

Consultation submission form

# Building Levy Review

April 2023



## How to submit this form

This form is used to provide your feedback to us on:

- increasing the levy threshold,
- increasing investment in MBIE's services, and
- changing the levy rate.

When completing this submission form, please provide comments and reasons explaining your choices. Your feedback provides valuable information and informs decisions about the proposals.

You can submit this form by 5pm, Monday 29 May 2023 by:

- › email: [building@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:building@mbie.govt.nz), with subject line Building Levy Review
- › post to: Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, 15 Stout Street, Wellington 6011  
or: Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, PO Box 1473, Wellington 6140

Your feedback will help MBIE to:

- ensure that the balance of the levy memorandum account trends to zero over time
- reduce the volume of lower value building consent applications paying the levy
- improve the building and construction regulatory services MBIE delivers to levy payers and the building sector and
- ensure that MBIE's building and construction regulatory services have a sustainable funding base going forward.

The OIA specifies that information is to be made available upon request unless there are sufficient grounds for withholding it. If we receive a request, we cannot guarantee that feedback you provide us will not be made public. Any decision to withhold information requested under the OIA is reviewable by the Ombudsman.

## Submitter information

MBIE would appreciate you providing some information about yourself. If you choose to provide information in the “About you” section below it will be used to help MBIE understand the impact of our proposals on different occupational groups. Any information you provide will be stored securely.

### A. About you

Name: Chris English

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### B. Are you happy for MBIE to contact you if we have questions about your submission?

Yes

No

### C. Are you making this submission on behalf of a business or organisation?

Yes

No

If yes, please tell us the title of your company/organisation.

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### D. Privacy information

The Privacy Act 2020 applies to submissions. Please tick the box if you do **not** wish your name or other personal information to be included in any information about submissions that MBIE may publish.

MBIE may upload submissions or a summary of submissions received to MBIE’s website at [www.mbie.govt.nz](http://www.mbie.govt.nz). If you do **not** want your submission or a summary of your submission to be placed on our website, please tick the box and type an explanation below:

I do not want my submission placed on MBIE’s website because... [insert reasoning here]

## Increase the levy threshold

1. Should the threshold remain at \$20,444 or increase to \$65,000?

Remain at \$20,444

Increase to \$65,000

Not sure

Please explain your answer.

2. (For building consent authorities) How will increasing the threshold to \$65,000 impact you (eg system changes and administration cost)?

No impact

3. What are the unintended consequences of changing the threshold? What would be the best way to minimise these?

## Increase investment in MBIE's services

4. Do you agree that MBIE should invest in regulatory service improvements?

Yes, I agree

No, I disagree

Not sure

Please explain your answer.

## Changes to the levy rate

5. Do you agree with reducing the building levy rate to \$1.48??

Yes, I agree

No, I disagree

Not sure

Please explain your answer.

## Levy changes take effect on 1 October 2023 or shortly thereafter

6. Do you agree with the proposed start date of 1 October 2023 for the changes to the building levy rate and threshold?

Yes, I agree

No, it should be earlier

No, it should be later

Please explain your answer.

7. (For building consent authorities) How long would you need to implement the proposed changes to the building levy rate and threshold??

Minimal time required