

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.

HISTORIC AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

What are Historic and cultural heritage values?

A number of sites and areas in Whakatū Nelson are special because of their value in telling the story of human occupation or for their contribution to amenity in the region. These sites and areas are proposed to be identified under these main headings in the Draft Nelson Plan:

- Historic heritage (often historic buildings)
- Archaeological sites and areas (related to European settlement)
- Sites and areas of significance to Māori (to be available in the second round of public engagement in March 2021).

What would the Historic and cultural heritage chapter try to achieve?

For all of these areas, the Draft Nelson Plan aims to protect those resources or areas and their associated values, meaning that development in those areas (such as new buildings, earthworks or modifications) needs to be done in a way that is sensitive to those values. The provisions would also allow for increased flexibility in development requirements where this is done to provide for those heritage values.

What activities could I do near these sites and areas without a resource consent?

On sites with a heritage item, it is proposed that the following work would not require consent:

- Modifications to improve the interior comfort of a heritage building (i.e. insulation or double-glazing)

- Earthquake strengthening work
- Replacement of a brick chimney with a lightweight replica
- Maintenance or repairs
- Solar panels (provided they are out of public view)
- In the City centre zone, alterations below the verandah, unless that area is specifically protected in the plan.

Some buildings are located in a Heritage streetscape overlay (what used to be called a Heritage precinct). The Draft Nelson Plan provisions aim to make sure that the character of the street is maintained by controlling the design and appearance of buildings and fences. The design guides for these areas have been revised. The descriptions of the historic character and the expectations around changes to the streetscape have been made clearer.

What standards would apply?

A variety of standards related to heritage items would guide what activities could need a resource consent. For heritage buildings, the Draft Nelson Plan proposes the following standards:

- Any materials being replaced are the same as the originals
- Finishing is unchanged (i.e. unpainted walls remain unpainted)
- There are no changes to the design or elevation of heritage buildings



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- Modifications to improve interior comfort and earthquake strengthening that can't be seen from public space once the work is complete.

When would I need a resource consent?

- Additions or alterations to a heritage building (except for those listed above)
- Removal or demolition of a heritage item.

For a detailed list of the standards refer to the relevant chapters of the Draft Nelson Plan. An activity that does not/ cannot meet one or more of the development standards will need a resource consent.

How would that consent be assessed?

For proposals affecting a *heritage building*, consents would need to assess:

- Effects on heritage values
- Effects on the design and appearance of the building
- If it applies, consistency with the design guide for the Heritage streetscape
- An updated assessment has also been produced for every heritage listing, explaining the history and heritage values of the building.

For proposals affecting a *Regionally significant archaeological site*, consents would assess:

- The heritage and archaeological values
- The degree of modification
- The nature, extent, design and location of the proposal
- Consideration of alternatives.

How have these chapters changed from the current Nelson Resource Management Plan (NRMP)?

The Draft Nelson Plan is more specific than the NRMP about what matters it would need to assess under a resource consent application, giving more clarity and assurance to potential applicants. For heritage buildings, a wider range of activities would be permitted, including insulation, double-glazing and earthquake strengthening.

In the NRMP, the provisions for heritage were repeated in each zone chapter. In the Draft Nelson Plan, heritage and archaeology are in a separate chapter and apply city-wide, regardless of the underlying zoning.

Further information on the Nelson Plan

This key information sheet is a summary of the provisions in the Draft Nelson Plan that relate to Historic and cultural values. 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 Historic and cultural values provisions refer to Part 2 HCV – Historic and cultural values; Part 3 HH – Historic Heritage; APP34 – Heritage items.

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