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WCRC updates Environmental Infringement Penalties

West Coast Regional Council is implementing changes to its infringement penalties in accordance with the new national environmental enforcement framework.

The new Resource Management (Infringement Offences) Amendment Regulations 2025 come into effect this week, with fines increasing significantly for minor environmental breaches and separate and higher fees for companies compared to individuals.

The new regulations will address long-standing issues under the Resource Management (Infringement Offences) Regulations 1999, that fees were too low for companies to act as an effective deterrent, and provide a more effective tool for encouraging compliance and protecting the environment.

WCRC will be implementing the new regulations and updating internal procedures to reflect the changes this week.

For more information on the new framework and penalties, visit:
www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2025/0162/latest/whole.html#LMS1459723

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