

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.

NOISE

What is the Noise chapter about?

Whakatū Nelson prides itself on its pleasant environments. Any potential negative interference resulting from undue levels of noise can degrade these amenity values and contribute to poor health and wellbeing outcomes.

What is the Noise chapter trying to achieve?

The Noise Chapter in the Draft Nelson Plan aims to balance the protection of public health and amenity within the City's unique environments, while enabling established and permitted noise-producing activities, such as Port operations, to continue to operate. To achieve this, the Draft Plan would discourage some noise-making activities in certain areas around Nelson but allows them in other areas. In the City centre, the Draft Plan will continue to use the methods from the NRMP to strike a balance between noisy activities and other activities which are sensitive to noise, such as residential activities. This approach recognises that having both people living in the heart of the City and a wide range of activities are desirable for a vibrant urban centre. The Draft Plan requires new residential uses in the City centre to install acoustic insulation to provide mitigation from noise; it also requires new noisy activities to adopt appropriate management measures.

What activities would not need a resource consent?

Some noise-producing activities may be allowed within certain limits depending on location. For example:

- Daytime residential activities provided they do not cause undue disturbance to neighbouring properties

- Activities which do not exceed noise limits and could disturb local residents within residential and rural zones
- Activities such as playing music during standard operating times within the City centre and Mixed use zones
- Construction, repair or removal work activities, which must comply with national standards
- Activities associated with manufacturing, processing, warehousing, or repairing of goods in the industrial zones
- Activities associated with rural primary production and industry, such as farming and forestry, and which do not negatively impact neighbouring residential units
- Port and Airport activities provided for by the associated effects control overlays.

What activities would need a resource consent?

Activities which could exceed noise limits may need to seek resource consent approval from Council, where for example:

- Any activity that exceeds the daytime or night-time noise standards for residential amenity protection
- Any commercial activity within the City centre zone which produces noise above 75 dB L_{AFmax} while local residents and visitors sleep at night



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- Any activity within commercial areas in Tahunanui and Stoke (Local centres), as well as the smaller corner stores and neighbourhood shops dispersed around the residential areas of the city, which produce more than 65 dB_{Aeq} of noise during the day, and between 45 dB L_{Aeq} and 75 L_{Amax} at night
- Bird scaring measures, shooting ranges and frost control fans have specific rules in the rural zones.

For a detailed list of the limits specific to each zone, refer to the Draft Nelson Plan.

How would the Noise Chapter change from the current Nelson Resource Management Plan (NRMP)?

The general approach to the management of noise is similar in both the NRMP and the Draft Nelson Plan. The Draft Plan updates the NRMP approach to measuring and assessing noise following best-practice standards. The Draft Plan also adopts more activity-specific noise rules than the NRMP to provide greater clarity.

Airport and Port Noise

Standards relating to noise generated by the Nelson Airport will be released early in 2021 as part of the updated Airport zone provisions. These provisions are currently still under development and will need to respond to any future plans of Nelson Airport.

The process for managing noise generated by Port Nelson is also still under review. At this stage the current approach to noise management under the Nelson Resource Management Plan has been carried over into the Draft Nelson Plan. The current approach was the outcome of a Plan Change and Environment Court mediation in 2012. However, as part of a full Plan review the Council is required to assess all options for managing potential effects. This is the basis for this current review and the outcomes of it will be published early in 2021.

Further information on the Nelson Plan

This key information sheet is a summary of the provisions in the Draft Nelson Plan that relate to Noise. 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 Noise provisions refer to: Part 3, General Matters NOISE – Noise; APP39 – Port noise management; APP40 – Acoustic installation requirements.

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