

Draft Nelson Plan - Frequently asked questions

Rural zones

What Rural zones does the Draft Nelson Plan propose?

There are two Rural zones proposed:

1. General rural zone
2. Rural lifestyle zone

What are the differences between them?

The General rural zone is generally located to the north-east of Whakatū Nelson and provides for primary production activities, such as farming and plantation forestry along with residential development that supports those activities. The General rural zone also provides for the existing quarries within the Flawmere, York Valley and Marsden quarry precincts.

The Rural lifestyle zone areas are located in the north-east and south-west of Whakatū Nelson. They provide for a combination of rural residential development and lifestyle farming. The zone is divided into two precincts that provide for high density and low density residential development. The majority of the Rural lifestyle zone is Low density residential where there is a mix of small-scale rural activities with residential development. The High density area is where residential living predominates over rural activities.

What activities would be allowed in the General rural zone?

- Farming activities
- Recreation activities
- Rural tourism activities
- Residential activities (one per site)
- Minor residential unit (one per residential unit)
- Plantation forestry
- Commercial activity ancillary to farming, rural industry or rural tourism
- Visitor accommodation (not exceeding 300m²)
- Rural industrial activity (not exceeding 300m²)
- Papakāinga development
- Boarding of domestic animals
- Quarry activity (located within the quarry precincts)
- Access (road, property access, walkway, cycleway) within a Biodiversity Corridor or Greenspace Area.

What activities would be allowed in the Rural lifestyle zone?

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- Recreation activities
- Rural tourism activities
- Residential activities (one per site)
- Minor residential unit (one per residential unit)
- Plantation forestry
- Visitor accommodation (not exceeding 300m²)
- Papakāinga development
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- Access (road, property access, walkway, cycleway) within a Biodiversity Corridor or Greenspace Area.

Links to the Draft Nelson Plan

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