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# **Financial Contributions Policy**

## Kaipara District Council 2020

The Local Government Act 2002 requires Council to have a policy outlining how it intends to fund additional or new infrastructure which is required by growth.

Financial contributions under the Resource Management Act 1991, mainly consider the marginal impact of developments based primarily on environment effects assessments. Development contributions are Council's primary source of funding growth. However, from time to time financial contributions may be sought instead. Development contributions under the Local Government Act 2002 consider the wider impacts of multiple developments on the infrastructure of the district (cumulative effect). Development contributions under the Local Government Act 2002 are in addition to and separate from financial contributions. The development contributions and financial contributions cannot be taken for the same purpose (refer to s.200 of the Local Government Act 2002). Council's policy on development contributions will be included in the Long Term Plan (LTP).

## **Financial Contributions**

The Council's ability to require financial contributions was set to end in April 2022. The Resource Legislation Amendment Act 2017 (RLAA) was passed in April 2017, but part of the Act replacing the ability to require financial contributions under the RMA was not to come into force for 5 years. The Resource Management Amendment Act was passed into law on 1 July 2020. The Act has replaced the parts of the RLA that would have ended the ability to take financial contributions in 2022.

Council's Policy on Financial Contributions is set out in its District Plan which was prepared under the Resource Management Act 1991.

## **Summary of Financial Contributions**

Chapter 22 of the District Plan sets out the financial contribution provisions. Section 22.1.1 states that Council has developed a policy on development and financial contributions in Council's LTP which gives effect to the Local Government Act 2002. Development contributions under the Local Government Act 2002 are in addition to and separate from financial contributions. Council considers that financial contributions will generally only be imposed in areas of the district where the Development Contributions Policy does not apply or where the Development Contributions Policy does not address the type of adverse effects generated by the development or activity.

Financial contributions will not be required to mitigate effects of subdivision and development on those arterial and collector roads that are already covered by Council's Development Contributions Policy.

Financial contributions can be required for:

- a) The protection and/or enhancement of significant heritage or natural features
- b) The protection or enhancement of riparian areas
- c) The establishment and/or upgrading the transport network (including roads)
- d) The establishment and/or upgrading of reserves and public open space areas
- e) The installation and/or upgrading of any network utility including sewerage, stormwater disposal and water supply.

For clarity, financial contributions mean a contribution of money or land, or a contribution of money and land, which will be determined at the discretion of council.

## District Plan

Plan chapter	Reference	Purpose
22	22.10.2	Significant heritage or Ecological features
	22.10.3	Renewable Energy Activities
	22.10.4	Enhancements of Riparian Protection (Land use activities)
	22.10.5	Transport Networks (including roads)
	22.10.6	Reserves
	22.10.7	Network utilities

Included within the Long Term Plan is \$18.9 million forecast to be received for reserve contributions. These contributions are budgeted to be spent on reserve development and occasional acquisitions.