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Review of the Resource Management Infringement Offences Regulations
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Dear members of the Policy Implementation and Delivery Team

Submission from the Manawatū District Council on the Review of the Resource Management (Infringement Offences) Regulations

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on options for updating infringement notice offences and fines.

The Manawatū District Council (MDC) **supports proposed policy option 2**. MDC agrees with the analysis contained in Section 3 (Preferred option) in the discussion document that option 2 best reflects the policy intent of the increases to the fine maximum in the legislation, and addresses two instances where a higher than inflation adjustment is appropriate due to changes in circumstances since the regulations were first introduced.

MDC is particularly supporting of the proposed increase to the fines for contravening an abatement notice.

MDC agrees that option 1 is preferable to the status quo, but does not adequately resolve the need for stronger deterrence for breaching an abatement notice. MDC agrees with the Ministry that option 3 removes the relativity that currently exists between the different infringement offences, and therefore does not support this option.

MDC welcomes further discussion with the Ministry on this topic.

Yours sincerely



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