

**Investing in Protecting the Border – Submission template**

We would like to hear your views on the proposals in the consultation document: *Investing in Protecting the Border: Proposals to Update Cost Recovery for New Zealand’s Biosecurity System.*

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*Consultation: Investing in Protecting the Border - Proposals for 1 July 2020*
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| Are you submitting: |
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| **- as an individual?** | **Yes** [ ]  **No** [ ]  |
| In which region are you located? | [ ]  Northland | [ ]  Auckland | [ ]  Waikato |
| [ ]  Bay of Plenty | [ ]  Gisborne | [ ]  Hawke’s Bay |
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| **- as a business?** | **Yes** [ ]  **No** [ ]  |
| What is the name of your business? |  |
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| How many people work in your business (full time/ part time)?(including owner-operators) | [ ]  0 - 5 | [ ]  6 - 9 | [ ]  10 -19 |
| [ ]  20 - 49 | [ ]  50 - 99 | [ ]  100+ |
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| **- on behalf of an organisation?** | **Yes** [ ]  **No** [ ]  |
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| Additional details |
| What industry are you (or your members) primarily involved in? |
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| [ ]  Agriculture | [ ]  Aquaculture |
| [ ]  Fishing | [ ]  Seafood processing |
| [ ]  Meat & meat product manufacturing | [ ]  Dairy product manufacturing |
| [ ]  Other food Manufacturing | [ ]  Other (non-food) manufacturing |
| [ ]  Food Product wholesaling & retailing | [ ]  Food & beverage services (e.g. cafes & restaurants) |
| [ ]  Transport, warehousing & related services |
| [ ]  Other: |  |  |
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**Questions for submitters**

# Proposal 1: Changes to the Border Clearance Levy

**Proposal**

We propose two changes as set out in the table below:

* increasing the levy rates to fully recover the forecast costs of border biosecurity for international travellers
* resetting the maximum levy rates (caps), to provide an appropriate level of flexibility to adjust the rates if required in future, using the normal process set out in the BCL.

**Current and proposed BCL rates for biosecurity services**

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|  | Current | Proposed |
|  | **Rate** | **Cap** | **Rate** | **Cap** |
| Non-cruise | $8.50 | $8.80 | $10.16 | $12.00 |
| Cruise | $3.81 | $17.90 | $5.15 | $6.50 |

**Questions**

1. Do you agree that the levy rates for biosecurity services to clear travellers at the border should be increased to fully recover the forecast costs?

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| 🞎Agree | 🞎Disagree | 🞎No opinion |

1. What are the reasons for your opinion?
2. What impact will the proposed levy rates have on you?

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| 🞎Significant negative impact | 🞎Negative impact | 🞎No impact | 🞎Positive impact | 🞎Significant positive impact | 🞎Don’t know |

1. Please describe any impact and quantify this if possible.
2. Do you agree that the maximum levy rates (caps) should be reset as proposed?

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| 🞎Agree | 🞎Disagree | 🞎No opinion |

1. What are the reasons for your opinion?
2. Are there any other issues associated with the proposal you think Biosecurity New Zealand should be aware of?

# Proposal 2: Changes to the Biosecurity System Entry Levy

**Proposal**

We propose to increase the BSEL rate from $23 to $27 to fully recover forecast costs for the next levy period, including the JBMS component.

To enable an increase to the BSEL rate, we need to increase the cap prescribed in the BSEL. We are proposing two options as set out in the table below.

Options for cap

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|  | Option 1 | Option 2 (preferred) |
| % above proposed BSEL rate $27.00 | 11% | 30% |
| Proposed cap | $30 | $35 |
| Additional investment | $4.2 million | $11 million |

*Note: Additional investment is based on an estimate that a $1 increase to the BSEL results in approximately $1.4 million of additional revenue per year.*

### **Questions**

1. Do you agree that the levy rate for biosecurity services to clear goods at the border should be increased to fully recover the forecast costs?

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| 🞎Agree | 🞎Disagree | 🞎No opinion |

1. What are the reasons for your opinion?
2. What impact will the proposed levy rate have on you or your business?

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| 🞎Significant negative impact | 🞎Negative impact | 🞎No impact | 🞎Positive impact | 🞎Significant positive impact | 🞎Don’t know |

1. Please describe any impact and quantify this if possible.
2. Which option for the maximum levy rate (cap) do you prefer? Please tick one.

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| 🞎$30 | 🞎$35 |

1. What are the reasons for your opinion?
2. Are there any other issues associated with the proposed levy rate and cap (either option) that you think Biosecurity New Zealand should be aware of?
3. Are there any other issues with the way the BSEL is operating generally that you think Biosecurity New Zealand should be aware of?

# Proposal 3: Updates to a Number of fees for border biosecurity services

**Proposal**

We propose updating fees in the Regulations that are based on the $102.27 hourly rate to be based on $138.00 per hour. This includes updates to both fixed and variable fees.

### **Questions**

1. Do you agree with the proposed fee updates?

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| 🞎Agree | 🞎Disagree | 🞎No opinion |

1. What are the reasons for your opinion?
2. What impact will the proposed fee updates have on you or your business?

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| 🞎Significant negative impact | 🞎Negative impact | 🞎No impact | 🞎Positive impact | 🞎Significant positive impact | 🞎Don’t know |

1. Please describe any impact and quantify this if possible.
2. Are there any other issues with approval and related fees that you think MPI should be aware of?