

# Draft Nelson Plan – Frequently asked questions

## Hospital zone

### **Why does the Council propose a new Hospital zone?**

The proposed Hospital zone would provide for the on-going operation and development of Nelson Hospital (including Braemar) and the adjoining sites on Waimea Road and Franklyn, Motueka, and Tipahi Streets.

The zone would enable a range of hospital and healthcare facilities to meet the needs of the Tasman and Marlborough communities. It would also seek to maintain the amenity of the adjacent residential zones.

### **If the hospital expands will this include extra parking to allow for increased traffic in the area?**

Under the National Policy Statement for Urban Development, the Council can no longer require minimum car parking to be provided on a site (with the exceptions of accessible parks). It is therefore the Nelson Hospitals choice as to whether it provides more parking in the future. The zone would ensure that safe access into and out of the site is provided for traffic. It would also ensure the visual impact of parking areas is minimised with screening from landscaping or fencing.

### **What are the proposed height restrictions for hospital buildings?**

In the Hospital zone, the maximum height proposed for buildings is 20 metres (approximately 6 storeys), with a 3-metre setback from the zone boundary. The General residential zone daylight controls would apply along any Hospital zone boundary that adjoins a residential zone.

### **Are there any restrictions proposed to limit rescue helicopter traffic at night?**

The noise generated from an emergency helicopter would be permitted under the Noise rules in the Draft Nelson Plan, provided it is for emergency use such as urgent patient care, saving life, firefighting or rescue.

### **Would the Draft Nelson Plan allow the location of higher-risk medical services (such as psychiatric and/or drug and alcohol services) to be developed close to residential areas?**

The Hospital zone would provide for a range of hospital and healthcare activities and would not distinguish between the types of medical care provided.

### **Links to the Draft Nelson Plan**

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