

File: Y/12/2/8:LAR

27 November 2002

Mr A J Barton  
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Dear John

**Objection to Additional Charges – Consent Application WAR 010179**

I refer to your letter of 14 October 2002 objecting to additional charges in relation to processing the renewal of your consent to take underground water.

The costs in this matter comprise:

Application Charge	393.75	
<u>Additional Charges</u>	<u>146.25</u>	
Total Invoiced	540.00	GST inclusive

I was kept well informed of issues and progress during the processing of this consent, and have reviewed the file. I consider the charges to fairly reflect the time required to process your application, noting that six hours has not been charged to you - equivalent to \$405 inclusive of GST. I also note that as this application was made some time ago, all time has been charged at the former charge out rate of \$60 per hour, not the \$70 per hour rate that has applied since July 2001.

In consideration of the above, I am not willing to use my delegated authority to reduce or waiver the additional charges of \$146.25. Your objection will be considered by the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee at its first meeting in the New Year, unless payment is received.

I must point out to you that only the Additional Charges are covered by your objection. The Application Charge of \$393.75 is a legitimate debt which is not open to challenge. Your prompt payment of this sum is requested without further delay.

Yours faithfully

Steve Blakemore  
Manager, Planning and Resources