

Draft Nelson Plan - Heritage provisions

What has changed?

The following is a short summary comparing the approach to the Heritage provisions in the current Nelson Resource Management Plan (NRMP) and the Draft Nelson Plan.

Activity	NRMP	Draft Nelson Plan
Spatial changes		
Heritage items and precincts	368 buildings, places or objects listed; 6 “Heritage precincts”	373 historic heritage items listed including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 new nominations; • 15 Group A or B listings removed due to demolition or reassessment; • 31 listings reclassified up to either Group A or B from Group C; • 40 Group C listings reassessed and not recommended to be reclassified to either Group A or B. The 6 Heritage precincts have been renamed “Heritage streetscape overlays” in order to align with the descriptions in the National planning standards.
Objectives and Policies		
Identification/ classification	Use of the following categories for protection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group A heritage building, place or object • Group B heritage building, place or object • Group C heritage building, place or object 	Use of the following categories for protection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group A historic heritage item • Group B historic heritage item (Group C heritage items have been reassessed and have either

		not been listed or have been reclassified to Group A or B). Two group approach aligns with current best practice.
Alterations and development	Alterations and new development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should not compromise heritage. • Need to take account of nearby heritage. 	Enables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repairs /restoration /alterations which use materials and design reflective of heritage values. • Earthquake strengthening/energy efficiency improvements. Includes less restrictive development criteria/greater flexibility.
Restrict the demolition or removal of Group A or B historic heritage item	The protection of Group A buildings, places or objects is highly desirable, and consent to demolish only if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a safety risk and cost of remedying is prohibitive; • it renders it incapable of reasonable use; or • it can be partially demolished without affecting heritage values. Protection of Group B buildings, places or objects is important and should be retained in line with assessment criteria.	Demolition of Group A or B provided for if a safety risk and cost of remedying is prohibitive. Partial demolition of Group B provided for if no adverse effects on heritage values. Relocation of Group B to facilitate its ongoing protection is also provided for.
Rules / Standards		
Demolition or removal of a Group A or B	Demolition of Group A is a non-complying activity. Demolition of Group B is a discretionary activity.	Demolition of Group A is a non-complying activity. Demolition of Group B is a discretionary activity.

historic heritage item	Demolition of Group C item is a permitted activity with 2 months' notice.	Group C category has been removed.
Alteration or addition to a heritage building	Alterations are a permitted activity when using materials/details that are <i>similar</i> to existing.	Alterations are a permitted activity with the <i>same</i> materials, or if it is for earthquake strengthening, double glazing, or roofing.
- Seismic strengthening - Sustainable addition - Removal of an unreinforced masonry chimney	No specific rule, therefore unless deemed an "insignificant alteration" would require consent as a discretionary activity.	Provided for as permitted activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earthquake strengthening; • Sustainable additions; • Removal of unreinforced chimney with a lightweight structure to the same size, scale, detail and texture.
New building on the site of a heritage building	New buildings on the same site are a controlled activity.	New buildings located on the same site as the heritage building but more than 100m from a heritage building are a permitted activity, otherwise, a restricted discretionary activity.
Alteration and addition to a building in a Heritage streetscape overlay	Alterations or new buildings in a heritage precinct which are visible from public viewpoint are a restricted discretionary activity.	Alterations or new buildings in a heritage precinct which are visible from a significant viewpoint are a restricted discretionary activity. Design guides have been updated.

This comparison table is for information only to assist the Draft Nelson Plan development process. The activities and status of rules may change. Refer to the Nelson City Council website for updates on progress or status of the Nelson Plan.