Transitional Consenting – NCC

In force from 30 October 2026

The Nelson Resource Management Plan (NRMP) continues to apply but some matters will no longer be considered (s104(1A)):

For residential activities (except historic heritage):

- area of glazing
- presence or absence of balconies
- outdoor living space
- internal layout
- size of a residential unit
- size of landscaped areas, except in relation to permeability

For district land use activities & notices of requirement:

- negative effects on trade competition, including on competing providers of input goods and services
- effects on retail distribution
- lack of demand for, or financial viability of, a project
- the type of residents to be housed in a new development
- views from private property

This means that some (or parts of) our District Plan rules, matters of discretion, assessment criteria, and objectives and policies may no longer be relevant, or may only be relevant in a limited way, to resource consent assessments and decisions. Section 104(1A) only applies to land use activities, so subdivisions are not affected.

Based on our assessment the following NRMP rules are now out of scope. It is likely some things will need to be refined as more guidance is released, we receive your feedback and we work through particular developments. Please talk to us early for a clear way forward for your future projects.

Out of Scope Matter (for residential activities)	**NRMP Rules/provisions affected**
Area of glazing	No specific plan provisions
Presence or absence of balconies	REr.27 Outdoor living court SCr.30 Outdoor living court Residential activity INr.20.1 (c) Residential units
Outdoor living Space	REr.27 Outdoor living court SCr.30 Residential activity INr.20.1 (c) Residential units Schedule Xr.11.5
Size of residential unit	ICr.37C Residential unit - minimum size
Size of Landscaped area (except for permeability)	REr.25.1(e) & AP23.4.7.ii requirements for a minimum % of landscaping in the front yard
All Land Use Activities	**NRMP rules/provisions affected**
Negative effects of trade competition	No specific plan provisions
Effects on Retail Distribution	Certain parts of rules (for example in the airport zone or schedule N) that partially deal with retail activity effects on the city centre.
Lack of demand or project viability	No specific plan provisions
Type of residents to be housed in a new development	Some assessment criteria – eg – where residents are subject to care.
Views from Private Property	Some matters of discretion referring to views