Planning and Resource Consent Fees 2026/27

Full submission booklet

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Details of submitter No: 1 - Liz Lomax

Submitter:	Liz Lomax

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Submitter Details

Submission Date: 16/04/2026

First name: Liz **Last name:** Lomax

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Yes

Why have you chosen that option? If you have selected an alternative option, please provide details.

Putting the burden of cost increases on rate payers means existing residents are subsidising developers and other businesses, without receiving any of the benefits. It also makes our region progressively less affordable for existing residents.

If one-off / on demand services (such as DAs) cost more for the council to provide, the person / organisation benefitting from the service should be the ones to shoulder the cost.

Details of submitter No: 2 - V Cameron

Submitter:	V Cameron

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 16/04/2026

First name: V **Last name:** Cameron

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Sounds like it's the fairest option - ie a lot of people are never going to use these services, so their rates should not have to cover something that they do not use.

Other comments

HOWEVER, if there are some parts that are charged out on a "time usage" basis, who keeps an eye on the time taken - ie will this be standardised if several different staff take different amount of time to do the same work??

Details of submitter No: 3 - Janette Martin

Submitter:	Janette Martin

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 16/04/2026

First name: Janette **Last name:** Martin

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Other comments

I think as a council you are putting too much up. I hope all the councillors and mayor haven't had a pay rise or that we are funding unelected Maori. I work hard for my money and I think the increases are awful.

Details of submitter No: 4 - Grant Smith

Submitter:	Grant Smith

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 16/04/2026

First name: Grant **Last name:** Smith

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Other comments

future development should have been done previously instead of going into the slush fung.

Roading should be paid for out of rates from those who are using them.this will include new people moving here from there future rates.

the better option would be to charge the people who damage the roads sutch as dairy farmers from milk tankers see if you can get a hold of there big payout.

Details of submitter No: 5 - David Watson

Submitter:	David Watson

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 17/04/2026

First name: David **Last name:** Watson

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Why have you chosen that option? If you have selected an alternative option, please provide details. I believe costs should lie where they are incurred

Other comments

No

Details of submitter No: 6 - John Bell

Submitter:	John Bell

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 11/05/2026

First name: John **Last name:** Bell

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User pays is a must in today's times. Our rates barely cover essential services and can't keep going up by 7-10%, especially when rate payer incomes are not matching rate increases.