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Nelson Youth Council

Framing our Future Workshop (1-3pm)

In our future we will see:

Transport

- **In 2060 an energy efficient public transport system will incorporate a larger percentage of the region's population. This will allow for lower emissions, which will allow for a decrease in fossil fuels.**
- Steering away from cars
- If we have cars they do not use petrol. Hydrogen powered cars/public transport
- Pressure panels inside tyres, so cars can generate their own power
- Relying on more effective public transport, such as:
 - Buses
 - Monorail
 - Train
 - Trolley buses
 - Boats
- Train station and subway
- Bus system like Christchurch
- Better buses
- Increase buses and accessibility to it, like Europe, it is normal and cheap
- Cheap, Gold Card prices, why not "Silver Card" (bus) for 25-15 year old
- Less cars
- Car pooling
- Easy to get around without a car and encouraged
- Cycle depot everywhere, cycle friendly CBD
- Encourage cycling/walking ie cycle ways and walk ways, cycleways everywhere in red
- Bikes and walking to be a more encouraged thing
- Cycle tracks
- Mountainbike capital of NZ
- Chairlift

- Developed Trails

Energy and Fuel

- **Renewable energy eg solar, wind and water power & tidal**
- Something that has low impact on the environment
- Generating our own energy
- All energy from Nelson, not from other places
- Investing money into a renewable low impact energy source for example enhancing energy from the sun through solar panels
- Businesses encouraged to recycle and reduce energy use
- More practical fuel eg hydrogen
- All renewable energy (no fire, gas, petrol)

Food security

- Food is more satisfying
- More community gardens
- Rooftop gardens
- Making use of Nelson farmers, less imported foods
- Big farming areas
- More farmers markets

People and community

- **The community spirit in Nelson is strong and this should be celebrated more.**
- Improve our community's pride in Nelson, therefore willingness to stay
- A society with a strong youth voice, less of an older population
- Knit communities closer, make family-run dairies cheaper
- Community spirit award every year and invite whole community
- Low crime levels

Leisure and recreation

- **Nelson needs more leisure and recreation activities to keep people here and make people visit.**
- No football in the middle of the Saxton Field track
- Lots of festivals
- Mardi Gras

- Public places that are free from pollution
- Initiatives for obese kids – parent focussed? Subsidise fruit and vege
- Keeping young people here ie better sporting facilities or things young people are attracted to

Urban design

- New houses having little impact on environment – alternatives to concrete such as solar heating
- Eco-houses
- Make buildings look more appealing
- Building upwards instead of outwards to allow for a sustainable food source, so farming and agriculture is not taken up by new subdivisions

Democracy and leadership

- Free reign leadership
- The youth should get a bigger say in what happens
- I think the merged Councils will be in place by then and a new Council building in between
- It's fine
- More advertising when local decisions are to be made so more people can have a say

Education and knowledge

- **Tertiary education is a big factor, and it keeps young people here because they don't have to leave to study**
- A way to keep young people is to have a university so they don't have to leave Nelson to study
- University: more tertiary options, wider education in Nelson.
- Big university, grand, best in country!
- More practical classes in school ie personal finance, entrepreneurship, relationships, work, investing
- Children growing up with a total respect for the environment. Born into knowing about recycling, earth and their resources

Natural environment

- **In 2060... we will still have an environment to preserve. We want to preserve and better what we have currently. Beaches and rivers will be clean and National parks and sanctuaries will remain and will be improved further.**
- As a city we will have a focus on landscaping around our environment rather than destroying it.
- More sanctuaries like the native bird and animal sanctuary in Wellington and the Brook Sanctuary
- Focus more on protecting Tahuna beach
- Pollution free beaches and rivers
- Pavement all around the airport
- Preserve our existing environment, improve the quality of our environment
- Increase in natural areas, so that trees and landscaping are more dominant than infrastructure
- Keeping National parks as they are and having more marine reserves. Preserving what we have now
- There is a clear link between the City and the sea following the Maitai
- Look after Maitai walking tracks
- Lots of parks and trees, flora and fauna

Air and water

- **If the air and water quality in Nelson is improved this will create a much cleaner environment. Thus in turn creating an environment in which people will want to stay. Creating higher employment opportunities and economic growth while sustaining a sustainable future for Nelson.**
- Improve water in rivers and beaches
- Clean rivers so we can swim in them
- Taking care of water, riparian planting
- Put extractor sieves in water/rivers to extract waste
- Air – quality through whole region

Economy and employment

- Encourage entrepreneurship – business incubator is awesome
- Business incubator' inc biofuels, renewable sources/energy. Polytech/Cawthron work together
- Apprenticeships available within NMIT etc

- Increase of youth job opportunities and social opportunities post tertiary education
- Economy and environment totally working together. Environment really comes first when making decisions
- More jobs for young people new to the job scene
- Stop employing foreigners more than Kiwis, a Kiwi quota
- Lots and lots and lots and lots and lots and lots of jobs
- Look at ways to increase youth into jobs which baby boomers will be exiting, prior to loss of workforce

Waste/recycling

- Recycling system like Christchurch – three bins
- Recycling like larger cities ie: food waste bin, glass, plastic, paper, for homes and businesses
- More efficient recycling system
- Should be more like Switzerland where most things can be recycled and have local drop off points
- Have an awesome recycling plant and not much rubbish
- Recycle all things on site, so it doesn't go off shore
- Compulsory recycling charges for people who throw everything out
- Food/garden waste scraps used to power a nuclear fission reactor

Anything else

- Nelson and Motueka are not so segregated, the places in between grow