

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.

RURAL LIFESTYLE ZONE

What is the Rural lifestyle zone about?

The proposed Rural lifestyle zone recognises the appeal of the rural areas to the north-east and south-west of Whakatū Nelson for many living in the area, and that it is important to maintain the characteristic rural landscapes whilst allowing for growth in these areas.

What is the Rural lifestyle zone trying to achieve?

The proposed Rural lifestyle zone would provide the opportunity for a mix of both small- and large-scale rural developments, including some small-scale primary industry activities, such as farming, forestry and beekeeping.

The zone intends to provide for rural residential living while maintaining the character and visual appeal of the rural areas. Farming activities are encouraged but must work in harmony with rural living environments. Other activities which may have a negative impact in the zone are discouraged and are likely to require a resource consent.

Two precincts are proposed to cater for the different rural residential densities that exist - the 'high density' (residential) and the 'low density' (rural residential).

What activities could I do without a resource consent?

A wide range of activities would be permitted in the Rural lifestyle zone, including some of those which would also be permitted in residential areas. These activities may include:

- Farming and forestry

- Recreation and rural tourism activities
- Residential and visitor accommodation
- Papakainga (whanau housing) developments
- New and redevelopment of buildings and associated infrastructure.

These activities may not require a resource consent provided they meet basic standards.

When would I need a resource consent?

A variety of standards relating to the zone would guide which activities would need a resource consent. Where an activity does not/ cannot meet one or more of the standards, a resource consent will be required. For example, if:

- A building is more than 12m in height when erected
- A building is located less than 10m away from the perimeter of the site boundary *NOTE There are instances when a greater distance is required. For example, within the Ngawhatu precinct, which is bounded by the General rural zone, and for new living units close to intensive farming practices.
- A building does not have access to a water supply, or stormwater and wastewater facilities
- An activity offering a service to the public wishes to open before or after standard operating hours
- A site has limited access

For a detailed list of the standards refer to the Draft Nelson Plan.



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How would that consent be assessed?

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

How would this approach to the Rural lifestyle zone differ from the Nelson Resource Management Plan (NRMP)?

The proposed Rural lifestyle zone seeks to clarify the difference in activities and purpose of the two rural residential precincts within the zone, together with clarifying the distinction with the General rural zone. In other respects, the provisions of the Draft Nelson Plan for this zone is similar to the NRMP.

Further information on the Nelson Plan

This key information sheet is a summary of the provisions in the Draft Nelson Plan that relate to the Rural lifestyle zone. 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 Rural lifestyle zone provisions refer to: Part 3 RLZ – Rural lifestyle zone; Part 3 SUB – Subdivision. Related provisions include: Part 2 LF – Land and freshwater; Part 3 LD – Land.

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