

Draft Nelson Plan – Natural character in the coastal environment, natural features and landscapes

What has changed?

The following is a short summary comparing the approach to natural character in the coastal environment and natural features and landscapes provisions in the current Nelson Resource Management Plan (NRMP) and the Draft Nelson Plan.

Activity	NRMP	Draft Nelson Plan
Chapter changes		
Topic and Zone chapters	<p>Provisions related to ‘amenity’ landscape.</p> <p>No identification of areas of outstanding natural character, features or landscape or other landscape values.</p>	<p>The following chapters are relevant for this topic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 2 – SRMR – CE – Coastal environment • Part 2 – SRMR – NFL – Natural features and landscapes • Part 3 – CE – NCFLC – Natural character, features and landscapes in the Coastal environment • Part 3 – CE – NATC – Natural character • Part 3 – NFL – Natural features and landscapes
Spatial changes		
Zones and areas	<p>‘Landscape overlay’ applies to hills surrounding the city</p>	<p>Two new overlays for areas with outstanding values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding coastal natural character overlay • Outstanding natural features and landscapes overlay <p>Two overlays for areas with high landscape values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Backdrop

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three Significant landscapes/features: Maitahi river valley, The Haven, Tahunanui
Objectives and Policies		
Objectives and policy direction for natural character and landscape	<p>Landscape preserves and enhances character and quality of the city</p> <p>Landscape components and significant natural features, landscape and coastal features, in part. visual amenity vales, are protected</p> <p>Development to avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects on the landscape, coastal features and amenity values</p>	<p><u>In the Coastal environment</u></p> <p>Natural features and landscapes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect outstanding values and maintain and enhance significant and other values • Avoid <u>all</u> adverse effects on outstanding values <p>Natural character:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserve and protect values • Avoid <u>all</u> adverse effects on outstanding values • Avoid significant effects, avoid, remedy or mitigate effects on other NC values <p>Significant landscapes/features – Tahunanui and Haven:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain and enhance significant and other values • Remedy or mitigate adverse effects <p><u>Outside Coastal environment</u></p> <p>Natural features and landscapes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect outstanding values • Avoid, remedy or mitigate effects <p>Significant landscapes/features – Maitai river valley:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain values • Remedy or mitigate adverse effects <p>City backdrop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain values

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matters for consideration over which discretion retained, where underlying zones require consent <p><u>Matters to assess effects on outstanding NCFL values:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • functional or operational need for location • alternative locations • alternative methods (grouping, dispersing, screening, cladding etc.) • options for integration with values
Rules		
<u>Coastal environment: Outstanding natural features and landscapes and Outstanding coastal natural character</u>		
Structures	<p><u>Landscape overlay</u></p> <p>Discretionary</p>	<p><u>Within Coastal environment – Outstanding CNCFL</u></p> <p>Above MHWS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one new small structure per allotment permitted/restricted discretionary, otherwise discretionary <p>In CMA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • maintenance and minor alteration of existing structures permitted/controlled, otherwise (incl. new structures) non-complying • whitebaiting structures controlled/ restricted discretionary • scientific research structures controlled/ discretionary • use, maintenance and replacement of existing boat ramp or haul out structure

		<p>permitted if same location and scale and minor disturbance, otherwise discretionary</p> <p><u>Outside Coastal environment - ONFL</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> one small structure per allotment permitted/restricted discretionary, otherwise discretionary <p><u>City backdrop</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted if in an existing allotment, within identified building area or network utility corridor, otherwise restricted discretionary/ discretionary
Network utilities	<p><u>Landscape overlay</u></p> <p>Maintenance and minor upgrading and underground permitted, otherwise discretionary.</p>	<p><u>Within Coastal environment – Outstanding CNCFL & Outside Coastal environment - ONFL</u></p> <p>Maintenance, replacement and alteration and new structure in identified network corridor permitted, otherwise discretionary</p>
Earthworks	<p><u>Landscape overlay</u></p> <p>Discretionary where cut or fill exceeds 1.2m in height</p>	<p><u>Within Coastal environment – Outstanding CNCFL & Outside Coastal environment - ONFL</u></p> <p>Above MHWS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> only minor volumes permitted if they comply with listed earthworks rules, otherwise discretionary
Vegetation clearance		<p><u>Within Coastal environment – Outstanding CNCFL</u></p> <p>Above MHWS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> permitted for cultural harvesting, conservation or

		<p>sand dune restoration, otherwise discretionary</p> <p><u>Outside Coastal environment - ONFL</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> permitted for cultural harvesting, conservation, otherwise discretionary <p><u>City backdrop</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted if complying with listed earthworks rules, otherwise restricted discretionary
Aquaculture		<p><u>Within Coastal environment – Outstanding CNCFL</u></p> <p>CMA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> non-complying
New intake or outfall structure		<p><u>Within Coastal environment – Outstanding CNCFL</u></p> <p>CMA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discretionary if diameter <0.5/1.5m, otherwise non-complying
New hard protection structure or reclamation		<p><u>Within Coastal environment – Outstanding CNCFL</u></p> <p>CMA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-complying
Dredging and deposition of dredged material		<p><u>Within Coastal environment – Outstanding CNCFL</u></p> <p>CMA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-complying
Fence		<p><u>Outside Coastal environment - ONFL</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted <p><u>City backdrop</u></p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permitted
Removal of rock		<p><u>Outside Coastal environment - ONFL</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only cultural harvesting permitted, otherwise discretionary
Subdivision	<p><u>Landscape overlay</u></p> <p>Rural zone: controlled/ discretionary</p> <p>Residential zone: restricted discretionary</p>	<p><u>Within Coastal environment – Outstanding CNCFL (above MHWS) and Outside Coastal environment - ONFL</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discretionary <p><u>City backdrop</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restricted discretionary / discretionary
Residential units	<p><u>Landscape overlay</u></p> <p>Rural zone: Residential units and farm structures controlled, otherwise discretionary.</p> <p>Residential zone: permitted (if contained within nominated building site)</p>	
Other		<p><u>Significant landscapes/ features: Maitahi river valley, The Haven, Tahunanui</u></p> <p>No specific rules, integrated through policy considerations and matters of control/discretion</p>

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.