



Funding Fire and Emergency Services for all New Zealanders

Consultation on a proposed increase to the Fire and Emergency transitional levy for the 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years

5 April 2023

Submission form

Please use this form to make your submission on the proposal to increase the transitional levy on fire insurance contracts for the 2024/25 and 2025/26 years. The closing date for submissions is **Tuesday 2 May 2023**.

Submissions can be emailed to: TransitionalLevy2023@fireandemergency.nz

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Position (if an organisation)	

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Questions:

You do not need to respond to all our consultation questions. Feel free to limit your responses to those topics of most relevance or interest to you. Please indicate any part of your submission that you believe should be withheld under the Official Information Act, and the reason(s) for withholding it.

1. Do you agree that reducing costs for the years 2024/25 and 2025/26 would compromise Fire and Emergency's ability to provide services to communities and result in a failure to meet its commitments under the agreement with the NZPFU?

Yes

2. Do you agree with the proposal to increase the transitional levy for the 2024/25 and 2025/26 years to fund the increased costs outlined in this discussion document?

Yes

Please provide a brief outline of your reasons for agreeing or not agreeing:

It is clearly needed to keep providing essential services and be able to keep NZ-ers safe.

3. Do you agree that applying the increase as proposed is the simplest way to distribute the costs across different groups of levy payers?

Yes

4. If you answered **No** to question 3, please provide details of any alternative you would recommend and why you recommend it:

5. Do you agree with the assumption that there will be growth in levy revenue of 2% per annum, to reflect inflation and increases to the number of policies, across all policy holder groups?

Yes

6. Do you consider this growth projection a realistic assumption?

Yes

7. If you answered **No** to question 6, please provide details of any alternative you would recommend and why you recommend it:

8. Are there other ways you think the levy could be increased to recover the additional costs?

Yes

9. If you answered **Yes** to question 8, please provide details of your proposed alternative and the benefits and downsides of your suggested approach(es):

I am sure there will be, but this seems like a good proposal so haven't given it more thought.

10. What impacts will the proposed increase to the transitional levy have on you? (For example, do you think it could impact your insurance costs or choices, spending on other goods and services, or non-financial impacts you think are relevant?)

Would impact insurance costs, but not to an unacceptable/ unaffordable level.

11. Are there any other matters you consider relevant for implementing the proposed increase to the transitional levy.

No

12. If you answered **Yes** to question 11, please provide details of matters you consider relevant:

13. If you are an insurer, how much time would you need to implement this change?

N/A