



Changes to Managed Fill disposal due to the introduction of the Levy

The Waste Levy comes into effect 1 July 2023

As you maybe aware on 1st July 2023, the NZ Government under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 is introducing a Waste Levy Fee for disposal of managed and controlled fill. This is in addition to the levy currently applied to landfill facilities.

The Government will utilise the levy for the achievement of waste minimisation; recognising that disposal imposes cost on the environment, society and the economy. The aim is to encourage more effective and efficient way to reduce, reuse, recycle or reprocess waste. Incentivising materials that can be recycled and/or reused to be diverted from managed fills.

Managed fill and controlled fill will attract a \$10 per tonne levy.

<https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/areas-of-work/waste/waste-disposal-levy/>

How this affects us?

The Ministry for the Environment treat The Urban Quarry as a transfer station. While we are not subject to the levy directly, our disposal sites for managed fill will be applying the levy. Where we have materials that we can't exempt from the levy we will need to pass the additional cost of disposal on.

What doesn't attract the levy

Under the changes to the Act, material that is clay, rock or soil will not attract the levy. These materials are classified as Virgin Excavated Natural Material (VENM).

What attracts the levy

The levy is designed to incentivise recycling and reuse of waste streams which have historically gone to landfills or managed fills. Construction and demolition waste has traditionally been disposed of at these facilities or where applicable landfill's. The scheme implemented by the government allows for the levy to not apply to materials that are recycled or reused. This provides the opportunity for us and our customers to help in reducing waste.

Mixed loads that contain a mixture of soil, rock, clay and demolition or construction waste will attract the levy. The Urban Quarry has limited resources to separate this type of load on site. Below are some examples of mixed loads coming into our yard.

What can you do to minimise your costs?

Separation of loads into materials into the following will reduce your costs of disposal.

- Separation of materials that can be recycled. Such as concrete, asphalt, timber, brick, glass.
- Cleanfill. Clean clay, soil, rock. These loads need to be clean.



- ALL mixed loads will attract the levy. Any fill that comes to us that contains concrete, vegetation, anything that can rot i.e. timber will attract the levy. Separating these prior to deliver will enable lower tip fees.

What does this mean for disposal costs?

Cleanfill tiered pricing based on Type 1, Type 3 or Type 5 will continue as follows:

- VEMN loads that do not meet the requirements of Type 1 and Type 3 will incur Type 5 rates. (i.e. sloppy loads)

Managed fill loads has been simplified to the following rates

- Type 4
- Type 5

Examples of Virgin Excavated Natural Material (VENM)



Examples of Mixed loads

