

## THE DRAFT WHAKAMAHERE WHAKATŪ NELSON PLAN KEY INFORMATION

The Draft Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan combines the current resource management plans for Nelson into one combined Plan that reflects Central government requirements and direction, current best practice, and the latest research and local information. Once notified, the Nelson Plan will guide how we use our natural resources, where and how we develop land, and how we protect our environment.

### COASTAL ENVIRONMENT

#### Where and what is the Coastal environment?

The Coastal environment includes the sea (coastal marine area) and that part of the land margin where ecological elements (such as coastal vegetation and nesting areas for seabirds), physical features (such as the boulder bank), processes (such as the movement of sand dunes at Tahunanui Beach) and activities (such as kaimoana harvesting and boat launching) are associated with the sea.

Nelson Port, the fishing industry and tourism contribute to the region's economy, while beaches, recreational fishing and water sport opportunities contribute to the social and cultural well-being of the community. Careful management of our coastal resources is therefore important for the people and communities of and visitors to Whakatū Nelson.

#### What do the Coastal environment chapters aim to achieve?

The Draft Plan recognises that coastal resources need integrated management between the land and sea, and between the variety of uses within the coastal marine area, in a manner that protects the ecological, cultural, historical and recreational values.

The Draft Nelson Plan sets out the proposed approach to:

- Protect or maintain the natural values, such as natural character, landscapes and features, ecosystems and natural processes
- Acknowledge the cultural values of the eight iwi of Te Tau Ihu, and recognise kaitiakitanga and Tikanga in the management of coastal resources
- Recognise the importance of recreational activities and enjoyment and access to the coast

- Guide appropriate activities and development opportunities, including managing effects on marine water quality
- Ensure that plant and animal pest management minimises biosecurity risks.

The Draft Nelson Plan policies address many matters including:

- The effects of climate change;
- Identifying and protecting coastal natural character and landscape values (for more information see 'natural character, landscapes and features' factsheet);
- Appropriate land use and development along the coast, including the Port (see 'Port zone' factsheet);
- Recreational activities;
- Public access to the coast;
- Restoration and management of natural values where parts of the coastline have been degraded;
- Management of the adverse effects of discharges to the coastal marine area; and
- Improving biodiversity values and managing adverse effects on them.

Map overlays in the Draft Nelson Plan show where location-specific provisions would apply to activities in the coastal environment, and include:

- Port occupation overlay;
- Marina precinct;
- Indicative Mooring management areas;



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- Outstanding coastal natural character and Outstanding features and landscapes; and
- Estuaries.

### What rules and regulations would apply in the Coastal environment?

Many activities in the coastal marine area are permitted, subject to activity standards, and they include:

- Recreational access and use of the coastal marine area;
- The use and maintenance of existing structures, such as mooring structures and boat ramps;
- Temporary structures, such as whitebait stands;
- Science and research activities;
- Navigational aids;
- Maintenance of stormwater and hard protection structures; and
- Vessel cleaning and maintenance.

Activities on land within Coastal margins are governed by rules in the domain, topics and zone chapters of the Draft Plan. Zone rules include setbacks from the coast and additional controls around building and subdivision development.

Approval from Council in the form of a 'resource consent' may be required where an activity is not provided for in the list of permitted activities above. This includes, for example, new boat ramps, dredging and aquaculture activities. Resource consent would also be required where one or more of the development standards for permitted activities is not met.

Resource consents are assessed on a case-by-case basis but are guided by the standards and matters of assessment provided for in the rules.

### How do the draft Coastal environment provisions differ to the current Nelson Resource Management Plan (NRMP)?

The proposed plan provisions have been based on the existing NRMP, but they reflect changes in the national guidance in the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement. The main changes include:

- Water quality standards have been reviewed and strengthened in some areas;
- The outstanding natural character, landscape and biodiversity values have been identified and provisions now require consideration of those values;
- The management of sewage discharges has been tightened and aligned with the landward rules;
- The Port rules have provided for its on-going use within the Port occupation overlay; and
- Aquaculture is now enabled in different forms and places.

### Further information on the Draft Nelson Plan

This key information sheet is a summary of the provisions in the Draft Nelson Plan that relate to the Coastal environment. It should not be used as a definitive representation of content.

To view actual Draft Nelson Plan content, please go to [shape.nelson.govt.nz](https://shape.nelson.govt.nz). To find the Coastal environment provisions refer to Part 2 CE – Coastal Environment; Part 3 CMA – Coastal Marine Area; Part 3 CMAR Coastal margins. Related provisions include Part 3 NCFLC – Natural character, landscapes and features in the Coastal environment; Part 4 PORTZ – Port Zone; Part 4 PREC16 – Port Zone.

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