

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.

PUBLIC ACCESS

What is the Public access chapter all about?

This chapter is about public access to freshwater bodies and the coastal environment, both of which contribute to the unique qualities of the Whakatū Nelson area and provide a valuable resource for traditional, recreation and community practices to be undertaken. This chapter recognises the importance of ensuring everyone has access to these public water resources to appreciate and enjoy.

What is the Public access chapter trying to achieve?

The ultimate aim of the chapter is to enable public access to water bodies, like streams, rivers, lakes and the coast. The Draft Plan proposes to achieve this by creating esplanade reserves, strips and other means of access to and along streams, rivers and the coast, at the time that land is subdivided or otherwise by agreement with landowners. Activities which may stop or reduce existing public access are proposed to be restricted so that everyone can take enjoyment in these natural resources.

What activities would need a resource consent?

A variety of rules and standards relating to public access guide what activities may need to seek permission from Council in the form of a resource consent:

- Subdivision of land along streams, rivers or the coast may need to provide for public access
- Any activity which restricts public access to freshwater bodies and the coastal environments
- Activities which do not respect the cultural values of these waterbodies

- Any activity which would pose a risk to public safety in the area, such as the inappropriate use of vehicles on access ways.

For a detailed list of the rules and standards refer to the Draft Nelson Plan. Where an activity cannot meet one or more of the development standards a resource consent is required.

How would a resource consent be assessed?

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

How would the Public access chapter change from the current Nelson Resource Management Plan (NRMP)?

The Public access chapter contains similar provisions to that of the current NRMP, but groups them in one place in the Draft Nelson Plan.

Further information on the Nelson Plan

This key information sheet is a summary of the provisions in the Draft Nelson Plan that relate to Public access. 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. To find the Public access provisions refer to Part 3, PA – Public access. Related provisions include Part 3 SUB – Subdivision; Part 4 All Zones.

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