



**RANGITIKEI**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Attention: Hon Dave Parker

Tēnā Koutou,

**Rangitikei District Council submission on the Review of the Resource Management  
(Infringement Offences) Regulations 1999**

We thank the Governance and Administration Committee for the opportunity to submit on this discussion document.

We agree with the acknowledgement that current fines are too low to discourage non-compliance. However, we are concerned that the proposed fines remain too low to discourage non-compliance.

We suggest that further consideration is given to increasing the fines to the maximum value. While the discussion document notes that higher fines may risk increased legal challenges, councils already must ensure robust work is undertaken to give confidence that any fine will stand up to legal challenge. Therefore, we do not believe that the possibility of legal challenge is a reason to propose lower fines.

Ngā mihi,

Carol Gordon  
**Acting Chief Executive**

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