

P- Lab Property

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(P) Damage is treated the same as any other damage - if we have the evidence, we should be seeking to recoup that via the Tribunal in the usual way.

The referral must be made to the debt team and the damage account will be established and charged. The debt team will make the application to the ministry of business, innovation and employment. And refer the tribunal hearing to the TS

P-250 Policy for managing Methamphetamine (P) in Housing New Zealand managed properties is Housing New Zealand's policy. (T-106). Recovery of these costs will be sought through the Tenancy Tribunal for claims under \$12,000 (*before 1 October 2010*) \$50,000 for *claims after that date* and the District Court for claims above \$50,000."

In practice, claims larger than \$50k are usually written down to \$50k and then recovered as damage through the Tribunal, unless there is evidence that the tenant has significant assets, or if there is an exceptional case which has particular deterrent value. The reason for this is that District Court litigation is costly, and there is usually no prospect of recovery unless the tenant has assets (bankruptcy is the usual way 'out'). The decision on this is made on a case by case basis.

A conversation between the region, legal (who have the delegated authority to commence District Court proceedings) and the Tribunal team initially. TSLT and the Executive will also need to be involved if a case is being taken to District Court primarily for deterrent value because of the financial risks.

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