



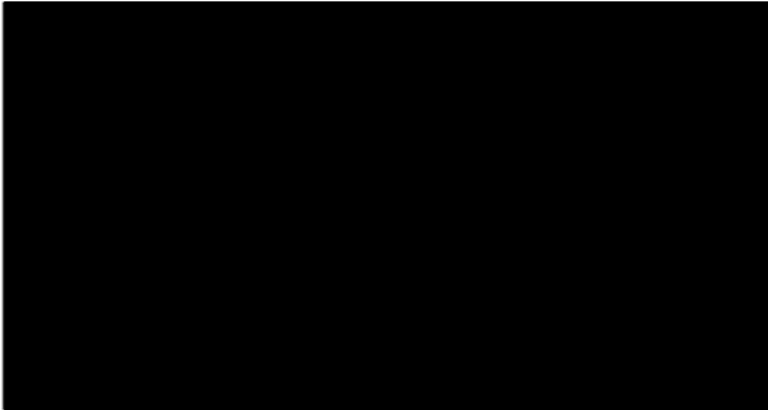
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OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST FOR NELSON CITY COUNCIL DRAFT NAMING POLICY

I refer to your official information request dated 18 September 2024 requesting "a copy of the draft road naming report prepared in 2021 which is cited in R28764...".

The draft report "Street and Right of Way naming – 83 Cable Bay Road – RM195169" is enclosed. Please note there are inaccuracies in this report that would have been corrected had it progressed.

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 or Freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Chris Miles, Manager Resource Consents and Compliance at: chris.miles@ncc.govt.nz

Yours sincerely

Mandy Bishop
Group Manager Environment

Encl: Street and Right of Way naming – draft report
Attachment 1 of the draft report – scheme plan

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Street and Right of Way naming - 83 Cable Bay Road - RM195169

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To approve or decline an application for the name of "Ara o Kawakawa" for the road within the Cable Bay Road subdivision shown as Road B on the attached scheme plan (Attachment 1).
- 1.2 To accept or decline an application for the naming of a private right of way joining "Ara o Kawakawa" shown as ROW A on the attached plan (Attachment 1).

2. Summary

The proposed names for the subdivision meet the criteria of the Road Naming Guidelines.

3. Recommendation

That the Hearings Panel - Other

- 1. Receive the report Street and Right of Way naming - 83 Cable Bay Road - RM195169 (AXXXX) and its attachments (A2753881)**
- 2. Approves the name "Ara o Kawakawa" for the road shown as Road B on Attachment 1 of report RXXXX (A2753881)**
- 3. Approves the name "Kawakawa Way" for the right of way identified as ROW A on Attachment 1 of report RXXXX (A2753881)**

4. Background

Peter Ruffel is undertaking a 16 lot subdivision off Cable Bay Road. All proposed lots would be serviced by the unnamed legal public road, off Cable Bay Road.

There will be too many letterboxes and recycling bins to have placed at the Cable Bay Rd entrance once the new lots are developed. There will need to be letter drop and rubbish collection happening along the new road with an area at the end for turning.

For this subdivision, the unnamed legal public road will be upgraded and sealed to road standard and from that point forward will be maintained by Nelson City Council.

At this time, this road should be given a name and all existing properties taking access from this (who currently have a Cable Bay Rd #) should be changed to the new road address.

A new right of way would be formed from the terminus of the legal public road to access proposed lots 2 to 14.

The Applicant, Peter Ruffell has requested the name of 'Harvey Road' for the road shown as 'Road B' on the attached scheme plan (Attachment 1). 'Harvey' is requested to pay homage to the Harvey family who have settled in the area over the last 70+ years.

Ngāti Tama maintains tangata whenua status of this area.

Cultural advice was sought from Andrew Stevens, Taku Parai and Kura Stafford with guidance from Council Kaihautū Pania Lee.

Three names of significant tangata whenua were suggested initially. While it would be of value to increase the knowledge of tangata whenua relating to this rohe, it was considered inappropriate for tupuna who carry such mana as those suggested to be used for road signage purposes. "History has it that these tupuna are part and parcel of the landscape and their names are etched in the heritage and whakapapa of that area, a road sign does not in my view elevate them to a level deserved of such mana. Perhaps flora or fauna, species of rakau, or ika found out there would be suffice" suggested Taku Parai.

The proposed names of "Ara o Kawakawa" and "Kawakawa Way" reflect the species of native, medicinal rakau of the area.

Council has the authority to name roads, pursuant to Section 319(j) of the Local Government Act 1974. The Council has no authority to name private roads or ways, other than to accept a name for inclusion in Council records. Each proposed road name is assessed according to the criteria in the Road Naming Guidelines, as follows:

- a) The name should not be the same as, or similar to, any other street in the Nelson and Tasman Regions.
- b) Where appropriate, due regard should be given to historical associations within the City.
- c) Where possible, the name should be consistent with other names in the area, or consistent with a theme in the area/subdivision.

- d) The name should not be likely to give offence.
- e) The name should not be commercially based.
- f) The length of the name should be appropriate to the length of the street (i.e. short names for short streets - for mapping purposes).
- g) The name should not be likely to cause semantic difficulties, i.e. spelling, pronunciation, or general understanding.
- h) As a general rule, the proposed name should not be that of a living person, except in exceptional circumstances.

5. Evaluation

- 5.1 Officers consider that all criteria are met for the proposed name. There are no similar road names in the Nelson City Council or Tasman District Council areas that are likely to cause confusion with these names. The proposed names do not conflict with any other criteria of the Road Naming Guidelines.
- 5.2 Officers consider that all criteria are met for the alternative name. There are no similar road names in the Nelson City Council or Tasman District Council areas that are likely to cause confusion with this name. The proposed name does not conflict with any other criteria of the Road Naming Guidelines although it should be noted in relation to road naming guidelines criteria h), members of the Harvey family are living in the area to this day.
- 5.3 There is no example of an existing formed public access road being renamed and therefore it does not quite fit in with the existing road naming policy process.
- 5.4 The use of a te reo name is consistent with other names in the area.
- 5.5 The owners of the properties that will have a change of street address and street number have been informed of the proposed names.

Alternative names

- 5.6 Kohekohe Road & Kohekohe Way. Kohekohe is a rare native tree on Pepin Island and some of the bush areas along Maori pa Road
- 5.7 Harvey Road after the Harvey family who inhabit the area.
- 5.8 text

[Subheading]

5.9 text

5.10 text

6. Options

6.1 The Hearings Panel have three options:

- A. To approve the name of "Ara o Kawakawa";
- B. To decline the proposed name and approve the alternative name "Harvey Road", or
- C. To decline the proposed names and to ask the applicant to submit alternative names

6.2 Council officers recommend approving option A) as the name Ara o Kawakawa should not cause confusion and location problems for the community and emergency services and it is compatible with other names in the area.

6.3

6.4

Option 1: Ara o Kawakawa	
Advantages	•
Risks and Disadvantages	•
Option 2: Harvey Road	
Advantages	•
Risks and Disadvantages	•
Option 3: Decline proposed names	
advantages	•
disadvantages	•

7. Conclusion

7.1 text

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Attachments

Attachment 1: A2753881 – Cable bay development scheme plan

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Important considerations for decision making

1. Fit with Purpose of Local Government

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2. Consistency with Community Outcomes and Council Policy

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3. Risk

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4. Financial impact

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5. Degree of significance and level of engagement

This matter is of medium significance because properties will subject to a change of street address. Also, letter boxes and rubbish/recycling

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6. Inclusion of Māori in the decision making process

Council officers have sought cultural advice from iwi cultural advisors. Council's Kaihautū has advised these iwi members are well-respected Māori leaders within the community.

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7. Climate Impact

Not applicable for the naming of roads in an approved subdivision.

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8. Delegations

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Areas of responsibility:

- *Matters relating to naming features within the city*

Powers to decide:

The power to name all features within the city requiring naming including roads, streets, service lanes, plazas, parking areas, parks, reserves, gardens and all public facilities or infrastructure, aside from those impacted by the Naming Rights and Sponsorship Policy for Community Services Facilities (5.19.3)

