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Original LGOIMA Request:

“What information, if any, was used by the WDC to establish the harbour mooring rates?”

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Official LGOIMA Response:

**Dredging of the Oamaru Harbour:**

Part of the reason why we did more than less dredging is due to the high establishment cost and availability of the suction hopper dredge, the Council holds a resource consent to remove 25000m<sup>3</sup> P/A and this is what was removed in the last campaign. It is more efficient and financially prudent to dredge more than immediately required due to historic relatively quick infilling of the channel. Additional material was also removed from the north/eastern side of the channel to create a buffer to reduce the shoaling to this area caused by significant wave overtopping of the breakwater as historically this zone tends to fill with sediment and stones reducing the width relatively quickly. Post dredging the new channel was still only about 15-20% of its original width and depth.

**Factors considered when setting fees.**

Many factors are considered when setting the annual fees charged by the Council. Factors such as the current costs to maintain and manage the asset of the Oamaru Harbour, current income from direct users, future planned maintenance and how long it has been since the last fee increase.

The last time mooring fees were increased was in July 2020 when they were increased by \$30.00 from \$320.00 to \$350.00 per annum.

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<https://www.waitaki.govt.nz/files/assets/public/files/our-council/consultation/2023/annual-plan/annual-plan-2023-24-engagement-document.pdf>

And referenced page 15 to indications on areas of our business where fees and charges were reviewed.

**Waitaki District Council**  
**Fees and Charges effective from 1 July 2023**

| Activity                      | Basis for Charge                     | Fees and Charges from 1 July 2021 | Fees and Charges from 1 July 2022 | Proposed Fees and Charges from 1 July 2023 | Change \$ | Change % | Reason for proposed change |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-----------|----------|----------------------------|
| <b>AIRPORT - Landing Fees</b> | <b>Maximum Take-off Weight (kgs)</b> |                                   |                                   |  |           |          |                            |
| Take off weight               | 0 - 1500                             | 8.00                              | 8.00                              | 8.00                                       | 0.00      | N/A      |                            |
|                               | 1501 - 2000                          | 15.00                             | 15.00                             | 15.00                                      | 0.00      | N/A      |                            |
|                               | 2001 - 3000                          | 20.00                             | 20.00                             | 20.00                                      | 0.00      | N/A      |                            |
|                               | 3001 - 5000                          | 30.00                             | 30.00                             | 30.00                                      | 0.00      | N/A      |                            |
|                               | >5000                                | 50.00                             | 50.00                             | 50.00                                      | 0.00      | N/A      |                            |
|                               | Base fee      Per tonne              |                                   |                                   |  |           |          |                            |
| Helicopters                   |                                      | 10.00                             | 10.00                             | 10.00                                      | 0.00      | N/A      |                            |
| Non-payment of landing fee    |                                      | 20.00                             | 20.00                             | 20.00                                      | 0.00      | N/A      |                            |

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| <b>Oamaru Harbour Services</b> |   |                                   |                                   |                                   |           |          |   |
| Harbour Fees                   |   |                                   |                                   |                                   |           |          |   |
|                                | Holmes Wharf berth per annum  | 1,500.00                          | 1,500.00                          | 2,250.00                          | 750.00    | 50.00%   | Wharf berth fees were not increased last year. Holmes Wharf is undergoing substantial upgrade enhancing use and provision of services to users. This is an exclusive use and should not be subsidised by the ratepayer. |
|                                | Holmes Wharf berth per annum non-ratepayer                                | 1,800.00                          | 1,800.00                          | 2,700.00                          | 900.00    | 50.00%   | As above  |
|                                | Holmes Wharf double-berthing (by written Council approval) per day charge | 7.50                              | 7.50                              | 11.25                             | 3.75      | 50.00%   | As above  |
|                                | Harbour mooring per annum ratepayer                                       | 350.00                            | 350.00                            | 525.00                            | 175.00    | 50.00%   | As above  |
|                                | Harbour mooring per annum non-ratepayer                                   | 570.00                            | 570.00                            | 855.00                            | 285.00    | 50.00%   | As above  |
|                                | Temporary WDC wharf mooring (per day charge)                              | 10.00                             | 10.00                             | 15.00                             | 5.00      | 50.00%   | As above  |
|                                | Temporary WDC wharf mooring (per day charge) after 14 days                | 50.00                             | 50.00                             | 75.00                             | 25.00     | 50.00%   | As above  |
|                                | Temporary WDC wharf mooring (per day charge) after 90 days                | 0.00                              | 100.00                            | 150.00                            | 50.00     | 50.00%   | As above  |
|                                | Temporary WDC mooring (per day charge)                                    | 5.00                              | 5.00                              | 7.50                              | 2.50      | 50.00%   | As above  |
|                                | Temporary WDC mooring (per day charge) after 14 days                      | 25.00                             | 25.00                             | 37.50                             | 12.50     | 50.00%   | As above  |
|                                | Temporary WDC mooring (per day charge) after 90 days                      | 0.00                              | 50.00                             | 75.00                             | 25.00     | 50.00%   | As above  |
|                                | Council-leased mooring (structure owned by WDC) Local - annual charge     | 1500.00                           | 1500.00                           | 2250.00                           | 750.00    | 50.00%   | As above  |
|                                | Council-leased mooring (structure owned by WDC) non-Local - annual charge | 1700.00                           | 1700.00                           | 2550.00                           | 850.00    | 50.00%   | As above  |
|                                | Harbour operator fee plus any disbursements (hourly rate)                 | 90.00                             | 90.00                             | 94.50                             | 4.50      | 5.00%    | Applied 5% increase   |
|                                | Fish Case levy per case   | 0.50                              | 0.50                              | 0.50                              | 0.00      | N/A      |   |
| Slipway Fees                   |   |                                   |                                   |                                   |           |          |   |
|                                | Winch (on and off) (fixed charge then hourly rate after 2 hours)          | 220.00                            | 250.00                            | 250.00                            | 0.00      | N/A      |   |
|                                | Hourly rate for Harbour Operator  | 90.00                             | 90.00                             | 90.00                             | 0.00      | N/A      |   |
|                                | Daily charge  | 30.00                             | 30.00                             | 30.00                             | 0.00      | N/A      |   |