

Draft Nelson Plan - Light provisions

What has changed?

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

Activity	NRMP	Draft Nelson Plan
Chapter changes		
Topic	Specific standards for artificial light contained within some individual zone chapters.	The National Planning Standards now require any artificial light provisions to be contained in its own chapter on Light.
Objectives and Policies		
General	Only one Policy reference to light spill in the Residential Zone. No corresponding Objective.	One Objective and policy support artificial light to enable night-time activities and improve safety and security across all zones.
Rules / Standards		
Zones	Rules apply to artificial lighting within the zone concerned. However, light standards are not imposed in the Rural or Conservation Zones, or in the Coastal Marine Area (CMA).	Rules apply to artificial lighting in all zones including the Rural, Open Space and Recreation, Airport, Hospital, and Port zones, as well as the CMA. Rules are supported by clear standards.
Control of: Light Spill Light Glare	<p>Rules reference <i>light spill</i> with specific values corresponding to the zone concerned.</p> <p>While reference is made to <i>glare</i>, no specific values are noted.</p> <p><i>Light Spill</i> values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 lux – Residential Zone • 10 lux - Open Space and Recreation Zone 	<p>Separate rules now provide for the control of <i>light spill</i> and <i>light glare</i>.</p> <p>Permitted activity <i>light spill</i> rules are supported by standards which remain consistent with NRMP values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 lux- Residential zones • 10 lux- Open space and recreation zones • 30 lux- Commercial & Mixed use zones

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 lux – Inner City, Suburban Commercial Zones • 50 lux – Industrial Zone, and • 3 lux- adjoining Residential Zone sites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 lux- Industrial zones, and • 3 lux- adjoining Residential zone sites. <p>The <i>light glare</i> rule permits artificial lighting activities providing they are less than 2.5 lux glare.</p> <p>The standards for <i>spill</i> and <i>glare</i> are assessed with AS/NZ guidelines.</p>
Status of contravening activities	Defaults generally to a discretionary activity.	Generally an enabling environment. Defaults typically to a restricted discretionary activity.
Exempt activities	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street lighting to illuminate footpaths. • Street and road lighting to help vehicles navigate. • Outdoor lighting for navigation of vessels within the CMA.

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.