

## LGOIMA

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**Request  
from:**

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**For:** Policies for Seniors

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**Response**

**by:** Michelle Joubert, Executive Officer

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**From:** Michelle Joubert  
**Sent:** Thursday, 30 May 2019 2:18 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Request for information about policy for over 65s, programs, housing - SR1925020  
**Attachments:** Social-Wellbeing-Policy-2011-1052440.pdf; Ministry of Social Housing - Information who-can-get-social-housing-easy....docx

Dear [REDACTED]

## **OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST ABOUT OVER 65 POLICY, PROGRAMS AND HOUSING**

I am writing in response to your request of 14 May 2019 for the following information:

1. *- if City of Nelson has adopted any kind of policy toward 65 plus old people in Nelson?*
2. *- does the city Council established any kind of local law in accordance to programs for people 65 + old?*
3. *- does the city of Nelson have protected apartments (free of charge) for old people 65 + old?*

Please find the information you have requested set out below:

1. Nelson City Council has a Social Wellbeing Policy 2011 which includes a section that relates to older adults (Positive Ageing p.11). Please find a copy of the policy attached.

Work has recently begun on developing a strategy for Nelson's ageing demographic under the oversight of a Community Steering Group. The Steering Group will be looking at Nelson's current level of age-friendliness, identifying gaps and opportunities, talking with the community and developing a community action plan. One of the aims of the strategy is to ensure that it addresses the needs of the whole community so an engagement project is planned to seek views from older adults in five specific groups in Nelson: Newcomers to Nelson, Pasifika, Māori, former refugees and LGBTQI.

2. The Council does not have a local law that governs programs for people over 65. There are a number of organisations that offer programs and services for older adults in Nelson. Below is a link to a webpage that lists many of these organisations and provides further links to their websites:  
<https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/services-and-support/health-care-services/services-older-people/useful-websites-services-older-people>
3. Council owns a number of community housing units. Further information about these units and how to apply for a unit can be found by clicking in the following link:  
<http://www.nelson.govt.nz/services/facilities/community-housing>

Recently, Council consulted the community on a proposal to divest all or some of the units. Council will be deciding on this matter at the next Council meeting on 4 June 2019. Further information about the proposal can be found at the following link: <http://www.nelson.govt.nz/council/consultations/community-housing-consultation/>

Council meetings are live-streamed and can be viewed on YouTube at [https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=nelson+city+council](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=nelson+city+council)

Other organisations that offer advice on community /social housing options are:

- Nelson Tasman Housing Trust <https://www.nelsonhousing.org.nz/>
- Ministry of Social Development <http://housing.msd.govt.nz/housing-options/social-housing/who-can-get-social-housing.html> A copy of the Ministry of Social Housing's information brochure is attached.
- Salvation Army <https://www.salvationarmy.org.nz/get-help/housing>
- Age Concern [https://www.ageconcern.org.nz/ACNZ\\_Public/Housing\\_and\\_Care.aspx](https://www.ageconcern.org.nz/ACNZ_Public/Housing_and_Care.aspx)
- Citizens Advice Bureau <https://www.cab.org.nz/location/cab-nelson-tasman>

I trust this information is of assistance, however you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response should you wish. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this response, please feel free to contact me on this email or the number below.

Regards

Michelle

**Michelle Joubert**

Executive Officer

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[nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz)

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 14 May 2019 7:05 PM

**To:** Council Enquiries (Enquiry) <NCCEnquiry@ncc.govt.nz>

**Subject:** Fwd: Inquiry

Dear Sirs,

In accordance to OIA regulations, I would like to ask if:

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- does the city Council Council established any kind of local law in accordance to programs for people 65 + old?
- does the city of Nelson have protected apartments (free of charge) for old people 65 + old?

I would be grateful for your response.

Kind regards  
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