

Proposed Resource Management Charging Policy (2011)

Summaries of submissions and General Managers' responses

Resource Management Charging Policy

Submitter: A. D. A. D. Walker

Submission Number: 1

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11088

Summary: The submitter is neutral on the Resource Management Charging Policy.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter: G G Atkinson

Submission Number: 2

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11087

Summary: The submitter believes that there should be no charges for any Resource Management Application to encourage development, not cripple it.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted. Whilst Greater Wellington recognises that the increase in the charge out rate from \$105 to \$110/hour comes in challenging economic times, this is the first change for two years and is equivalent to an increase of 2.4% per year. Greater Wellington is committed to providing cost effective and efficient user pays consent processing and compliance monitoring functions and believes that charges for providing these functions are transparent, fair and reasonable.

Submitter: Patricia Reesby

Submission Number: 3

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11319

Summary: The submitter has no idea concerning the proposed Resource Management Charging policy.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter: Amanda Campbell

Submission Number: 5

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11320

Summary: The submitter believes the proposed Resource Management Charging policy is fair enough, provided there is some discretion to charge less if work/site visits are done at the same time. The submitter states that fairness in the charges should go both ways.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter: Ilev Russell Kirkwood

Submission Number: 6

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11321

Summary: The submitter hopes the charges are not a break on reasonable projects, new housing, etc.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter: Mary McGregor

Submission Number: 7

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11322

Summary: The submitter doubts the \$105/hour charges are necessary.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter: David Scott

Submission Number: 8

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11323

Summary: The submitter notes that no one will like the proposed Resource Management Charging policy.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter: Barrie and Beryl Green

Submission Number: 9

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11324

Summary: The submitter supports a user pays model in charging for work done because the user gets the benefits.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter:

Submission Number: 10

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11325

Summary: The submitter opposes the proposed Resource Management Charging policy as inappropriate because money is tight everywhere.

Response: No response prepared as no contact details provided.

Submitter: Gwynn F. Walker

Submission Number: 11

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11326

Summary: The submitter wants Greater Wellington to keep charges as low as possible.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter: Mr Geoff Cole

Submission Number: 12

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11327

Summary: The submitter believes that if charges are to increase then the level of service, timeliness and quality of delivery need to increase as well.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted. Whilst Greater Wellington recognises that the increase in the charge out rate from \$105 to \$110/hour comes in challenging economic times, this is the first change for two years and is equivalent to an increase of 2.4% per year. Greater Wellington is committed to providing cost effective and efficient consent processing and compliance monitoring functions and believes that charges for providing these functions are transparent, fair and reasonable.

Submitter: Mr John Warren

Submission Number: 13

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11328

Summary: The submitter states that it is unclear why the changes have been proposed and requests that Greater Wellington make public the reasons for the proposed increases.

Response: This proposed Policy updates Greater Wellington's existing policy for providing resource management services including consent processing and compliance monitoring. Whilst Greater Wellington recognises that the increase in the charge out rate from \$105 to \$110/hour comes in challenging economic times, this is the first change for two years and is equivalent to an increase of 2.4% per year. Greater Wellington is committed to providing cost effective and efficient consent processing and compliance monitoring functions and believes that charges for providing these functions are transparent, fair and reasonable.

Submitter: Mr Paul Bryant

Submission Number: 14

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11329

Summary: The submitter seems okay with the proposed Resource Management Charging policy.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter: Pat Murdoch

Submission Number: 15

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11330

Summary: The submitter wants Greater Wellington to keep the fees as low as possible because Masterton is a low income area and people cannot afford to pay the extra fees.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter: Nadine Warbrick

Submission Number: 16

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11331

Summary: The submitter strongly supports the proposed Resource Management Charging policy.

Response: Your supporting comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter: Ms Karryn McKenna

Submission Number: 17

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11332

Summary: The submitter believes these charges are a bit high or extreme. The submitter notes that Wellington is promoting safer building codes and wonders how citizens can meet the increased costs from this proposed policy.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted. Whilst Greater Wellington recognises that the increase in the charge out rate from \$105 to \$110/hour comes in challenging economic times, this is the first change for two years and is equivalent to an increase of 2.4% per year. Greater Wellington is committed to providing cost effective and efficient consent processing and compliance monitoring functions and believes that charges for providing these functions are transparent, fair and reasonable.

Submitter: Ms Penny Salmon

Submission Number: 18

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11333

Summary: The submitter is okay with the proposed Resource Management Charging policy.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter: Mr Tadeusz Ostapowicz

Submission Number: 19

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11334

Summary: The submitter wonders if the proposed Resource Management Charging policy is just and affordable.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted. Whilst Greater Wellington recognises that the increase in the charge out rate from \$105 to \$110/hour comes in challenging economic times, this is the first change for two years and is equivalent to an increase of 2.4% per year. Greater Wellington is committed to providing cost effective and efficient consent processing and compliance monitoring functions and believes that charges for providing these functions are transparent, fair and reasonable.

Submitter: A. R. Branson

Submission Number: 20

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11335

Summary: The submitter supports the proposed Resource Management Charging policy in general.

Response: Your supporting comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter:

Submission Number: 21

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11336

Summary: The submitter opposes the increase in fees for resource consent applications and increased hourly rates.

Response: No response prepared as no contact details provided.

Submitter: Barbara Nixon Mackay

Submission Number: 22

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11337

Summary: The submitter wants performance criteria to measure the value for service and states that services need to be efficient and people and suitably qualified in all aspects of environmental management.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted. Greater Wellington is committed to providing cost effective and efficient consent processing and compliance monitoring functions and have an appropriate performance criteria in place to ensure this happens.

Submitter: A J Prentice

Submission Number: 23

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11338

Summary: The submitter supports the proposed Resource Management Charging policy.

Response: Your supporting comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter: Mr Bob Aldred

Submission Number: 24

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11339

Summary: The submitter supposes that it is inevitable that charges will rise.

Response: Your supporting comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter: Mr Roy Hewson

Submission Number: 25

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11340

Summary: The submitter states that the charges seem excessive and believes that a detailed invoice including a breakdown of the costs, hours worked and office costs to Greater Wellington should be provided.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted. Whilst Greater Wellington recognises that the increase in the charge out rate from \$105 to \$110/hour comes in challenging economic times, this is the first change for two years and is equivalent to an increase of 2.4% per year. Greater Wellington is committed to providing cost effective and efficient consent processing and compliance monitoring functions and believes that charges for providing these functions are transparent, fair and reasonable.

Submitter: Ms Siobhan Procter

Submission Number: 26

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11374

Summary: The submitter suggests looking at innovative ways to reduce costs rather than increase charges.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted. Whilst Greater Wellington recognises that the increase in the charge out rate from \$105 to \$110/hour comes in challenging economic times, this is the first change for two years and is equivalent to an increase of 2.4% per year. Greater Wellington is committed to providing cost effective and efficient consent processing and compliance monitoring functions and believes that charges for providing these functions are transparent, fair and reasonable.

Submitter: H. B. Rennie

Submission Number: 27

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11375

Summary: The submitter believes that resource consent costs are already excessively high and well above other councils the submitter has dealt with. The submitter recommends that Greater Wellington replace its present cost-plus policy approach with a fair value for service provided approach.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted. Whilst Greater Wellington recognises that the increase in the charge out rate from \$105 to \$110/hour comes in challenging economic times, this is the first change for two years and is equivalent to an increase of 2.4% per year. Greater Wellington is committed to providing cost effective and efficient consent processing and compliance monitoring functions (where costs are not passed on to the regional ratepayer) and believes that charges for providing these functions are transparent, fair and reasonable.

Submitter: Ms L.A. Glasson

Submission Number: 28

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11376

Summary: The submitter does not think increasing the hourly rate is a good idea, as it is pretty costly already.
The submitter also believes that all new residential buildings or extensions to existing buildings which may impinge on neighbours view or sunshine should be notifiable.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted. Whilst Greater Wellington recognises that the increase in the charge out rate from \$105 to \$110/hour comes in challenging economic times, this is the first change for two years and is equivalent to an increase of 2.4% per year. Greater Wellington is committed to providing cost effective and efficient consent processing and compliance monitoring functions and believes that charges for providing these functions are transparent, fair and reasonable.

Submitter: M. Mawer

Submission Number: 29

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11377

Summary: The submitter asks if Greater Wellington is trying to reduce the number of building projects? If so, then the submitter believes this policy is a winner. Otherwise, the submitter believes the policy sounds like red tape.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted. Whilst Greater Wellington recognises that the increase in the charge out rate from \$105 to \$110/hour comes in challenging economic times, this is the first change for two years and is equivalent to an increase of 2.4% per year. Greater Wellington is committed to providing cost effective and efficient consent processing and compliance monitoring functions (where costs are not passed on to the regional ratepayer) and believes that charges for providing these functions are transparent, fair and reasonable.

Submitter: B. Connell

Submission Number: 30

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11380

Summary: The submitter believes charges and rules are important to protect homeowners. The submitter wants to ensure that charges are realistic.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter: S. de Vere

Submission Number: 31

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11381

Summary: The submitter does not agree with increasing charges as resource management is already expensive and does not always result in quality decisions.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted. Whilst Greater Wellington recognises that the increase in the charge out rate from \$105 to \$110/hour comes in challenging economic times, this is the first change for two years and is equivalent to an increase of 2.4% per year. Greater Wellington is committed to providing cost effective and efficient consent processing and compliance monitoring functions and believes that charges for providing these functions are transparent, fair and reasonable.

Submitter: D. Chapman

Submission Number: 32

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11383

Summary: The submitter believes that increases are a fact of life. Unfortunately even when everyone else has to tighten belts and accept little or no pay increases.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter: Mike O'Shaughnessy

Submission Number: 34

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11460

Summary: The submitter supports the proposed Resource Management Charging policy.

Response: Your supporting comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter: Matthew Fitzsimons

Submission Number: 35

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11461

Summary: The submitter supports the proposed Resource Management Charging policy, noting that every opportunity must be taken to recoup costs.

Response: Your supporting comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter: C.S. Butcher

Submission Number: 36

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11462

Summary: The submitter opposes the proposed Resource Management Charging policy, noting that the RMA is criticised for high costs and this criticism has given support to the Government for watering down environmental protections and reducing the public voice in making these decisions.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted. Whilst Greater Wellington recognises that the increase in the charge out rate from \$105 to \$110/hour comes in challenging economic times, this is the first change for two years and is equivalent to an increase of 2.4% per year. Greater Wellington is committed to providing cost effective and efficient consent processing and compliance monitoring functions (where costs are not passed on to the regional ratepayer) and believes that charges for providing these functions are transparent, fair and reasonable.

Submitter: Tony Watts

Submission Number: 37

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11463

Summary: The submitter supports the proposed Resource Management Charging policy.

Response: Your supporting comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter: Robin Gunston

Submission Number: 38

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11464

Summary: The submitter states that economic optimums must prevail in the proposed Resource Management Charging policy, noting that an unreasonable charge could put a business in jeopardy. The submitter requests further consultation on this proposal before it is implemented.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted. Whilst Greater Wellington recognises that the increase in the charge out rate from \$105 to \$110/hour comes in challenging economic times, this is the first change for two years and is equivalent to an increase of 2.4% per year. Greater Wellington is committed to providing cost effective and efficient consent processing and compliance monitoring functions and believes that charges for providing these functions are transparent, fair and reasonable.

Submitter: Peter Graham

Submission Number: 39

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11465

Summary: The submitter supports the proposed Resource Management Charging policy on the basis that the increases will bring the charges more in line with Greater Wellington's incurred costs.

Response: Your supporting comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter: Hilda M Mendosa

Submission Number: 40

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11466

Summary: The submitter opposes the proposed Resource Management Charging policy.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter:

Submission Number: 41

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11467

Summary: The submitter notes that the proposed Resource Management Charging policy is well in excess of the rate of inflation and wonders if these increases are to reduce contributions from rates in this area.

Response: No response prepared as no contact details provided.

Submitter: R.F. McStay

Submission Number: 42

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11553

Summary: The submitter agrees with the proposal.

Response: Your supporting comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter: Ms Sherry Phipps

Submission Number: 43

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11554

Summary: The submitter believes fees discourage people from making improvements and all we are paying for is more and more bureaucracy.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted. Whilst Greater Wellington recognises that the increase in the charge out rate from \$105 to \$110/hour comes in challenging economic times, this is the first change for two years and is equivalent to an increase of 2.4% per year. Greater Wellington is committed to providing cost effective and efficient consent processing and compliance monitoring functions and believes that charges for providing these functions are transparent, fair and reasonable.

Submitter: Chris Renwick

Submission Number: 44

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11555

Summary: The submitter believes it appears sound.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter: Anand Ranchord

Submission Number: 45

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11556

Summary: The submitter would like to see hard evidence of what Greater Wellington has done to achieve more with less before revising the fee schedule - specifically:

- details of what Greater Wellington has done to reduce the cost and risk of providing these services.
- details of the underlying cost increases that the submitter assumes is driving the increase in price.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted. Whilst Greater Wellington recognises that the increase in the charge out rate from \$105 to \$110/hour comes in challenging economic times, this is the first change for two years and is equivalent to an increase of 2.4% per year. Greater Wellington is committed to providing cost effective and efficient consent processing and compliance monitoring functions (where costs are not passed on to the regional ratepayer) and believes that charges for providing these functions are transparent, fair and reasonable. There are a number of ongoing initiatives that regulatory staff undertake following the recent RMA amendments which encourage simplifying and streamlining of the resource consent process.

Submitter: Jim

Submission Number: 46

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11557

Summary: The submitter believes the proposal is a good idea but increases should be incremental as with bus and train fares.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter: Elizabeth Rose

Submission Number: 48

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11559

Summary: The submitter believes the proposal is a good idea.

Response: Your supporting comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter: Dr Graeme Lyon

Submission Number: 49

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11560

Summary: The submitter believes the proposal is okay.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter: Ms Geraldine McDowall

Submission Number: 50

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11586

Summary: The submitter supports the proposal as it seems to be a necessary evil.

Response: Your supporting comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter: Mr Philip Smith

Submission Number: 52

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11587

Summary: The submitter comments that red tape and bureaucracy that burdens the individual and is ignored by corporates and rich are powerful.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter: Ms Fiona Knight

Submission Number: 53

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11589

Summary: The submitter disagrees with the proposed policy. The submitter believes Greater Wellington needs to keep charges low to encourage people to apply for consents. The submitter believes processes can be streamlined to improve performance and make the necessary savings.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted. Whilst Greater Wellington recognises that the increase in the charge out rate from \$105 to \$110/hour comes in challenging economic times, this is the first change for two years and is equivalent to an increase of 2.4% per year. Greater Wellington is committed to providing cost effective and efficient consent processing and compliance monitoring functions (where costs are not passed on to the regional ratepayer) and believes that charges for providing these functions are transparent, fair and reasonable.

Submitter: Mrs M.A. Coventry

Submission Number: 54

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11591

Summary: The submitter is against borrowing and excessive charges on local people and asks Greater Wellington to live within its means.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter: G.W. & S.N. Blathwayt

Submission Number: 55

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11592

Summary: The submitter comments that is hardly the time for increasing charges.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted. Whilst Greater Wellington recognises that the increase in the charge out rate from \$105 to \$110/hour comes in challenging economic times, this is the first change for two years and is equivalent to an increase of 2.4% per year. Greater Wellington is committed to providing cost effective and efficient consent processing and compliance monitoring functions and believes that charges for providing these functions are transparent, fair and reasonable.

Submitter: Mr Edwin Leong

Submission Number: 56

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11593

Summary: The submitter opposes increased rates to administer the Resource Management Act. The submitter believes Greater Wellington should find ways to improve administration costs without having to recover from the public. The submitter believes higher compliance costs may discourage genuine applications and turn away the public from engaging with council staff.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted. Whilst Greater Wellington recognises that the increase in the charge out rate from \$105 to \$110/hour comes in challenging economic times, this is the first change for two years and is equivalent to an increase of 2.4% per year. Greater Wellington is committed to providing cost effective and efficient consent processing and compliance monitoring functions and believes that charges for providing these functions are transparent, fair and reasonable.

Submitter: Pat Lakeman

Submission Number: 57

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11595

Summary: The submitter is very concerned about inefficiency in this area and ask where are the incentives are to minimise bureaucracy? The submitter suggests Greater Wellington finds a way to demonstrate value for money.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted. Whilst Greater Wellington recognises that the increase in the charge out rate from \$105 to \$110/hour comes in challenging economic times, this is the first change for two years and is equivalent to an increase of 2.4% per year. Greater Wellington is committed to providing cost effective and efficient consent processing and compliance monitoring functions and believes that charges for providing these functions are transparent, fair and reasonable.

Submitter: Mr Steven Hack

Submission Number: 59

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11668

Summary: The submitter is okay with the proposal.

Response: Your supporting comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter: Mr Hamish Allordice **Submission Number:** 61

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11669

Summary: The submitter believes if we must increase the charges then so be it.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter: Mrs Betty van Gaalen **Submission Number:** 62

Organisation: Kapiti Grey Power Association Inc

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11671

Summary: The submitter supports the changes, especially where they are brought about by central government regulations and best practice.

Response: Your supporting comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter: Ms Patricia Kane **Submission Number:** 63

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11760

Summary: The submitter hopes that charging for permission to discharge contaminants includes the cost of remedial work.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter: Bernie Harris

Submission Number: 64

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11761

Summary: The submitter believes cost recovery, including known future costs, should be the only determinant of the charging regime.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter: Ms Philippa Boardman

Submission Number: 65

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11763

Summary: The submitter thinks they charges are acceptable if they are tied into the GST rise and are not too exorbitant - otherwise it may affect building development.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted. Whilst Greater Wellington recognises that the increase in the charge out rate from \$105 to \$110/hour comes in challenging economic times, this is the first change for two years and is equivalent to an increase of 2.4% per year. Greater Wellington is committed to providing cost effective and efficient consent processing and compliance monitoring functions and believes that charges for providing these functions are transparent, fair and reasonable.

Submitter: Mrs Rachel Palmer

Submission Number: 66

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11765

Summary: The submitter comments that certainly GST has risen but wonders if resource management fees (consultation) is seen as needing to be self funding.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter: Mrs Janet MacDonald

Submission Number: 67

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11766

Summary: The submitter believes that the changes seem reasonable and are no doubt necessary to maintain services.

Response: Your supporting comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter: J.D and L.J. Curtis

Submission Number: 68

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11767

Summary: The submitter believes the fees are far too high already.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted. Whilst Greater Wellington recognises that the increase in the charge out rate from \$105 to \$110/hour comes in challenging economic times, this is the first change for two years and is equivalent to an increase of 2.4% per year. Greater Wellington is committed to providing cost effective and efficient consent processing and compliance monitoring functions and believes that charges for providing these functions are transparent, fair and reasonable.

Submitter: Elizabeth McGruddy

Submission Number: 69

Organisation: Federated Farmers of New Zealand

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11770

Summary: The submitter supports the principles underlying the policy. The submitter commends Greater Wellington for providing the first hour of pre-application advice free of charge. The submitter recommends that Greater Wellington add a statement describing Greater Wellington's commitment to streamlining the costs of consent processes in consultation with industry and the farming sector, including consideration of 'clustered' consents or streamlined processing requirements for multiple consents. The submitter recommends that Table 3.1 be amended to provide a lower rate for replacement consents for discharge to land applications, similar to the approach used for water use consents. The submitter recommends that Table 5.1, category DL1 be amended to provide that inspection frequency can reduce to three yearly where there is a good compliance history for other types of consents, such as application of effluent to land and not just to water takes and air discharges.

Response: Thank you for your information submission on the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011). Three recommendations were put forward in your submission. A response to each of those recommendation is provided below:

1. The principles in the Charging Policy provide a good place to promote streamlined consent processes advocated by Federated Farmers. Where appropriate GW staff already look for opportunities to streamline consent processing (e.g. through standard report and consent condition templates) and bulk processing of application (e.g. for Wairarapa water takes in the same aquifer or catchment). It is recommended to update the principles to reflect Federated Farmers recommendation and current GW practice.
2. In terms of the application fee for replacement discharge to land consents, the majority (approximately 95%) of agricultural discharge to land applications are for replacement consents, hence the fee structure reflects the average costs for processing most replacement consents. The hours provided for with the application fee has not changed in the proposed Charging Policy.
3. Finally, GW staff experience with monitoring agricultural discharges is that as there are frequently changes in farm staff and operation/practice within a three year period. Hence it is important to monitor every agricultural discharge annually. Those that do not comply with this frequency are often monitored more frequently, and charged accordingly. Whilst GW used to monitor some agricultural discharges every three years up until approximately 3 years ago, we found that many of the farms inspected once every three years were found to be non-complying and were required to go back to annual inspections.

Submitter: Christina Bellis

Submission Number: 70

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11771

Summary: The submitter believes there should be discounted consent rates for installing long lasting sustainable infrastructure, such as photo-voltaic, rain water catchment systems and solar hot water.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted. In your submission you requested that a number of activities have discounted consent rates. Most of the activities you described are permitted and do not require resource consent, and therefore do not incur any resource management charges.

Submitter: A.J. Barton

Submission Number: 71

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11829

Summary: The submitter opposes the proposed Resource Management Charging policy, preferring instead that Greater Wellington trim costs and increase productivity to negate the need for charging increases.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted. Whilst Greater Wellington recognises that the increase in the charge out rate from \$105 to \$110/hour comes in challenging economic times, this is the first change for two years and is equivalent to an increase of 2.4% per year. Greater Wellington is committed to providing cost effective and efficient consent processing and compliance monitoring functions and believes that charges for providing these functions are transparent, fair and reasonable.

Submitter: Rick Mooney

Submission Number: 72

Organisation: Western Community Committee

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11831

Summary: The submitter opposes the proposed Resource Management Charging policy, preferring instead that Greater Wellington conduct an extensive internal review to improve organisational efficiency.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted. Whilst Greater Wellington recognises that the increase in the charge out rate from \$105 to \$110/hour comes in challenging economic times, this is the first change for two years and is equivalent to an increase of 2.4% per year. Greater Wellington is committed to providing cost effective and efficient consent processing and compliance monitoring functions and believes that charges for providing these functions are transparent, fair and reasonable.

Submitter: Andrew

Submission Number: 73

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11832

Summary: The submitter is unsure about the proposed Resource Management Charging policy.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted.

Submitter: Louise Cleghorn

Submission Number: 74

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11876

Summary: The submitter does not agree with increasing charges as it contributes to inflation. The submitter asks if we are becoming a bribe/get work done society.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted. Whilst Greater Wellington recognises that the increase in the charge out rate from \$105 to \$110/hour comes in challenging economic times, this is the first change for two years and is equivalent to an increase of 2.4% per year. Greater Wellington is committed to providing cost effective and efficient consent processing and compliance monitoring functions and believes that charges for providing these functions are transparent, fair and reasonable.

Submitter: C Walker

Submission Number: 75

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11877

Summary: The submitter thinks the charges are too high and wants them lowered. The submitter asks why these costs are not covered by general rates. The submitter believes charging twice is not a good look.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted. Whilst Greater Wellington recognises that the increase in the charge out rate from \$105 to \$110/hour comes in challenging economic times, this is the first change for two years and is equivalent to an increase of 2.4% per year. Greater Wellington is committed to providing cost effective and efficient consent processing and compliance monitoring functions and believes that charges for providing these functions are transparent, fair and reasonable.

Submitter: Ken Jackson

Submission Number: 76

Organisation:

Topic: Resource Management Charging Policy

SummaryID 11878

Summary: The submitter strongly disagrees with price increases as it often costs more for consents than for the job itself.

Response: Your comments regarding the Resource Management Charging Policy (2011) have been noted. Whilst Greater Wellington recognises that the increase in the charge out rate from \$105 to \$110/hour comes in challenging economic times, this is the first change for two years and is equivalent to an increase of 2.4% per year. Greater Wellington is committed to providing cost effective and efficient consent processing and compliance monitoring functions and believes that charges for providing these functions are transparent, fair and reasonable.
