5,000	3.3.7.3

Groundwater takes from 'Category A' groundwater management zones are covered in Section B.1 of this Policy.

A proportion of the fixed charges above apply until 2018 as follows:

2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
60%	70%	80%	90%	100%

B.3 Discharges to water

The SOE monitoring charge for this consent type is levied on all discharge to water consents as all discharges are considered to cause additional stress on waterways, whereby the consent holder should pay for a proportion of SOE monitoring costs.

The SOE monitoring charge is dependent on the type of discharge to water and the level of contaminants (both quality and quantity) discharged into the receiving environment. The level of contaminants discharged is split into three categories – high, medium, and low.

<i>Nature of contaminants discharged – HIGH</i>	<i>Fixed charge</i>	<i>Charge category</i>
Human wastewater	\$8,000	4.3.1.1
Animal wastewater	\$4,000	4.3.2.1
Stormwater discharges from bulk earthworks	\$2,500	4.3.3.1
Other stormwater discharges	\$2,000	4.3.4.1
Landfill leachate discharges	\$1,500	4.3.5.1
Intermittent discharges	\$1,500	4.3.6.1
Other wastewater	\$1,500	4.3.7.1

<i>Nature of contaminants discharged – MEDIUM</i>	<i>Fixed charge</i>	<i>Charge category</i>
Human wastewater	\$4,000	4.3.1.2
Animal wastewater	\$2,000	4.3.2.2
Stormwater discharges – bulk earthworks	\$1,500	4.3.3.2
Other stormwater discharges	\$1,200	4.3.4.2
Landfill leachate discharges	\$1,000	4.3.5.2
Intermittent discharges	\$1,000	4.3.6.2
Other wastewater	\$1,000	4.3.7.2

<i>Nature of contaminants discharged – LOW</i>	<i>Fixed charge</i>	<i>Charge category</i>
Human wastewater	\$2,000	4.3.1.3
Animal wastewater	\$1,200	4.3.2.3
Stormwater discharges – bulk earthworks	\$1,000	4.3.3.3
Other stormwater discharges	\$400	4.3.4.3
Landfill leachate discharges	\$400	4.3.5.3
Intermittent discharges	\$300	4.3.6.3
Other wastewater	\$300	4.3.7.3

A proportion of the fixed charges above apply until 2018 as follows, except for stormwater discharges from bulk earthworks where the full 100% charge applies.

2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
40%	55%	70%	85%	100%

SOE monitoring charges for **stormwater discharges from bulk earthworks** are only applicable if works are undertaken during the year in which consent monitoring charges apply.

Where there are two or more discharge to water consents relating to the same activity, only one SOE monitoring charge applies.

B.4 Discharges to land

The SOE monitoring charge for this consent type is levied on all discharge to land consents. The charge is dependent on:

- The quality of groundwater in the area where your discharge to land activity occurs, and
- The nature of contaminants discharged to land

The tables below lists three categories of areas in the region in terms of the level of groundwater quality based on GWRC's SOE report, *Groundwater quality in the Wellington region (March 2012)* as follows:

- **Category 1 area:** Any land area not identified as a category 2 or 3 groundwater management zone.
- **Category 2 area:** Any groundwater management zone where any bore(s) have been identified as having 'fair' water quality
- **Category 3 area:** Any groundwater management zone where any bore(s) have been identified as having 'poor' water quality.

Category 1 – All other areas not identified in category 2 or 3 below.		
<i>Nature of contaminants discharged</i>	<i>Fixed charge</i>	<i>Charge category</i>
Human wastewater (municipal)	\$1,000	5.3.1.1
Human wastewater (domestic or small communal)	\$150	5.3.2.1
Animal wastewater	\$400	5.3.3.1
Landfill leachate discharges	\$400	5.3.4.1
Stormwater discharges from bulk earthworks	\$750	5.3.5.1
Other discharges	\$150	5.3.6.1

Category 2 – FAIR water quality		
<u>Groundwater management zones</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carterton • Hodders • Mangaroa • Mangatarere • Matarawa • Moroa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Otaki • South Featherston • Tawaha • Upper Hutt • Upper Opaki • Upper Plain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waikanae • Wainuiomata • Waitohu • West Taratahi • Woodside
<i>Nature of contaminants discharged</i>	<i>Fixed charge</i>	<i>Charge category</i>
Human wastewater (municipal)	\$1,500	5.3.1.2
Human wastewater (domestic or small communal)	\$200	5.3.2.2
Animal wastewater	\$500	5.3.3.2
Landfill leachate discharges	\$500	5.3.4.2
Stormwater discharges from bulk earthworks	\$750	5.3.5.2
Other discharges	\$200	5.3.6.2

Category 3 – POOR water quality		
<u>Groundwater management zones</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coastal East Taratahi Hautere 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lower Hutt Lower Valley Martinborough Eastern Terraces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Martinborough Western Terraces Te Ore Ore
<i>Nature of contaminants discharged</i>	<i>Fixed charge</i>	<i>Charge category</i>
Human wastewater (municipal)	\$2,000	5.3.1.3
Human wastewater (domestic or small communal)	\$250	5.3.2.3
Animal wastewater	\$600	5.3.3.3
Landfill leachate discharges	\$600	5.3.4.3
Stormwater discharges from bulk earthworks	\$750	5.3.5.3
Other discharges	\$250	5.3.6.3

A proportion of the fixed charges above apply until 2018 as follows, except for stormwater discharges from bulk earthworks where the full 100% charge applies.

2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
40%	55%	70%	85%	100%

SOE monitoring charges for **stormwater discharges from bulk earthworks** are only applicable in the following instances:

1. Works are undertaken during the year in which consent monitoring charges apply
2. There is no discharge to water consent associated with the same activity. (In this instance the discharge to water consent for the same activity will receive the SOE monitoring charge.)

Where there are two or more discharge to land consents relating to the same activity, only one SOE monitoring charge applies. For example a municipal wastewater discharge may have one consent to discharge contaminants from the base of oxidation ponds and another consent to discharge contaminants to land via irrigation. In such circumstances only one SOE monitoring charge applies.

Where there is an associated discharge to water consent for exactly the same activity, no SOE monitoring charge applies. The SOE monitoring charge is applied to the discharge to water consent.

B.5 Discharges to air

The SOE monitoring charge for this consent type is levied on all discharge to air consents. Air discharges are assigned one of the four categories as shown in the table below.

<i>Nature of contaminants discharged</i>	<i>Fixed charge</i>	<i>Charge category</i>
Cleanfill, refuse transfer stations, and composting discharges in non-sensitive receiving environments; small community wastewater discharges; abrasive blasting; natural gas fired boiler/generator discharges	\$50	6.2.1
Cleanfill, refuse transfer stations, and composting discharges in sensitive receiving environments; medium/large community wastewater discharges; small scale industrial discharges; landfill discharges with minor environmental effects; crematoria discharges; odour discharges in non-sensitive receiving environments	\$150	6.2.2
Medium scale industrial discharges; all other landfill discharges; odour discharges in sensitive receiving environments	\$750	6.2.3
Large scale industrial discharges; significant odour discharges	\$2,000	6.2.4

A proportion of the fixed charges above apply until 2018 as follows:

2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
80%	85%	90%	95%	100%

Where there are two or more discharge to air consents relating to the same activity, only one SOE monitoring charge applies.

In instances where a discharge to air activity does not fit in any of the types of discharge list above, GWRC will exercise its discretion as to which SOE category applies based on the nature and scale of contaminants discharged.

B.6 Coastal discharges

The SOE monitoring charge for this consent type is levied on all consents that discharge contaminants to coastal water. All discharges are considered to cause additional stress on coastal waters, whereby the consent holder should pay for a proportion of SOE monitoring and investigations.

The SOE monitoring charge is dependent on the type of discharge to water and the level of contaminants (both quality and quantity) discharged into the receiving environment. The level of contaminants discharged is split into three categories – high, medium, and low.

<i>Nature of contaminants discharged – HIGH</i>	<i>Fixed charge</i>	<i>Charge category</i>
Human wastewater	\$8,000	7.1.1.1
Stormwater discharges	\$3,000	7.1.2.1
Intermittent discharges	\$1,500	7.1.3.1
Other wastewater	\$1,500	7.1.4.1
Stormwater discharges from bulk earthworks	\$2,500	7.1.5.1

<i>Nature of contaminants discharged – MEDIUM</i>	<i>Fixed charge</i>	<i>Charge category</i>
Human wastewater	\$4,000	7.1.1.2
Stormwater discharges	\$2,000	7.1.2.2
Intermittent discharges	\$1,000	7.1.3.2
Other wastewater	\$1,000	7.1.4.2
Stormwater discharges from bulk earthworks	\$1,500	7.1.5.2

<i>Nature of contaminants discharged – LOW</i>	<i>Fixed charge</i>	<i>Charge category</i>
Human wastewater	\$2,000	7.1.1.3
Stormwater discharges	\$1,000	7.1.2.3
Intermittent discharges	\$300	7.1.3.3
Other wastewater	\$300	7.1.4.3
Stormwater discharges from bulk earthworks	\$1,000	7.1.5.3

A proportion of the fixed charges above apply until 2018 as follows, except for stormwater discharges from bulk earthworks where the full 100% charge applies.

2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
40%	55%	70%	85%	100%

SOE monitoring charges for **stormwater discharges from bulk earthworks** are only applicable if works are undertaken during the year in which consent monitoring charges apply.

Where there are two or more discharge to water consents relating to the same activity, only one SOE monitoring charge applies.

Appendix 1 – SOE monitoring charges

Table A: Environmental Science Department – Project codes and costs

Project	Project Code	Total operating expenses	% exacerbator	Total attributable operating expenses	% Consent holder activity	Consent holder attributable operating expenses
Administration, Staff Costs, and Data Management/Databases						
Administration	336/1/1	\$1,381,372.00	30	\$414,411.60	15	\$207,205.80
Science & Research	336/1/3	\$10,000.00	0	\$0.00		\$0.00
Data Management/Databases	336/3/5	\$88,250.00	30	\$26,475.00	15	\$13,237.50
Sub Total						\$220,443.30
Services*						
Biodiversity Department work	336/6/26			\$0.00		\$0.00
Biodiversity (Hutt work)	336/10/2/6			\$0.00		\$0.00
Biosecurity Department work	336/10/1/6			\$0.00		\$0.00
Env Policy Dept (incl regional plan work)	336/6/4			\$0.00		\$0.00
Env Regulation Dept – pollution/incidents**	336/6/3/1**			\$0.00		\$0.00
Env Regulation Dept – consent applications**	335/**/1			\$0.00		\$0.00
Env Regulation Dept – general	336/6/3			\$0.00		\$0.00
External – Data Requests/Advice	336/6/11			\$0.00		\$0.00
Flood Protection Department work	336/6/24			\$0.00		\$0.00
Land Management Department work	336/6/25			\$0.00		\$0.00
Parks Department work	336/10/1/7			\$0.00		\$0.00
Wairarapa Computer Support	336/6/16			\$0.00		\$0.00
Wairarapa Moana (Clean Up project)	336/6/22			\$0.00		\$0.00
Wairarapa Water Use Project	336/6/23			\$0.00		\$0.00
Water Group – Hydrology Network	336/6/8			\$0.00		\$0.00
Water Group – Other	336/6/9			\$0.00		\$0.00
Water Group (Hutt catchment biodiversity)	336/10/4/1			\$0.00		\$0.00
Water Group (Wainuiomata biodiversity)	336/10/4/2			\$0.00		\$0.00
Capacity Rainfall Network	336/6/18			\$0.00		\$0.00
KCDC Network	336/6/12			\$0.00		\$0.00
Meridian Rainfall (Ohariu)	336/6/20			\$0.00		\$0.00
UHCC Rainfall Network	336/6/19			\$0.00		\$0.00
UHCC (Biodiversity)	336/10/5/1			\$0.00		\$0.00
WCC (Biodiversity)	336/10/5/2			\$0.00		\$0.00
Sub Total						\$0.00
Other						
Special Projects***	336/4/8	\$16,731.00	30	\$5,019.30	15	\$2,509.65
SoE reporting	336/4/3/1	\$15,000.00	5	\$750.00	5	\$750.00
Sub Total						\$3,259.65
Air and Climate						
Air Quality Monitoring	336/3/9	\$173,095.00	5	\$8,654.75	5	\$8,654.75
Air Quality (Science)	336/4/5/2	\$74,381.00	5	\$3,719.05	5	\$3,719.05
Transport Emissions	336/4/5/4	\$4,107.00	5	\$205.35	5	\$205.35
Air Quality Investigations	336/4/5/5	\$58,037.00	5	\$2,901.85	5	\$2,901.85
Sub Total						\$15,481.00

Aquatic Ecosystems & Quality						
Surface Water Quality Monitoring	336/3/8	\$85,829.00	30	\$25,748.70	30	\$25,748.70
River Water Quality & Ecology	336/4/4/1	\$246,751.00	30	\$74,025.30	30	\$74,025.30
Coastal Monitoring & Investigations	336/4/4/3	\$174,784.00	30	\$52,435.20	30	\$52,435.20
Stormwater Investigation	336/4/4/5	\$30,168.00	100	\$30,168.00	100	\$30,168.00
Targeted Water Quality Investigation	336/4/4/6	\$85,062.00	100	\$85,062.00	100	\$85,062.00
Recreational Water Quality	336/4/4/7	\$113,318.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Riparian Rehabilitation	336/4/4/11	\$3,943.00	100	\$3,943.00	100	\$3,943.00
Lake Monitoring & Investigations	336/4/4/13	\$36,207.00	30	\$10,862.10	30	\$10,862.10
Didymo	336/4/4/14	\$15,366.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Urban streams	336/4/4/16	\$23,782.00	30	\$7,134.60	30	\$7,134.60
Porirua Harbour Catchment Programme	336/4/4/17	\$30,000.00	30	\$9,000.00	30	\$9,000.00

Sub Total \$298,378.90

Hydrology						
Surface Water Hydrological Monitoring	336/3/4	\$410,481.00	30	\$123,144.30	30	\$123,144.30
Groundwater Level Monitoring	336/3/6	\$156,135.00	30	\$46,840.50	30	\$46,840.50
Surface Water Hydrology	336/4/4/9	\$137,054.00	30	\$41,116.20	30	\$41,116.20
Instream Flow Assessment	336/4/4/8	\$80,551.00	100	\$80,551.00	100	\$80,551.00
Groundwater Hydrology	336/4/1/1	\$58,514.00	30	\$17,554.20	30	\$17,554.20
Targeted Groundwater Investigations	336/4/1/2	\$81,691.00	100	\$81,691.00	100	\$81,691.00
Surface/Groundwater Interaction	336/4/1/10	\$77,990.00	30	\$23,397.00	30	\$23,397.00
Telemetry of Groundwater Takes	336/4/4/15	\$11,343.00	100	\$11,343.00	100	\$11,343.00
Telemetry of Surface Water Takes	336/4/4/15	\$16,189.00	100	\$16,189.00	100	\$16,189.00

Sub Total \$441,826.20

Terrestrial Ecosystems & Quality						
Land Monitoring	336/4/6/1	\$67,483.00	30	\$20,244.90	15	\$10,122.45
Contaminated Sites	336/4/7/1	\$25,590.00	100	\$25,590.00	100	\$25,590.00
Groundwater Quality Monitoring	336/3/7	\$36,957.00	30	\$11,087.10	30	\$11,087.10
Ambient Groundwater Quality (SoE)	336/4/1/7	\$140,361.00	5	\$7,018.05	5	\$7,018.05
Research and Survey	336/10/1/2	\$80,000.00	5	\$4,000.00	5	\$4,000.00
Terrestrial SoE Monitoring	336/10/1/3	\$90,000.00	5	\$4,500.00	5	\$4,500.00
Performance Monitoring	336/10/1/4	\$25,000.00	5	\$1,250.00	5	\$1,250.00
Akatarawa Forest	336/10/2/1	\$10,000.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
East Harbour	336/10/2/2	\$45,000.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Kaitoke RP	336/10/2/3	\$10,000.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Pakuratahi Forest	336/10/2/4	\$20,000.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Wainuiomata	336/10/2/5	\$28,000.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Hutt catchment (Project Kaka)	336/10/2/6	\$45,000.00	5	\$2,250.00	0	\$0.00
Battle Hill	336/10/2/9	\$5,000.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Belmont RP	336/10/2/10	\$10,000.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Queen Elizabeth Park	336/10/2/11	\$10,000.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Whitirea Park	336/10/2/12	\$12,000.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Key Native Ecosystems Monitoring	336/10/3/1	\$80,000.00	5	\$4,000.00	5	\$4,000.00
Wairarapa Moana biodiversity monitoring	336/10/3/2	\$13,818.00	30	\$4,145.40	30	\$4,145.40
Wainuiomata Mainland Island	336/10/3/3	\$50,000.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00

Sub Total \$71,713.00

Total \$4,500,340 29% \$1,286,427 23% \$1,051,102

\$4,907,938 Total Department operating expenditure
\$407,598 Difference (non attributable
overheads/expenditures, including
interdepartmental recoverables)

Notes to Table A

% Exacerbator – A reflection of activities that are currently not identified as consentable but due to that activity cause work to be undertaken to quantify the effect or extent (some permitted activities would fall into that category)

0% – No costs could be assigned from the work undertaken to consent holder activity

5% – Some benefit from the programme could be assigned to consent holder activity but predominantly of benefit to the public (typically would include terrestrial and aquatic monitoring that may be of natural state)

15% – Programme has medium benefit to the consent holder (those typically in this category are usually generated through exacerbators, eg, consent holders plus permitted activities)

30% – The benefit that a standard SOE programme is considered to have for a consent holder, this recognises that ~30% of sites and work occasioned by Council in monitoring is a result of consent holder activity

100% – The programme is occasioned by consent holder activity. An example is groundwater modelling whereby the work is commissioned purely to identify the volume of water resource to be allocated.

Consent holder activity – Included where work is known to be generated as a result of that activity

Table B: Costs assigned to consent types

Project	Schedule 1 Land use consents		Schedule 2 Surface water takes		Schedule 3 Groundwater takes	
	%	Cost	%	Cost	%	Cost
Administration, Staff Costs, and Data Management/Databases	5%	\$11,022.17	35%	\$77,155.16	20%	\$44,088.66
Other	10%	\$325.97	25%	\$814.91	25%	\$814.91
Air and Climate	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
<u>Aquatic Ecosystems & Quality</u>						
Surface Water Quality Monitoring	10%	\$2,574.87	25%	\$6,437.18	5%	\$1,287.44
River Water Quality & Ecology	10%	\$7,402.53	25%	\$18,506.33	5%	\$3,701.27
Coastal Monitoring & Investigations	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
Stormwater Investigation	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
Targeted Water Quality Investigation	10%	\$8,506.20	25%	\$21,265.50	5%	\$4,253.10
Recreational Water Quality	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
Riparian Rehabilitation	10%	\$394.30	25%	\$985.75	5%	\$197.15
Lake Monitoring & Investigations	10%	\$1,086.21	25%	\$2,715.53	5%	\$543.11
Didymo	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
Urban streams	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
Porirua Harbour Catchment Programme	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
<u>Hydrology</u>						
Surface Water Hydrological Monitoring	5%	\$6,157.22	70%	\$86,201.01	10%	\$12,314.43
Groundwater Level Monitoring	0%	\$0.00	20%	\$9,368.10	60%	\$28,104.30
Surface Water Hydrology	5%	\$2,055.81	70%	\$28,781.34	10%	\$4,111.62
Instream Flow Assessment	0%	\$0.00	70%	\$56,385.70	10%	\$8,055.10
Groundwater Hydrology	0%	\$0.00	20%	\$3,510.84	60%	\$10,532.52
Targeted Groundwater Investigations	0%	\$0.00	10%	\$8,169.10	80%	\$65,352.80
Surface/Groundwater Interaction	0%	\$0.00	70%	\$16,377.90	10%	\$2,339.70
Telemetry of Groundwater Takes	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	100%	\$11,343.00
Telemetry of Surface Water Takes	0%	\$0.00	100%	\$16,189.00	0%	\$0.00
<u>Terrestrial Ecosystems & Quality</u>						
Land Monitoring	0%	\$0.00	10%	\$1,012.25	10%	\$1,012.25
Contaminated Sites	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
Groundwater Quality Monitoring	0%	\$0.00	20%	\$2,217.42	20%	\$2,217.42
Ambient Groundwater Quality (SoE)	0%	\$0.00	20%	\$1,403.61	20%	\$1,403.61
Research and Survey	0%	\$0.00	10%	\$400.00	10%	\$400.00
Terrestrial SoE Monitoring	0%	\$0.00	10%	\$450.00	10%	\$450.00
Performance Monitoring	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
Key Native Ecosystems Monitoring	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
Wairarapa Moana biodiversity monitoring	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
	Total costs Schedule 1 Land use consents \$39,525		Total costs Schedule 2 Surface water takes \$358,346		Total costs Schedule 3 Groundwater takes \$202,522	

Project	Schedule 4 Discharges to water		Schedule 5 Discharges to land		Schedule 6 Discharges to air	
	%	Cost	%	Cost	%	Cost
<u>Administration, Staff Costs, and Data Management/Databases</u>	10%	\$22,044.33	20%	\$44,088.66	10%	\$22,044.33
<u>Other</u>	10%	\$325.97	20%	\$651.93	10%	\$325.97
<u>Air and Climate</u>	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	100%	\$15,481.00
<u>Aquatic Ecosystems & Quality</u>						
Surface Water Quality Monitoring	40%	\$10,299.48	20%	\$5,149.74	0%	\$0.00
River Water Quality & Ecology	40%	\$29,610.12	20%	\$14,805.06	0%	\$0.00
Coastal Monitoring & Investigations	80%	\$41,948.16	20%	\$10,487.04	0%	\$0.00
Stormwater Investigation	80%	\$24,134.40	20%	\$6,033.60	0%	\$0.00
Targeted Water Quality Investigation	40%	\$34,024.80	20%	\$17,012.40	0%	\$0.00
Recreational Water Quality						
Riparian Rehabilitation	40%	\$1,577.20	20%	\$788.60	0%	\$0.00
Lake Monitoring & Investigations	40%	\$4,344.84	20%	\$2,172.42	0%	\$0.00
Didymo						
Urban streams	60%	\$4,280.76	40%	\$2,853.84	0%	\$0.00
Porirua Harbour Catchment Programme	80%	\$7,200.00	20%	\$1,800.00	0%	\$0.00
<u>Hydrology</u>						
Surface Water Hydrological Monitoring	10%	\$12,314.43	5%	\$6,157.22	0%	\$0.00
Groundwater Level Monitoring	10%	\$4,684.05	10%	\$4,684.05	0%	\$0.00
Surface Water Hydrology	10%	\$4,111.62	5%	\$2,055.81	0%	\$0.00
Instream Flow Assessment	20%	\$16,110.20	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
Groundwater Hydrology	10%	\$1,755.42	10%	\$1,755.42	0%	\$0.00
Targeted Groundwater Investigations	10%	\$8,169.10	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
Surface/Groundwater Interaction	10%	\$2,339.70	10%	\$2,339.70	0%	\$0.00
Telemetry of Groundwater Takes	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
Telemetry of Surface Water Takes	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
<u>Terrestrial Ecosystems & Quality</u>						
Land Monitoring	10%	\$1,012.25	70%	\$7,085.72	0%	\$0.00
Contaminated Sites	10%	\$2,559.00	90%	\$23,031.00	0%	\$0.00
Groundwater Quality Monitoring	10%	\$1,108.71	50%	\$5,543.55	0%	\$0.00
Ambient Groundwater Quality (SoE)	10%	\$701.81	50%	\$3,509.03	0%	\$0.00
Research and Survey	10%	\$400.00	70%	\$2,800.00	0%	\$0.00
Terrestrial SoE Monitoring	10%	\$450.00	70%	\$3,150.00	0%	\$0.00
Performance Monitoring	0%	\$0.00	100%	\$1,250.00	0%	\$0.00
Key Native Ecosystems Monitoring	100%	\$4,000.00	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
Wairarapa Moana biodiversity monitoring	100%	\$4,145.40	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
	Total costs Schedule 4 Discharges to water \$243,651		Total costs Schedule 5 Discharges to land \$169,204		Total costs Schedule 6 Discharges to air \$37,851	

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