

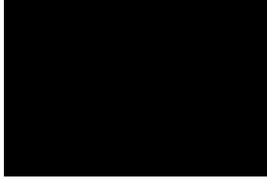


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Dear [REDACTED]

## **OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON THE NELSON PLAN COSTS AND OTHER**

I refer to your official information request dated 9 November 2021 for information on the Nelson Plan:

1. *What is the total cost to date for work that has been performed on the Nelson Plan, including all staff time and allocated overheads?*
2. *When did work first start on the Nelson Plan and these costs start accumulating?*
3. *How much has been spent on external consultants and contractors for the Nelson Plan?*
4. *How much has been spent on travel and accommodation costs for external contractors?*
5. *How much of the cost of the Nelson Plan has been capitalized and how much has been expensed?*
6. *Will NCC be impairing the costs capitalized to date?*
7. *What Committee/Committees have been responsible for giving governance oversight to the Nelson Plan?*
8. *Now that it appears unlikely that the Nelson Plan will be completed, will Council be reviewing its decision to place land stability LIM notations against 7,000 properties in a non-discriminating way?*

Following our email on 26 November 2021 to you regarding difficulties in responding to Question 4, you reframed your request on 29 November 2021, as follows:

1. During the Nelson Plan process did NCC engage individual contractors from out of town to work on the Plan?
2. If so, did NCC meet the accommodation and travel costs of such individuals?
3. If so, approximately how many out-of-town individual contractors were engaged to work on the Plan?

The information you requested is enclosed.

1. *What is the total cost to date for work that has been performed on the Nelson Plan, including all staff time and allocated overheads?*
2. *When did work first start on the Nelson Plan and these costs start accumulating?*

Questions 1 and 2 combined response:

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- Work commenced on the Nelson Plan in the 2015/16 Financial Year.
- Staff expenses spent on the Nelson Plan have not been split between maintaining the current plan and developing the new Nelson Plan.
- Total Staff Time (including overheads) from 2015/16 to October 2021 is \$7.1m. As indicated above, it is not possible to identify the split between maintaining the current plan and developing the new Nelson.
- Total other costs (specific to developing the new Nelson Plan) are \$5.2m which are further broken down in Question 3
- Preparatory work for the Nelson Plan started in 2014 with costs for the Nelson Plan starting to accumulate in the 2015/16 Financial Year.

*3. How much has been spent on external consultants and contractors for the Nelson Plan?*

The vast majority of external costs spent on the Nelson Plan are for Consultants and Contractors. The method in which costs have been captured has changed several times throughout the period, and as such we do not hold separate data that identifies the spend on these. However, we have performed a high level analysis which has identified that of the \$5.2m of external costs, \$4.9m is attributable to Consultants and Contractors.

~~*4. How much has been spent on travel and accommodation costs for external contractors?*~~

*4. (a) During the Nelson Plan process did NCC engage individual contractors from out of town to work on the Plan?*

Yes

*4. (b) If so, did NCC meet the accommodation and travel costs of such individuals?*

Yes, a standard contract component has been included to cover travel and accommodation costs when required to complete the contracted tasks in Nelson.

*4 (c) If so, approximately how many out-of-town individual contractors were engaged to work on the Plan?*

Over the life of the development of the Nelson Plan, approximately 35 consultants have been engaged who are not normally located in Nelson/Tasman

*5. How much of the cost of the Nelson Plan has been capitalized and how much has been expensed?*

The Nelson Plan has not been capitalised.

Since 2015/16, \$12.3m has been spent on the Nelson Plan. This is a combination of maintaining the current Nelson Plan and developing the new Nelson Plan. To October 2021, \$570,000 of this has been funded by loans.

*6. Will NCC be impairing the costs capitalized to date?*

N/A – no asset has been created to be impaired.

*7. What Committee/Committees have been responsible for giving governance oversight to the Nelson Plan?*

The Environment and Climate Committee has delegated responsibility for the development of the Nelson Plan. The name for this committee was amended in 2020, from the Environment Committee.

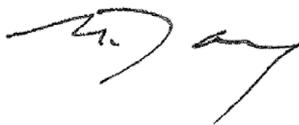
*8. Now that it appears unlikely that the Nelson Plan will be completed, will Council be reviewing its decision to place land stability LIM notations against 7,000 properties in a non-discriminating way?*

The Council is not proposing a change to the LIM notations for slope instability risk.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. 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 decision with us, please feel free to contact Maxine Day, Environmental Planning Manager (Maxine.day@ncc.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maxine Day', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Maxine Day**  
Environmental Planning Manager