

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.

ENERGY, INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT

What is the Energy, infrastructure and transport chapter all about?

The Energy, infrastructure and transport chapter deals with network infrastructure, both Council-owned and as part of a national network. Electricity, telecommunications, water supply, wastewater management, stormwater and the transport network are covered by this Chapter.

What is the Energy, infrastructure and transport chapter trying to achieve?

The draft Chapter contains objectives that identify the main infrastructure and energy goals, including:

- Provision for the on-going operations, maintenance and upgrade of infrastructure
- Long-term planning to meet future growth demands
- Management of the environmental effects of new and upgraded infrastructure
- Effects of other activities on regionally significant networks, such as major roads, electricity and telecommunications
- The proportion of the City's electricity generated from renewable resources is increased relative to today.

What do the draft rules allow for?

The draft rules propose that many activities involving network infrastructure would not require a resource consent provided that standards can be met. These activities include:

- The maintenance or removal of an existing network utility

- The construction or extension of access to a network utility
- Installation, operation and maintenance of an underground network utility
- Connection of a customer to an existing network utility
- Buildings associated with a network utility in most areas, excluding within riparian and the coastal margins
- Road upgrades or construction, subject to the Nelson Tasman Land Development Manual
- The operation, maintenance and minor upgrade of existing electrical lines and some new electricity lines
- Stormwater, water supply and wastewater management, subject to the Nelson Tasman Land Development Manual
- Underground telecommunications, and the relocation of above-ground facilities
- Maintenance and operations of existing telecommunications facilities
- Amateur radio communications and meteorological device installations
- Small scale wind turbines and solar panels.

A resource consent could be required where an activity is not listed in the rules, or where development standards cannot be met. Consent will also be required to establish any new major infrastructure. Whether or not consent will be granted in these circumstances will depend on many considerations, including



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how the activity fits with objectives and policies of the Chapter and assessment considerations.

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. Assessment matters cover a range of factors including visual amenity and landscape impacts, the bulk and location of effects of buildings, and any adverse effects on water and air quality.

How does the approach to Energy, infrastructure and transport differ from the current Nelson Resource Management Plan (NRMP)?

The main change from the NRMP is that the Draft Nelson Plan recognises the importance of renewable energy, infrastructure and transport to the ongoing development of Whakatū Nelson. There is a greater emphasis on robust infrastructure that will meet the impacts of climate change, particularly where infrastructure is located within areas of natural hazards.

Additionally, the Draft Nelson Plan has greater recognition of strategic and regionally significant infrastructure; and has a stronger focus on the relationship between land use planning and infrastructure.

Further information on the Nelson Plan

This key information sheet is a summary of the provisions in the Draft Nelson Plan that relate to Energy, infrastructure and transport. 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. To find the Energy, infrastructure and transport provisions refer to Part 2 EIT – Energy, infrastructure and transport; Part 3 EIT – Energy, infrastructure and transport; Part 6 APP22 – Vehicle access and crossings standards; Part 6 APP23 – Standards and terms for parking and loading

Related provisions include Nelson Tasman Land Development Manual 2019. This document sits outside of the Draft Nelson Plan and contains standards for the development of network infrastructure.

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