

<b>Central Hawke's Bay District Council</b>	<b>POLICY MANUAL</b>	
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<b><i>RURAL FIRE CHARGES POLICY</i></b>	<b>Approved by:</b>	Council
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**1. Property Fires**

That the costs involved in supplying materials and labour be recovered from the property owner affected.

**2. Herbage Fires**

Pursuant to Sections 43 and 46 of the Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977 the costs of control, restriction, suppression, or extinction of a fire will be recovered from persons responsible, for the outbreak of a fire, whether accidental, by negligence, or carelessness.

Where costs are deemed "not recoverable" due to the absence of identified person's, or an 'Act of God', a claim for costs incurred is to be made on the National Rural Fire Fighting Fund.

**3. Funding**

That non-recoverable costs incurred by Council in fighting rural fires be met by the Rural Fires Reserve Account.

That Council shall retain in the Reserve Account a sum of \$25,000 (1991 dollar value) and annually adjust it for inflation using the cost of construction index (at \$57,253 at June 2010).