



## **Information for an Exemption for Farm Buildings under Schedule 1, Part 1 section 2 of the Building Act 2004**

A report was adopted by Council in September to consider granting exemptions for farm buildings.

It is adopted that Rural property owners will not need building consent for farm type buildings that meet specified criteria.

Applications will need to be made for an exemption and the application will be assessed for a fixed fee of \$250 incl. G.S.T. Applicants granted an exemption will not be issued with a Code Compliance Certificate.

The criteria for farm building exemptions are:

- the building is to be used by the property owner solely to store or house implements or goods related directly to farming activities on this property; and,
- the building is intended for farm use only; and,
- the building is constructed in the Rural Zone (as defined by the District Plan); and,
- the building meets the relevant District Plan criteria; and,
- the building is designed by a Chartered Professional Engineer; and,
- the building is less than or equal to 150 sq meters in total; and,
- the building is single storey; and,
- the building is constructed using one of timber pole, timber framed portal or steel framed portal; and,
- the site plan and/or building design adequately allow for the ground/soil conditions and the wind zone at the site of the proposed building work; and,
- there will be no sanitary or drainage facilities or fixtures in the building; and,
- the building will not be used for human habitation.

Any exemptions will be granted conditional upon the work complying with the requirements of the Building Act, the Building Code and any other relevant legislation. The Council will retain an overriding discretion to approve or decline any application for an exemption.