

Part 6

NCFLC – Natural character, features and landscapes in the coastal environment

APP17 – Special landscape values associated with Tahunanui Beach

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Tahunanui is recognisable as Nelson’s beach and an important contribution to Nelson’s seaside town. It forms the northern extent of the larger Tahunanui landscape character area and part of the eastern entrance into Waimea Inlet.
Biophysical – moderate
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Modified coastal vegetation patterns with areas of dune system and salt marsh retained along the Tahunanui Back Beach.2. The Tahunanui Back Beach provides an important habitat for the carabid ground beetle.
Sensory – high
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Tahunanui Beach is memorable as an iconic recreation area associated with Nelson’s coastal setting.2. Shifting coastal patterns remain apparent along the coastal edge with human modification immediately apparent beyond the sandy coastal edge.3. The Back Beach retains natural estuary patterns and dynamic sand processes, disrupted by established pines.4. Seasonal changes provide strong recreation associations, particularly during summer.
Associative – very high
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Very important recreation area, commonly referred to as ‘Nelson’s beach’.2. Important for a variety of recreational activities, such as surfing, windsurfing, kite surfing, paddle boarding and sailing.3. Important heritage associations indicating early Māori settlement and associated cultural and spiritual values.
Evaluation
Tahunanui Beach is considered to form a Significant feature.