

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.

SIGNS

What is the Signs chapter about?

This chapter covers the draft provisions for signage, both temporary and permanent. It addresses signs used for a variety of purposes including to relay information, to identify property for public safety, to provide direction, and to promote the sale of goods and services.

What are the Signs provisions trying to achieve?

The proposed provisions for signage aim to continue the existing 'low signage' direction for Whakatū Nelson overall while enabling some signs where they are beneficial to the community and businesses and complementary to the key features and characteristics of their setting.

What type of sign could be erected without a resource consent?

The chapter proposes that signs which meet basic standards be permitted, including signs that:

- Advertise a business or other activity
- Are for health and safety purposes
- Identify a Historic heritage place or object, or a Notable tree
- Advertise a property or site for sale, rent or development
- Direct traffic.

Different zones in the Draft Nelson Plan have different rules and standards regarding the number, placement, type and design of signs. Where a sign cannot meet the necessary rules and

standards, a resource consent would be required from Council. For a detailed list of the proposed standards refer to the Draft Nelson Plan.

How would a resource consent be assessed?

An application for resource consent considers how the activity fits with the 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 has the Signs Chapter changed from the current Nelson Resource Management Plan (NRMP)?

The proposed Signs provisions adopt a similar approach to the NRMP. Many standards and rules have been retained, though some have been amended. The new rules also address technology not addressed in the NRMP, such as digital billboards. The proposed Signs chapter also seeks to make the provisions clearer and more user-friendly compared 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 Signs. 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 Signs provisions refer to Part 3, General Matters SIGN – Signs; APP45 – Signs. Related provisions include Part 4 All Zones.

