

 KAIPARA DISTRICT <small>THE GREAT THE RANGITIKEI</small>	Title of Policy	Reserve Contributions (use of) Policy		
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1. Background

1.1 Financial contributions

Financial contributions are a type of levy applied to offset the effects of growth. Council has a Financial Contributions Chapter in its District Plan. This outlines how much can be imposed on land developers when a resource (land use or subdivision) consent is approved. The District Plan relies on the provisions of the Resource Management Act to define how financial contributions can be spent. **Reserve contributions** are a subset of financial contributions.

Section 108(10)(a) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act) allows Council to require financial contributions for reserves, where necessary, to achieve one or more of the following purposes:

- a) Creating open space (including recreation areas, visual buffers and amenity areas) through reserve contributions.
- b) Adding capacity to or otherwise enhancing existing open spaces (including recreation areas, visual buffers and amenity areas) through reserve contributions.
- c) Giving public access to coastal areas, reserves, bush areas or areas of special character through reserve contributions.

1.2 Reserves contributions

Council may require a financial contribution in cash or land towards the establishment and/or upgrading of reserves and public open space areas as a condition of land use consent or subdivision consent.

In the Kaipara District Plan section 22.6.6 details the purpose of reserve contributions:

“By requiring developments to pay their fair and reasonable share of the costs of purchasing land for reserves or upgrading existing reserves.

New developments generate an increase in demand for, and usage of, reserves, open space and public recreation facilities. All new developments will be required to contribute towards the costs of acquiring new, or upgrading existing reserves, open space or facilities, in accordance with Council’s Reserves and Open Space Strategy.

Financial contributions for reserves will only be used for the purchase and development of new reserves or for the improvement and development of existing ones. The maintenance of reserves and recreational facilities is funded through rates.”