

File: Y/12/2/8:LAR  
WRC Ref: 8844C

18 September 2002

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Dear John

I refer to your letter of 28 August 2002.

This is taken as an objection to additional charges and as such is covered by Section 357 of the Resource Management Act. This provides:

- (4) *Any person who has been required by a local authority to pay an additional charge under section 36(3) shall have a right of objection to the local authority in respect of that requirement.*
- (5) *Any such objection shall be made by notice in writing to the consent authority or local authority, setting out the reasons for the objection, within 15 working days after the decision or requirement being notified to that person, or within such further time as may in any case be allowed by the consent authority or local authority.*
- (6) *The consent authority or local authority shall as soon as practicable consider the objection. [The consent authority shall give at least 5 working days' notice of the commencement date and time, and the place, of a hearing of an objection to the objector].*
- (7) *The consent authority or local authority-*
  - (a) *May dismiss the objection or uphold the objection wholly or partly; and*
  - (b) *In the case of an objection in respect of an additional charge under section 36 (3), may remit the whole or any part of the additional charge in respect of which the objection was made; and*
  - (c) *Shall give to the objector, and to every person whom the local authority considers [appropriate], notice in writing of its decision on the objection and the reasons for it.*

In terms of Section (5) your objection was required to be made within 15 working days and as such should have been received by Council not later than 18 July 2002.

Accordingly your objection will be placed before the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee at its meeting of 1 October for a decision to be taken as to whether further time should be allowed to receive your objection. You may wish to submit a letter explaining any particular circumstances relating to the timing of your objection for consideration by the Committee.

If further time is allowed, your objection will be considered by the Committee at its meeting on 12 November 2002, with opportunity provided for you to make a short submission.

I trust this clarifies the position.

Yours faithfully

Steve Blakemore  
Manager, Planning and Resources