

## THE DRAFT WHAKAMAHERE WHAKATŪ NELSON PLAN KEY INFORMATION

The Draft Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan combines the current resource management plans for Nelson into one combined Plan that reflects Central government requirements and direction, current best practice, and the latest research and local information. Once notified, the Nelson Plan will guide how we use our natural resources, where and how we develop land, and how we protect our environment.

### GENERAL RURAL ZONE

#### What is the proposed General rural zone about?

The General rural zone would apply to rural areas typically located in the north-east of Whakatū Nelson and comprises a mix of rural primary production and industry, such as farming and forestry, as well as some tourist activities. Whilst enabling these activities, this zone aims to maintain the rural aesthetic appeal of the area.

#### What would the General rural zone aim to achieve?

The General rural zone aims to support the economic growth of the area whilst respecting and working with the unique landscape and cultural values, in particular where built environments occupying valley floors and lower hills enjoy a sense of space and openness provided by the native and forestry landscapes.

To enable social and economic wellbeing, the Draft Nelson Plan would provide for small-scale residential activities. Activities unsuited to the zone and/or surrounding area would need a resource consent.

#### What sorts of activities would the zone allow for?

The General rural zone would allow for a wide range of rural activities, particularly those with a primary industry focus. These could include:

- Farming and other rural industry activities
- Plantation forestry which meets National Environmental Standards where applicable

- Small-scale mineral exploration outside of the identified Flaxmore, York Valley and Marsden quarry precincts
- Recreation, tourism and associated commercial activities which meet building design standards
- Building new or making changes to existing buildings and structures which meet relevant standards.

#### When would I need a resource consent?

Where an activity does not/ cannot meet one or more of the zone standards, a resource consent would be required. For example, if:

- A building is higher than 12m
- A building occupies more than 40m<sup>2</sup> or is used for living accommodation and is located less than 10m away from the perimeter of the site boundary (n.b. there are instances when a greater distance is required)
- A building does not have access to a water supply, or stormwater and wastewater facilities
- An activity offering a service to the public wishes to open before or after standard operating hours
- There is limited access and/or turning facilities to a site

For a detailed list of the activities and standards refer to the Draft Nelson Plan.



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### How would a resource consent be assessed?

An application for resource consent considers how the activity fits with the objectives and policies of the zone. Each resource consent is assessed on a case-by-case basis, but are guided by the standards and rules.

### How has the approach to the General rural zone chapter changed from the current Nelson Resource Management Plan (NRMP)?

There are no significant changes to the NRMP for the rural zone, other than the creation of an additional chapter to distinguish the rural general areas from the rural lifestyle areas. The activities and standards have also been simplified so that it is clear what activities are permitted and, where a resource consent is required, which matters are to be considered.

### Further information on the Nelson Plan

This key information sheet is a summary of the provisions in the Draft Nelson Plan that relate to the General rural zone. It should not be used as a definitive representation of content.

To view actual Draft Nelson Plan content, please go to [shape.nelson.govt.nz](http://shape.nelson.govt.nz). To find the General rural zone provisions refer to Part 4 GRUZ – General rural zone. Part 4 PREC1 – PREC3 Rural zone precincts. Related provisions include Part 2 LF – Land and freshwater; Part 3 LD – Land.

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