

## 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.

### LIGHT

#### What is the Light chapter about?

Artificial outdoor lighting allows night-time work and the continuation of essential services. It also supports the pursuit of some sport, recreation and entertainment activities.

#### What is the Light chapter trying to achieve?

The proposed Light chapter recognises that using artificial light to enable night-time activities is essential and improves safety and security in open spaces but needs to respect neighbouring communities.

Under the Draft Nelson Plan, anyone proposing to use artificial light above a permitted level would need to consider what options are available to reduce or alleviate any negative impacts on neighbouring communities.

#### What activities would I be able to do without a resource consent?

Certain activities relating to outdoor lighting are proposed to be permitted, including:

- street lighting to illuminate footpaths
- street and road lighting to help drivers navigate
- outdoor lighting for navigation of vessels within the Coastal Marine Area.

#### When would I need a resource consent?

Where outdoor lighting does not / cannot meet one or more of the basic standards a resource consent would be required.

The standards relating to Light seek to limit:

- excessive glare being directed into the path of vehicles, vessels and their drivers or skippers
- light spill that would have the potential to cause disturbance or nuisance to nearby residents or occupiers.

For details of the standards refer to the Light chapter in the Draft Nelson Plan.

#### How would a resource consent be assessed?

An application for a resource consent considers how the activity fits with objectives and policies of the Chapter. Each resource consent is assessed on a case-by-case basis but is guided by the standards and rules.

#### How does the proposed approach to Light differ from the current Nelson Resource Management Plan (NRMP)?

There are Light provisions in the current NRMP but no Light chapter. Instead, specific standards for artificial light are contained in some of the zone provisions. The new National Planning Standards requires that a separate chapter be created for the Light provisions, and the existing provisions of the NRMP (in an amended form) have been moved into this new chapter.



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### What does Council want to hear?

The Council is interested to receive your comments and feedback regarding whether, in your opinion, the provisions in the Draft Nelson Plan will adequately manage the impact of artificial light.

Council would also be interested to hear if lighting impacts on the night sky is a matter that needs to be considered and addressed.

### Further information on the Nelson Plan

This key information sheet is a summary of the provisions in the Draft Nelson Plan that relate to Light. 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 Light provisions refer to Part 3 General matters LIGHT – Light.

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