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Dear [REDACTED]

**OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON PROCUREMENT AT
NELSON CITY COUNCIL**

I refer to your official information request dated March 5 for information on Nelson City Council's procurement policy.

The information you requested is as follows:

Nelson City Council's procurement practices comply with its Procurement Policy V1.2 dated 01 February 2021 which is publicly available at <https://www.nelson.govt.nz/assets/Our-council/Downloads/Plans-strategies-policies/strategies-plans-policies/Nelson-City-Council-Procurement-Policy-21-August-2023.pdf>

This policy clearly states that council's procurement will go beyond a focus on just price and quality.

Council resolved in June 2020 that its Procurement Policy should incorporate broader outcomes as outlined in the Government Procurement Rules; that is, Council should use procurement as a way to support wider social, economic, cultural and environmental outcomes that go beyond the immediate purchase of goods and services.

In supporting these outcomes through procurement, Council's initial priority focus areas are: increasing opportunities for local businesses to work with Council; increasing skills and training in our region, particularly in construction; improving conditions for local workers, and reducing emissions, waste, and environmental pollution.

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.

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Yours sincerely

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Nikki Harrison

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