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AJ Barton
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Dear John

Costs of processing application for water permit

The cost of processing your application is anticipated to exceed the average cost of assessment of this type of consent.

The reasons for the processing costs exceeding the average cost for a water permit for abstracting up to 18 litres/sec of ground water are summarised as follows:

- Assessment of the application required a preliminary technical review from staff at our Masterton office. As a consequence, further information was requested, in particular that a pump test be carried out on the production bore.
- Considerable time was expended in various correspondence relating to the requirement for a pump test to be carried out. Details are set out as follows:
 - (19-7-01) – Site attendance with AJ Barton, and reviewed options for continued abstraction of groundwater for irrigation purposes at this location. (1 hour on site).
 - (24-7-01) – 1.5 hours, including time with WRC groundwater officer re information required in s.92 further information request, to provide details on the aquifer characteristics for the Tawaha groundwater zone, by way of a pump test.
 - (25-7-01) – 0.5 hours - Correspondence to J Barton setting out the position to date.
 - (26-7-01) – Phone call from AJ Barton questioning the further information requirements and requesting that the pump test be deferred until October as to do so now will only saturate the ground.


- (21-8-01) - 2 hours - Review of bore logs / pump test data re AJ Barton in the Tawaha groundwater zone and general vicinity.
- (29-7-02) - 1 hour - Correspondence to AJ Barton requesting confirmation as to whether the replacement bore has been installed / developed.
- (29-8-02) - 1 hour - Attendance with WRC groundwater officer re absence of pump test. Correspondence to AJ Barton as we still have not received any pump test results despite his intent to carry out a pump test in October 2001, to meet the further information requirements, and thereby enable processing of the renewal application for the water permit to be completed. The letter dated 29-7-02 provided for a short term consent subject to the terms as set out above.
- (19-9-02) - WRC received correspondence from J Barton confirming his intention to complete construction of the new bore (in accordance with my letter dated 29-8-02), and to proceed with a short term consent (without pump testing the old bore).
- (From 7-10-02 to date) - (estimating 6 hours will be required) - Processing a short term (1 year) renewal of the water permit WAR690453.

Accordingly the assessment will involve a process which will take longer to process than would otherwise be the case.

For the reasons set out above, it is estimated that the application will require a total of 8 hours of recoverable time to assess at an hourly rate of \$60. This comprises the time incurred from 29-7-02. The average time for processing a consent of this type would be 5 hours at \$60 per hour, plus GST. Accordingly it is estimated that a tax invoice for an additional \$540 (incl. GST) will be issued with the consent certificate, together with a copy of the consent report. Please note that as the application was received before July 2001, the charge out rate for this consent will be at the previous rate of \$60 per hour (plus GST), rather than the current rate of \$70 per hour (plus GST)

I trust this explains the reasons for the additional costs incurred in processing this application.

Yours faithfully



Grant Kneebone
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