

GOVERNANCE POLICY

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ISSUING AUTHORITY	Director	ISSUE DATE:	03/08/2006
		REFERENCE	

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to describe the Museum's policy relating to protected objects and ensure that related costs are fully recovered

2. Scope

- 2.1 The following Policy shall apply to the Museum's statutory responsibilities arising out of the Protected Objects Act (1975)
- 2.2 The Protected Objects Act (the "Act") sets out a range of expert examination and registration responsibilities required of Auckland War Memorial Museum (the "Museum").
- 2.3 The Act also requires the Museum to provide advice to the Ministry for Culture and Heritage in respect of assessing export permissions for object categories under the Act.

3. Definitions

The Protected Objects Act (1975) replaces the provisions of the Antiquities Act (1975)

4. Preamble

- 4.1 The Museum recognises that the requirements of the Act place considerable burden on the Museum, deflecting staff from core Museum responsibilities and purposes.
- 4.2 The Museum recognises that no funding is provided from its contributing Local Authorities for the purpose of duties required under the Act, and nor does the Museum believe it appropriate that these duties and actions should be funded by the Museum's traditional Territorial Local Authority funders.
- 4.3 The Museum notes the protection provided by the Act to the Museum and its expert examiners for any liabilities arising out of the Act.

5. Policy

- 5.1 The Museum shall implement user chargers, applied to those seeking registration under the Act, for all registrations carried out.
- 5.2 User chargers implemented under this policy shall cover actual staff time, overheads, and any disbursements incurred in the carrying out of the registrations, providing advice on export requests and general advice, or any other duties arising out of the Act.
- 5.3 The Museum shall recover opportunity costs from the Ministry recognising the cost of maintaining a deployment to carry out the duties and actions arising out of the Act, and in advising the Ministry of Culture and Heritage.
- 5.4 The Museum shall require the Ministry to indemnify the Trust Board for any liabilities arising out of its role as bailee, and to indemnify or provide insurance for objects held at the Museum while acting under the requirements of the Act and/or while acting under instruction from the Ministry of Culture and Heritage.