



# Feedback Form

Te Kaunihera-ā-Rohe o Ruapehu  
Ruapehu District Council  
**Draft Long Term Plan 2024/2034**



## Changes to fees and charges

Proposal to increase fees and charges to recover increased cost of services

For the up-coming 2024/25 rating year we are budgeting to receive 7% of our required income worth \$3.8m from fees and charges.

**Wherever possible Council favours using fees and charges to cover the cost of our services as they provide a transparent and accountable way to fund services, aligning the cost burden with usage and encouraging more responsible and sustainable behaviors.**

For this Long Term Plan we are proposing to introduce some new fees and charges along with increases to existing fees and charges.

The new fees and charges includes brand new charges for new services as well as the combination of previous fees and charges to simplify pricing.

Any increases to fees and charges reflect the increased cost of providing these services.

Council believes that the user-pays principle promotes fairness, as individuals or businesses that use more of a service bear more of the cost, rather than spreading it across other ratepayers regardless of their usage levels.

In setting new charges or increases we have been mindful of the cost of living pressures on our communities. While we work to keep fees and charges as low as possible we need to recover the cost of the service.

If we were not to pass on the higher costs we would need to recover them from the general ratepayer rather than the specific user.

Many increases in fees and charges are tied to contractor costs which are linked to an inflation index relevant to that industry.

As Council's contracts for these services adjust automatically in response to these industry specific inflation pressures we have no option but to recover them through higher charges to the service user.

<b>Impact on rates</b>	None.
<b>Impact on debt</b>	None.
<b>Impact on Levels of Service</b>	Will enable Council to maintain Levels of Service.

### Wellbeing Framework alignment

The 2024/34 Long Term Plan is informed by Council's Wellbeing Framework which includes the values, purpose, vision, and environmental outcomes we are aiming for on behalf of our communities.

**The proposal to increase our Fees and Charges supports the following Wellbeing Framework objectives:**



#### Our values:

- Accountability
- Kaitiakitanga (Guardianship)
- Environmental Stewardship
- Manaakitanga (Care for others)



#### Our outcomes:

- Thriving communities
- Resilient infrastructure and services that are fit for purpose



#### Our role as:

- Funder
- Regulator
- Service Provider

## Proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges 2024/25

The full proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges 2024/25 can be found in the Document Links panel on the Long Term Plan 2024/34 consultation page at: [ruapehudc.govt.nz](http://ruapehudc.govt.nz) (look for link on homepage) or via the QR code: ....



If you would like more information on why specific fees and charges have increased please [consultation@ruapehudc.govt.nz](mailto:consultation@ruapehudc.govt.nz) or call Council on 07 895 8188.

Please provide feedback on any proposed Fees and Charges:

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Name:

Organisation (if applicable):

Postal address:

Best daytime contact number:

Email:

Keep me advised of future consultations

Would you like to support your feedback by speaking to Council during the Hearings? Yes  No

If you ticked 'yes' we will contact you to arrange a speaking date and time.

The Hearings are scheduled for Tue 14<sup>th</sup> May (Ohakune and Raetihi) and Wed 15<sup>th</sup> May (Taumarunui). You can choose to speak at either or online.

A maximum of two speakers and ten (10) minutes of total speaking time per submission is permitted.

**You can bring your feedback form into any Council office or submit via:**



**Mail:**

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Ruapehu District Council  
Private Bag 1001  
Taumarunui 3946



**Email:**

[consultation@ruapehudc.govt.nz](mailto:consultation@ruapehudc.govt.nz)



**Please note - you can also provide feedback on-line:**

Use our on-line submission form on our consultation website: [submissions.ruapehudc.govt.nz](http://submissions.ruapehudc.govt.nz) or use your phone and the QR code

