



**Notice of the ordinary meeting of the
Environment Committee
*Kōmiti Taiao***

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| Date: | Thursday 3 September 2020 |
| Time: | 9.00a.m. |
| Location: | Council Chamber, Civic House 110 Trafalgar Street Nelson |

Agenda

Rārangi take

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| Chair | Cr Kate Fulton |
| Deputy Chair | Cr Brian McGurk |
| Members | Her Worship the Mayor Rachel Reese Cr Yvonne Bowater Cr Trudie Brand Cr Mel Courtney Cr Judene Edgar Cr Matt Lawrey Cr Gaile Noonan Cr Rohan O'Neill-Stevens Cr Pete Rainey Cr Rachel Sanson Cr Tim Skinner Glenice Paine |

**Pat Dougherty
Chief Executive**

Quorum: 2

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Environment Committee - Delegations

Areas of Responsibility:

- Building control matters, including earthquake-prone buildings and the fencing of swimming pools
- Bylaws, within the areas of responsibility
- Council and/or Community projects or initiatives for enhanced environmental outcomes
- Environmental regulatory matters including (but not limited to) animals and dogs, amusement devices, alcohol licensing (except where delegated to the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority), food premises, gambling and public health
- Regulatory enforcement and monitoring
- Maritime and Harbour Safety and Control
- Pollution control
- Hazardous substances and contaminated land
- Environmental science matters including (but not limited to) air quality, water quality, water quantity, land management, biodiversity, biosecurity (marine, freshwater and terrestrial), and coastal and marine science
- Environmental programmes including (but not limited to) warmer, healthier homes, energy efficiency, environmental education, and eco-building advice
- Science monitoring and reporting
- Climate change resilience overview (adaptation and mitigation)
- The Regional Policy Statement, District and Regional Plans, including the Nelson Plan
- Other planning documents or policies, including (but not limited to) the Land Development Manual
- Policies and strategies related to resource management matters
- Policies and strategies related to compliance, monitoring and enforcement

Delegations:

The committee has all of the responsibilities, powers, functions and duties of Council in relation to governance matters within its areas of responsibility, except where they have been retained by Council, or have been referred to other committees, subcommittees or subordinate decision-making bodies.

The exercise of Council's responsibilities, powers, functions and duties in relation to governance matters includes (but is not limited to):

- Monitoring Council's performance for the committee's areas of responsibility, including legislative responsibilities and compliance requirements
- Developing, approving, monitoring and reviewing policies and plans, including activity management plans
- Reviewing and determining whether a bylaw or amendment, revocation or replacement of a bylaw is appropriate
- Undertaking community engagement, including all steps relating to Special Consultative Procedures or other formal consultation processes
- Approving submissions to external bodies or organisations, and on legislation and regulatory proposals

Powers to Recommend to Council:

In the following situations the committee may consider matters within the areas of responsibility but make recommendations to Council only (in accordance with sections 5.1.3 - 5.1.5 of the Delegations Register):

- Matters that, under the Local Government Act 2002, the operation of law or other legislation, Council is unable to delegate
- The purchase or disposal of land or property relating to the areas of responsibility, other than in accordance with the Long Term Plan or Annual Plan
- Unbudgeted expenditure relating to the areas of responsibility, not included in the Long Term Plan or Annual Plan
- Approval of notification of any statutory resource management plan, including the Nelson Plan or any Plan Changes
- Decisions regarding significant assets

Karakia Timatanga**1. Apologies**

Nil

2. Confirmation of Order of Business**3. Interests**

3.1 Updates to the Interests Register

3.2 Identify any conflicts of interest in the agenda

4. Public Forum**5. Confirmation of Minutes**

5.1 23 July 2020

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Document number M12016

Recommendation

That the Environment Committee

- 1. Confirms the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee, held on 23 July 2020, as a true and correct record.***

6. Chairperson's Report**7. Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan Programme Update****10 - 21**

Document number R18190

Recommendation

That the Environment Committee

- 1. Receives the report Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan Programme Update (R18190) and its attachment (A2425419); and***
- 2. Approves the updated programme for the Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan, as follows***
 - Undertaking two phases of consultation, the first in October 2020, and the second in March 2021; and***
 - Anticipated notification of the Proposed Plan in February 2022.***

8. Environmental Management Group - Quarterly Report

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Document number R16951

Recommendation

The Environment Committee

- 1. Receives the report Environmental Management Group - Quarterly Report (R16951) and its attachments (A2367256, A2433854, A2415060 and A2282783).***

Karakia Whakamutunga



Minutes of a meeting of the Environment Committee

Held in the Council Chamber, Civic House, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson

On Thursday 23 July 2020, commencing at 10.39a.m.

Present: Councillor K Fulton (Chairperson), Her Worship the Mayor R Reese, B McGurk (Deputy Chairperson), Councillors Y Bowater, T Brand, M Courtney, J Edgar, M Lawrey, G Noonan, R O'Neill-Stevens, P Rainey, R Sanson, T Skinner and Ms G Paine

In Attendance: Group Manager Environmental Management (C Barton), Governance Adviser (E Stephenson) and Governance Support (K McLean)

Apologies : Nil

Karakia Timatanga

There was an opening karakia.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

3. Interests

There were no updates to the Interests Register, and no interests with items on the agenda were declared.

4. Public Forum

There was no public forum.

The meeting was adjourned from 10.42a.m. until 11.00a.m., at which time Councillors Brand and Skinner were not present.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 28 May 2020

Document number M9897, agenda pages 5 - 28 refer.

Resolved EC/2020/024

That the Environment Committee

- 1. Confirms the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee, held on 28 May 2020, as a true and correct record.***

McGurk/Courtney

Carried

6. Chairperson's Report

Document number R18179

The Chairperson introduced her report (A2426049), which focused on the Maitai/Mahitahi Ecological Restoration plan.

Manager Science and Environment, Jo Martin, and Team Leader Parks, Peter Grundy, provided a PowerPoint presentation of plantings in the Maitai catchment (A2426387).

Attendance: Councillors Brand and Skinner returned to the meeting at 11.02a.m.

Ms Martin and Mr Grundy answered questions regarding the Ecological Restoration Plan.

Attendance: Her Worship the Mayor Reese left the meeting at 11.25a.m.

Attendance: Councillor Lawrey left the meeting from 11.27a.m. until 11.34a.m.

Attendance: Councillor Noonan left the meeting at 11.45a.m.

Attendance: Councillor Edgar left the meeting at 11.46a.m.

Resolved EC/2020/025

That the Environment Committee

- 1. Receives the report Chairperson's Report (R18179, A2426049).***

Sanson/Bowater

Carried

Attachments

- 1 A2426049 - Chairperson's report 23Jul2020
- 2 A2426387 - Planting in the Maitai Catchment PowerPoint presentation

7. Submission to National Environmental Standards for Air Quality Proposed Amendments

Document number R18066, agenda pages 29 - 73 refer.

Attendance: Her Worship the Mayor Reese returned to the meeting at 11.48a.m.

Environmental Programmes Advisers, Richard Frizzell, and Richard Popenhagen, presented the report. Mr Frizzell gave a brief overview of the submission, noting Council's engagement of an air quality scientist and the key elements of the proposed amendments.

Mr Frizzell and Mr Popenhagen answered questions about the rationale for the proposed amendments, compliance levels and exceedances, the impact of a 24 hour PM_{2.5} average rather than an annual average, monitoring, wood burner emissions, the approach of other Councils and Council's ability to comply with the proposed new standards.

Attendance: Councillors Edgar and Noonan returned to the meeting at 12.02p.m.

Concerns were expressed that the National Environmental Standards for Air Quality was an insufficient piece of work, with a lack of scientific evidence and that it was an expense that Council should not have had to meet to commission an expert for peer review. Discussion took place regarding air quality and it was noted that the Nelson Air Quality Plan is being reviewed as part of the Nelson Plan process.

Attendance: Councillor Noonan left the meeting at 12.19p.m.

The meeting was adjourned from 12.29p.m. until 12.32p.m., at which time Councillors Brand and Lawrey were not present.

Attendance: Councillor Lawrey returned to the meeting at 12.33p.m.

Attendance: Councillor Brand returned to the meeting at 12.34p.m.

Resolved EC/2020/026

That the Environment Committee

- 1. Receives the report Submission to National Environmental Standards for Air Quality Proposed Amendments (R18066) and its attachments (A2380092, A2379821 and A2379807); and***

2. **Approves the attached Nelson City Council submission on proposed amendments to the National Environmental Standards for Air Quality (A2380092).**

Her Worship the Mayor/Paine

Carried

8. Exclusion of the Public

Resolved EC/2020/027

That the Environment Committee

1. **Excludes the public from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.**
2. ***The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:***

Skinner/Bowater

Carried

| Item | General subject of each matter to be considered | Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter | Particular interests protected (where applicable) |
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| 1 | Environment Committee Meeting - Public Excluded Minutes - 28 May 2020 | Section 48(1)(a) The public conduct of this matter would be likely to result in disclosure of information for which good reason exists under section 7. | The withholding of the information is necessary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 7(2)(i) To enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) |

The meeting went into confidential session at 12.48p.m. and resumed in public session at 12.49p.m.

The only business transacted in confidential session was to confirm the minutes. In accordance with the Local Government Official Information Meetings Act, no reason for withholding this information from the public exists therefore this business has been recorded in the open minutes.

9. Confirmation of Minutes

9.1 28 May 2020

Document number M9899, agenda pages 4 - 6 refer.

Resolved EC/2020/028

That the Environment Committee

- 1. Confirms the minutes of part of the meeting of the Environment Committee, held with the public excluded on 28 May 2020, as a true and correct record.***

Skinner/McGurk

Carried

10. Re-admittance of the Public

Resolved EC/2020/029

That the Council

- 1. Re-admits the public to the meeting.***

McGurk/Edgar

Carried

Karakia Whakamutunga

There was a closing karakia.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 12.50p.m.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date

Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan Programme Update

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide an update on the Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan programme for 2020-2021 and seek approval for the revised timeframes for consultation and notification.

2. Recommendation

That the Environment Committee

- 1. Receives the report Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan Programme Update (R18190) and its attachment (A2425419); and***
- 2. Approves the updated programme for the Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan, as follows***
 - Undertaking two phases of consultation, the first in October 2020, and the second in March 2021; and***
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3. Background

Programme Update

- 3.1 The Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan (the Plan) programme has been altered. The primary reason is because the COVID-19 restrictions limited the ability to undertake effective public consultation, as planned for early 2020.
- 3.2 The report proposes to seek approval for release of the draft Plan, with the first phase of public consultation starting on 6 October. Consultation will close 8 weeks later on 6 December 2020.
- 3.3 A second phase of public consultation is proposed for March 2021. The second phase of consultation will include the entire Plan with a particular focus on:

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- 3.3.1 Coastal and freshwater inundation (to meet timeframes for producing modelling information);
 - 3.3.2 Land Instability hazards (technical work being completed in 2020);
 - 3.3.3 Airport Zone; Education and Research Zones;
 - 3.3.4 Marina; and Haven Precinct rules; and
 - 3.3.5 Any other parts of the Plan that are awaiting national direction (e.g. Air Quality NES) or responding to recent National Policy Statements (e.g. NPS Urban Development and NPS Freshwater) or Resource Management Act changes; parts awaiting technical or mapping outputs, or that may benefit from further consultation with the community.
- 3.4 After the consultation on the Draft Plan, staff will work with councillors, advisors, internal staff across Council, and Te Tau Ihu iwi working group to finalise the provisions. Changes and mapping inputs to the E-Plan will follow.
- 3.5 A final draft will then be provided to iwi in accordance with the Resource Management Act 1991. Once Council has considered the feedback from iwi, the Plan can be finalised and the E-Plan integration completed.
- 3.6 The anticipated timeframe for notification of the Proposed Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan is February 2022.

Key Stakeholder Testing

- 3.7 During Covid-19 lockdown, through to July 2020, the Environmental Planning team took the opportunity to test a draft of the Plan with a selection of key stakeholders. These stakeholders were statutory agencies, internal staff members, frequent users of the plan (e.g. local Resource Management Act planning and legal firms; active large-scale developers; Council Controlled Organisations), and neighbouring Councils. The purpose of the testing was to identify errors, omissions or interpretation issues – as well as to check how the draft Plan may affect their longer term interests as they were recovering from Covid-19 impacts.
- 3.8 A summary of the feedback is attached (A2425419) to this report and has been considered by Council at a workshop on 4 August 2020.
- 3.9 Overall, the feedback has been largely supportive of many of the potential changes, particularly regarding the ability of parties to work with Council at an early stage. A number of parties offered suggestions for corrections or amendments to aid interpretation; sought clearer provisions or better alignment with National Directions; or sought particular outcomes.

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- 3.10 Submissions that raised substantive matters or sought alternative outcomes will be considered as part of the Draft Plan feedback considerations – in conjunction with public feedback. This will be communicated to those parties.
- 3.11 In addition, Te Tau Ihu iwi working group has been providing input and advice throughout the development of the draft Plan. The feedback from the stakeholders has been provided to the iwi working group for further consideration. Matters that require substantive consideration will also be considered during the Draft Plan feedback process.

Project Oversight

- 3.12 The project team will continue to report progress on the Nelson Plan project to the Steering Group (consisting of Senior Leadership and the project management team) and Governance Liaison Group (Mayor Reese, Cr McGurk; Cr Fulton; CEO; General Manager – Environmental Management and project management team). The purpose of the oversight teams is to monitor timeframes, budgets, progress and provide early direction on issues arising.
- 3.13 Reporting on progress to Council will continue via standard Quarterly Reporting and papers as required.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 This report provides an update on the programme for the Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan. Specifically:
 - 4.1.1 Undertake two phases of consultation on the Draft Nelson Plan. The first in October 2020, and the second in March 2021.
 - 4.1.2 Anticipated notification of the Proposed Plan in February 2022.

Author: **Maxine Day, Manager Environmental Planning**

Attachments

Attachment 1: A2425419 Summary of Stakeholder Feedback on Test Version of Nelson Plan [↓](#)

Draft Nelson Plan – Key Stakeholder Testing
Summary of Key Stakeholder Feedback
July 2020

| Stakeholder | Summary of feedback | Amendments sought to the Draft Nelson Plan |
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| Cawthron Institute | Seeking a change to the planning framework and zone maps to specifically recognise and provide for Cawthron sites at Halifax St East and The Glen. | Yes, new spatial layer (zone or precinct or other) with specific Objectives, Policies, rules and standards for Cawthron activities at their sites on Halifax St East and The Glen. |
| Tinline Properties | They are interested in the Nelson Plan and being involved further, particularly in regards to the City centre and Mixed use zones and changes to zonings, but have no specific feedback at this stage. | Not at this stage. |
| Department of Conservation (Christchurch office) | Provided detailed feedback in relation to general Plan structure (cross-referencing, activity table rule cascade, LF chapter length, and the location and identification of the CE chapters), Plan drafting (provision title relevance, reference to Appendices, use of “placeholder” objectives and policies), the RPS (repetition and CE Objectives and policies), and the topics Coastal environment (definitions, CMA boundary, natural character, biosecurity, natural hazards, | Yes, various amendments sought to chapters: Definitions, and CE, CMA, NATC, LF, and ECO in Part 2 and 3. |

| Stakeholder | Summary of feedback | Amendments sought to the Draft Nelson Plan |
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| | indigenous species, public access, and aquaculture), Ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity (ecological significance criteria, indigenous biodiversity values, no net loss, and vegetation clearance), and Land and freshwater (indigenous biodiversity and wetland provisions). | |
| Department of Conservation (Nelson office) | Provided detailed feedback in relation to specific policies (re Ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity), rule phrasing, definitions, and cross-referencing, in particular in regards to DoC related activities on public conservation land. Also provided feedback on general formatting and Plan structure, specifically in regards to the formatting of the rules tables and the hierarchy of zones/precincts. | Yes, various amendments sought to chapters: NOSZ, SIGN, EW, NFL, LF, and ECO. |
| Gibbons | Supports changes to Mixed use zone in principle. Opposes the removal of Schedule N 'Large Format Retailing' in relation to the Mitre 10 property. | Yes. Amended Schedule N provisions to be included. Amendment to the Mixed use zone to align with provisions for Richmond West under the Tasman Resource Management Plan, in particular re minimum GFA for retailing. Seeks a zone change to extend the Mixed use zone into the proposed Light industrial zone. |

| Stakeholder | Summary of feedback | Amendments sought to the Draft Nelson Plan |
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| Granville Dunstan | Passionate about limiting the height of Town centre properties/ developments to enable sunlight to permeate the streets and to reduce wind tunnels i.e. limiting development to a max of three levels/10m high, and along with closing Trafalgar Street to traffic. | No. |
| Heritage New Zealand (Central Regional Office) | Broadly supportive of the new heritage provisions, especially having rules applying across all zones, the articulation of issues of concern for tangata whenua, and the removal of the Group C category. Issues raised relate to the application of building controls in the City centre, coverage of different heritage overlays, and the monitoring and enforcement of permitted activities. | Yes, various amendments sought to the definitions, Part 1, Part 2-SRMR-HCV, Part 3 Historical and cultural values and Signs, Part 4 – City centre zone and the Residential zones, and some Appendices. |
| Kāinga Ora | Generally supportive of the overall direction of the Draft Nelson Plan as the Plan seeks to increase the scale and density of residential development and provide for a range of housing typologies / choices across residential areas in Nelson. Considers that the Draft Nelson Plan is moving towards consistency with the approach being proposed through the NPS:Urban Development 2019. Kāinga Ora supports the | Yes, amendment sought to the Part 3 chapters SUB and UFD, and the rules and standards for the Residential zones. Also to the maps to extend the Medium density residential zone boundaries in some locations. |

| Stakeholder | Summary of feedback | Amendments sought to the Draft Nelson Plan |
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| | provision and enablement of urban growth and intensification, in appropriate locations, throughout Nelson. Generally supports a 'maintenance and enhancement' policy approach to amenity values, although seeks refinement to these policies. Supports the use of a restricted discretionary activity framework as a means to assess the potential adverse effects of non-compliance with 'bulk and location' rules and standards. Supports the provision of papakāinga in the residential zones. Opposes the inclusion of minimum parking requirements for residential units and a default catch-all activity status of non-complying activity. Recommends some amendments to the location of overlay provisions in the chapters to align better with the National Planning Standards and the reliance on the NTLDM for compliance. Also recommends amendments to the spatial extent of the proposed 'Medium Density Residential Zone', focussing the zone within 5-10min (400m to 800m) walkable catchments of Neighbourhood Centres, Local Centres and the Mixed Use zone, which Kāinga Ora considers is | |

| Stakeholder | Summary of feedback | Amendments sought to the Draft Nelson Plan |
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| | consistent with the approach currently set out in the Proposed NPS:UD 2019. | |
| Māori Land Court | Pleased with the nature of the provisions - more enabling of papakāinga development. Rules were positive and aspirational. Provided more detailed comments regarding policy and definition wording relating to papakāinga development, in particular land tenure and ownership. | No. |
| Marlborough District Council | No specific feedback but have shared info regarding issues raised during the MDC appeals process, specifically in relation to the evaluation methods used in relation to landscape and natural character, repackaging of the landscape mapping from a view shaft perspective and relief sought from Transpower relating to the National Grid Yard and corridor. | No. |
| Ministry for Education | No detailed feedback provided but indicated general support for provisions relating to active and public transport. | No. |
| Ministry of Defence | Temporary military training activities is a key matter of importance to NZDF, and as such changes have been sought to reflect a nation-wide approach. Also indicated interest to be | Yes, various amendments sought to the Definitions, and rules in the chapters CMA, Land and freshwater, |

| Stakeholder | Summary of feedback | Amendments sought to the Draft Nelson Plan |
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| | involved in the Air chapter once it was ready for feedback. | Temporary activities, Noise, Public access, and the residential zones. |
| Nelson Airport Ltd | NCC is continuing to collaborate with NAL on the draft Airport zone content. However, general feedback on other content was provided and focussed on ensuring map layers relevant to the airport are correctly referenced. NAL also broadly supports the Nelson Plan approach at both RPS and District Plan level. Requests some further work on noise (including engine testing) and signage provisions within the Airport zone. | Yes, amendments sought to the maps for the air noise boundaries and precincts located within the Airport zone, Definitions, and signage provisions to apply in the Airport zone. |
| Nelson Electricity Ltd | Generally comfortable with the Draft Nelson Plan provisions. No issues raised at this stage. Will undertake further testing as certain scenarios arise. | No. |
| Nelson Marina (Nelson Marina Advisory Group) | Seeking an amendment in the area covered by the Marina Precinct, to include additional areas along the marine environment and a removal of land that does not connect to the marine environment. Wish to retain policies and rules that restrict development that is not functionally related to marine recreation. | Yes, amendment sought to the boundary of the Marina Precinct on the planning maps |

| Stakeholder | Summary of feedback | Amendments sought to the Draft Nelson Plan |
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| Nelson Regional Development Agency | Seeking to ensure the City vision is reflected in the Plan with greater connection between city and Tahunanui. Would like to see regulatory incentives for investment/buildings that are fit for purpose. | No. |
| Nelson Tasman Chamber of Commerce | Consideration needs to be given to the mix of activities in CCZ and MUZ. Flexibility is important. | No. |
| Network Tasman | No formal comments provided however communicated that no issues have been raised at this stage given that the Nelson Plan remains relatively unchanged as far as their network asset is concerned. | No. |
| Port Nelson Ltd | Detailed feedback provided with numerous matters raised and relief sought. Generally supports, with refinement, the provisions in the Port zone and the Energy, infrastructure and transport chapter. Seeks recognition in the CMA provisions of the Port as a regionally significant infrastructure, clarification relating to the CMA overlay boundaries affecting the Port, and scope of the NZCPS reflected in the provisions. Concerns raised relating to the overlap between the dredged channel and the overlays for | Yes, various amendments sought to Part 2 CC and HAZ, Part 3 chapters CE, CMA, EIT, HH, NOISE, and SUB, Part 4 chapters for the Port zone, Residential Zones, and Neighbourhood centre zone, and some of the maps and appendices. |

| Stakeholder | Summary of feedback | Amendments sought to the Draft Nelson Plan |
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| | archaeology and areas of significance to Māori. Seeks review of the provisions and boundary of the Marina precinct, including the desired outcome of this precinct. Additional comments provided relating to natural character, natural hazards, noise, lighting, signs, earthworks, subdivision, parking, the road hierarchy, the Residential zones, the Neighbourhood centre zone, and Wakefield quay and the proposed Haven Spatial Plan. | |
| Principle Developments Ltd | Seeks rezoning of two areas in the Rural zones: - Lot 100 DP 4829280 zoning is currently a mix of residential and rural zone with two live subdivision RCs. Requests these are considered for rezoning and believes whole site should be zoned residential. - 1-17 & 20 Koura Road currently zoned Rural lifestyle zone, however consider a better fit would be Residential zoning. | Yes, rezone Lot 100 DP 4829280 and 1-17 & 20 Koura Road to Residential zone. |
| Raine Holdings | Seeks to protect the right to continue farming on the Raine Estate and that Council finds other locations to accommodation residential growth. | Yes, removed the Saxton Development area zoning and chapter relating to their land. |
| Telecoms Combined - Spark, Chorus, Vodafone | Detailed feedback provided with numerous matters raised. Key message is that the use of | Yes, various amendments sought to the Definitions, Part 2 policies relating to infrastructure, Part 3 chapters |

| Stakeholder | Summary of feedback | Amendments sought to the Draft Nelson Plan |
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| | the draft national provisions for telecommunications is sought as these represent the industry standard. This includes objectives, policies and rules for telecommunication activities. | EIT, EW, CMA, NCFLC, SUB, NH, HH, and TREE, and Part 4 chapters for the Residential zones. |
| Transpower NZ Ltd | Generally supports the approach of the Nelson Plan, particularly the objectives, policies and rules relating to the National Grid. Seeks the inclusion of new definitions (consistent with the National Planning Standards), changes to some policies to recognise the National Grid, the inclusion of the words "seeks to avoid" in policies relating to effects from the National Grid, and clarity with the relevant map layers. Also made comment about the general structure of the Nelson Plan and location of rules relating to the National Grid. | Yes, various amendments sought to the Definitions, Part 2 chapters CC, CE, ECO, EIT, NFL, Part 3 chapters CMA, NCFLC, LF, EIT, EW, HAZ, ECO, NATC, NLF, SUB, and UFD, and Part 4 chapters for the Residential, Rural, Natural open space, and Sport and active recreation zones. |
| Wakatu Inc | No formal feedback provided however would like to see greater certainty in regards to floor levels required in flood hazard areas. | No. |

Environmental Management Group - Quarterly Report

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide an update on the final quarter and for the overall year for Environmental Management Group functions: Building, City Development, Consents and Compliance, Planning, and Science and Environment. The report also provides a legal proceedings update relating to the Environmental Management Group functions where not reported to Audit and Risk.

2. Recommendation

The Environment Committee

1. ***Receives the report Environmental Management Group - Quarterly Report (R16951) and its attachments (A2367256, A2433854, A2415060 and A2282783).***

3. Summary

| Activity | Level of service | Achievement |
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| Building | Compliance with statutory requirements. | Compliance with Building Consent and Code Compliance timeframes are - 100% for Building Consents issued 98% for Code Compliance Certificates issued, this quarter. Building Consent numbers were reduced in April but overall numbers are in line with 2017/18. Statistics are included in Attachment 1 (A2367256) |
| City Development | Coordinated growth with infrastructure. A well planned City that meets the | Streets for People and stakeholder engagement has been a focus of the last quarter. A report will be brought to Council on 9 September. |

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| Activity | Level of service | Achievement |
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| | community's current and future needs. | <p>The Intensification Action Plan has been drafted and is being reported to Council on 22 September.</p> <p>The Development Contributions Review has commenced. The review of the Outdoor Dining Policy is being considered.</p> |
| Consents and Compliance | Compliance with statutory requirements. | <p>Compliance with resource consent timeframes averaged 99% for the six months from January to June with March the only month where some non-notified consents were not on time. For the year there were 25 fewer applications received and 2 more consents issued compared to the 2018/19 year.</p> <p>Statistics are included in Attachment 1 (A2367256).</p> |
| Planning | Resource management plans are current and meet all legislative requirements. | <p>Testing of the Nelson Plan with key stakeholders occurred from April to July 2020. Subsequently, changes to the Plan have been made to fix errors and omissions, to aid interpretation; and to align the Nelson Plan with other Council policies or plans.</p> <p>The Dog Policy and Bylaw was approved by the Environment Committee in June 2020.</p> <p>The Urban Environment Bylaw review was approved for commencement by the Environment Committee in June 2020.</p> |
| Science and Environment | Compliance and reporting against relevant policy statements and standards. | <p>There were no exceedances of the National Environmental Standards for Air Quality during the last 12 months. This is the first time since monitoring began in 2001.</p> <p>Freshwater monitoring programmes were delivered according to national best practice, and the LTP KPI related to pristine waterways, was met. Water quality data for 2019 will be uploaded to Land and Water Aotearoa (LAWA) in the next quarter.</p> |

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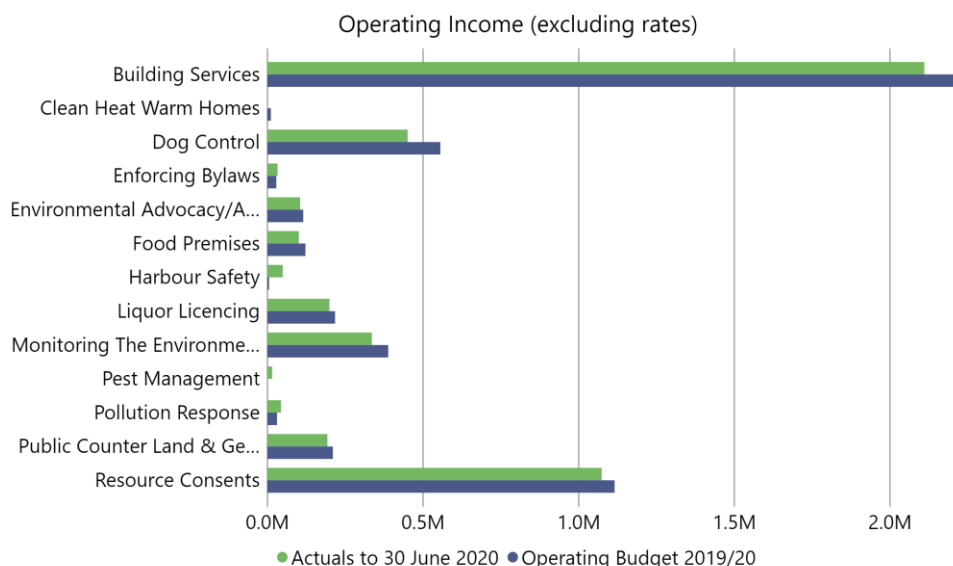
| Activity | Level of service | Achievement |
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| | Delivery of all programmes. | <p>Four biosecurity issues arose during the year: Sabella incursions at the Marina, Lake Snow in the Maitai Reservoir, and Water Celery and <i>Gambusia</i> (invasive pest fish) in the Stoke Streams.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful delivery of: (a) year 1 of the Sustainable Land Management programme; funded by the Ministry for Primary Industry's Hill Country Erosion Fund (\$1.2m over 4 years). (b) Healthy streams programme and (c) Nelson Nature programme. • This year saw reduced delivery of the Eco-Design Adviser service due to pressure from the Air Quality programme. |

4. Discussion

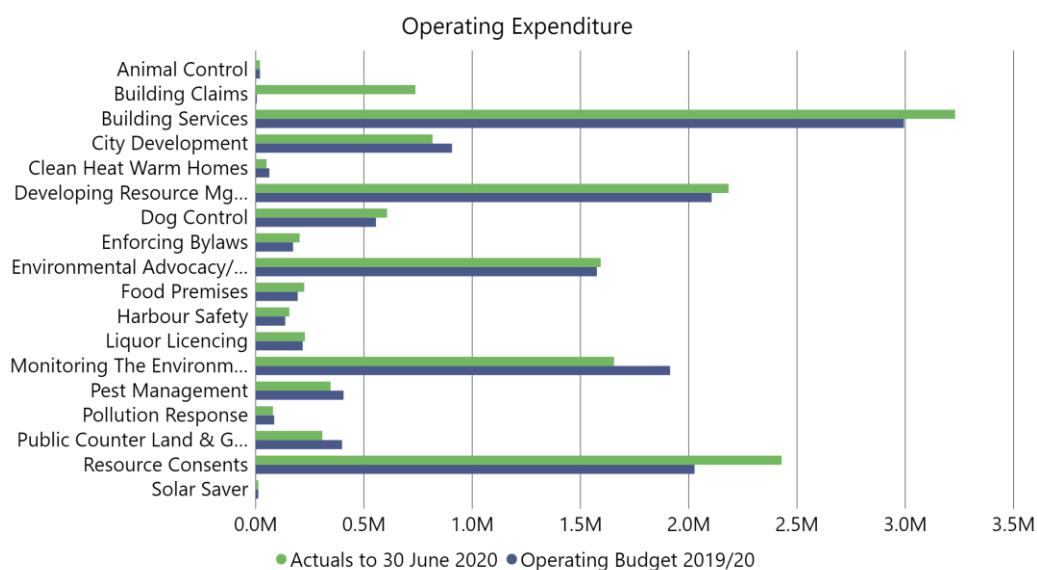
Financial Results

Notes

- The 'Total Operating Budget' differs from the 'Total Annual Plan Budget' in that it includes carry forwards and reallocations made after the final approval of the Annual Plan.
- Base expenditure is expenditure that happens year after year, for example yearly contracts or operating expenses.
- Programmed Expenditure is planned work, or there is a specific programme of works. For example, painting a building.
- Unprogrammed Expenditure is reactive or unplanned in nature, for example responding to a weather event. Budgets are included as provisions for these expense which are unknown.



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Building Claim expenditure is greater than budget by \$732,000. This relates to a provisional claim of \$690,000 for a leaky home which is budgeted in 2020/21 but has been recognised in 2019/20. The claim is funded by reserves.

Building Services income is less than budget by \$121,000. Building consent fees are under budget by \$102,000 for the full year. This variance is consistent with Year-to-Date 31 March figures, which were \$68,000 under budget at that time. Fees and charges have been altered.

Building Services expenditure is greater than budget by \$236,000. There was a need to have consultant input on a range of activities increasing costs. Consultant use has been reduced this year.

City Development expenditure is less than budget by \$90,000. City development project and consultant costs are under budget by \$65,000 and \$31,000 respectively. Up to \$50,000 of anticipated expenditure has been picked up by the Roading budget for the City Centre Streetscape Standards which City Development had budgeted for. The remaining underspend is cost savings.

Dog Control income is less than budget by \$105,000. Dog registration fees were not set in line with the budget this year and have been adjusted.

Monitoring the Environment expenditure is less than budget by \$259,000. Staff costs are under budget by \$165,000. There is a variance between actual and budgeted staff costs within cost centres but overall, actual staff costs are in line with budget. Finance is currently reviewing staff costs to reduce the variances going forward. Tasman Bay Monitoring and Research costs are under budget by \$46,000. Of this \$22,000 was re-allocated to estuarine monitoring, \$10,000 was carried over for work delayed due to COVID-19, and \$14,000 was identified as savings.

Public Counter Land & General expenditure is less than budget by \$91,000. Staff costs are under budget by \$93,000. There is a variance between actual and budgeted staff costs within cost centres but overall, actual

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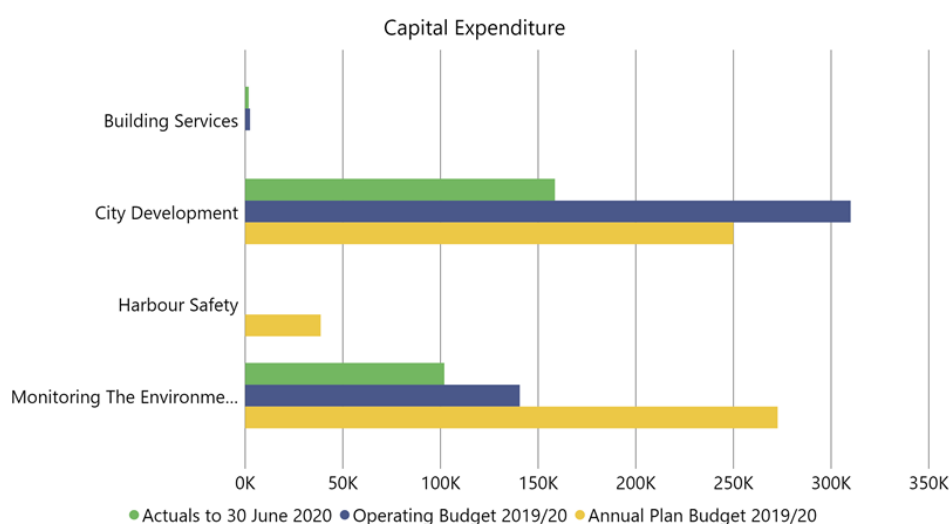
Resource Consents expenditure is greater than budget by \$402,000.

Consultancy costs are over budget by \$225,000 due to the use of consultants and a difference between what consultants hourly charge out rate is compared with what can be on charged under Councils fees and charges. The recruitment of two new staff will enable a reduced use of consultants. Unbudgeted external expert service costs of \$172,000 have been incurred – these relate mainly to geotechnical fees.

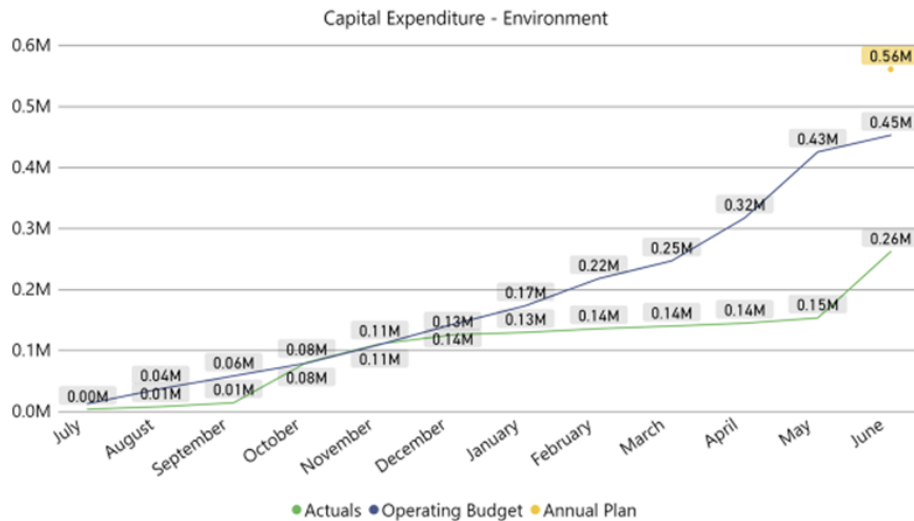
Developing Resource Management Plan expenditure is greater than budget by \$78,000.

Staff costs are over budget by \$121,000. There is a variance between actual and budgeted staff costs within cost centres but overall, actual staff costs are in line with budget. Finance is currently reviewing staff costs to reduce the variances going forward. Nelson Plan costs for full year are on track to meet budget approved by Council on 25 June 2020.

| Terms used |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ahead/behind – this indicates that the variance is due to timing, or that it is not yet known whether the variance will continue for the full year. This should be clarified in the commentary. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over/under – this indicates that a budget has been overspent or underspent, and that it is likely there is an actual cost saving or overrun. This should be made clear by the commentary. |
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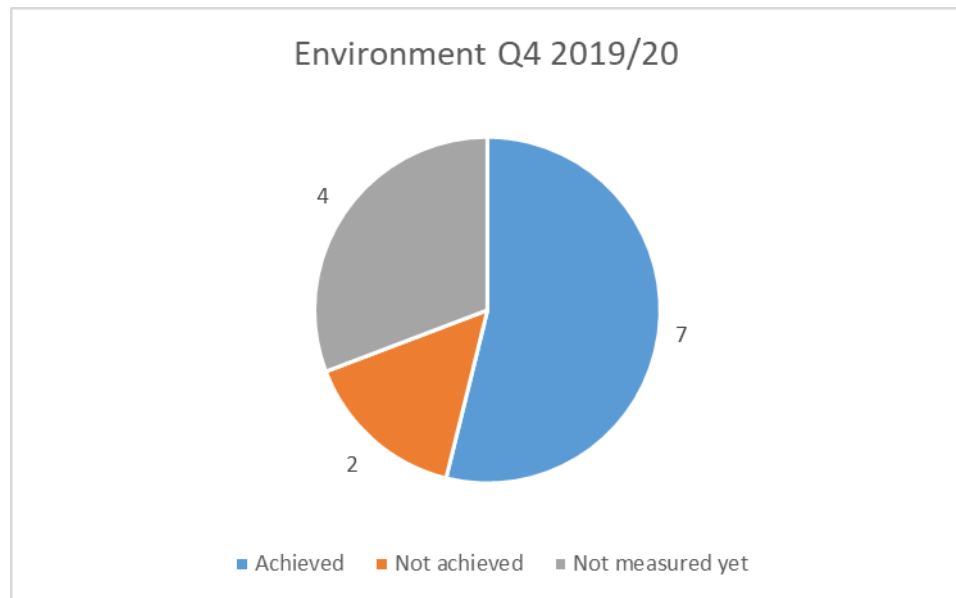


COVID-19 Impacts

The COVID-19 shutdown which lasted for Alert level 4 and 3 (total of seven weeks from 25 March to 13 May 2020) while work continued the following has been experienced:

- Physical building inspections could not be undertaken. Overall the number of building applications and inspections have returned to pre-COVID levels.
- City Development's shift to the innovative streets work has resulted in delays to other programmed work e.g the Spatial Plan
- The Planning team had to delay public consultation on the draft Nelson Plan although the targeted stakeholder engagement undertaken instead, has resulted in helpful feedback.
- The use of external contractors in both resource consents and building has been reduced.
- The green shovel ready project application's that were prepared during COVID-19 by the team has resulted in over \$3 million of committed funding to date.

Key Performance Indicators – Long Term Plan (attachment 2: A2433854)



4.1 Dog and animal control, food safety and public health, alcohol licensing, and pollution response measures have not been measured yet because as described in the 2018/19 Annual Report, Council's reporting systems are not currently at a level that enables results for these performance measures to be 100% verified. Urgent action is being taken to ensure the 2020/21 year data can be reported. More information can be found under 5.35. Unverified results are:

- 93% of dog complaints responded to in one day (LTP KPI is 90%)
- All Food Act verifications were undertaken or booked (KPI is 100%)
- All high risk and extra high risk premises under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act were inspected at least twice (KPI is all premises inspected twice)
- 100% of emergency pollution responses were responded to in 30 minutes and 98% of all other pollution responses occurred within one day (KPI is 100% for both).

4.2 The Resource Consents Statutory Timeframes and Building Unit Compliance measures have not been met due to a small number of consents not being processed within the statutory timeframes. Three percent of resource consents, four percent of building consents and three percent of Code Compliance Certificates were not processed on time.

5. Environmental Management Activity Update by Business Unit

BUILDING

Achievements

- 5.1 The building team completed the IANZ accreditation audit in June 2020. The hard work and return to Go Get was rewarded by only receiving 8 General Non Compliances (GNC's) of which 3 were addressed and cleared during the assessment. The remaining GNC's were received in two areas, four attributed to regulation 10 of the Building Consent accreditation regulations (assessing competency of employees), and one to regulation 12 (choosing and using contractors). These are currently being cleared.
- 5.2 The new revised fees and charges structure has been adopted and implemented, with minimal feedback/complaints from the public. The commercial report fees have been reassessed. The monthly/mid monthly fee was revised down to \$500 per annum from \$2500 and the monthly fee revised down to \$250 per annum from \$750 (\$135 in 2018/19). The monthly/mid monthly fee was set over a decade ago and reflected the time it took to prepare the report, the systems in place now, allow these reports to be generated far more efficiently.

Trends

- 5.3 There were 209 building consents and amendments issued in this quarter compared to 158 in the previous quarter. The Code Compliance Certificates issued in this quarter were 127 compared to 174 in the previous quarter.
- 5.4 The total number of building inspections undertaken in this quarter were 1183 compared to 1272 in the same period last year. This total includes only 56 inspections in April due to COVID-19 lockdown, with only 2 days of scheduled inspections for the whole of April.
- 5.5 Graphs showing the Building consent trends are included in Attachment 1 (A2367256). The first eight months of this year saw the number of building consents (and amendments) granted trending in line with 2018/19 figures. COVID-19 resulted in reduced numbers at the end of March and April, overall though numbers are in line with 2017/18, with a total of 902 consents granted, just 40 consents fewer than projected for the financial year. Issuing of Code Compliance Certificates (CCC), was tracking in line with the previous two years until April with only 13 CCC's issued, with a monthly average of 58 for the year. 706 CCC's were issued in total compared to 734 in 2018/19 and 771 in 2017/18.
- 5.6 This year the inspectors completed 5228 inspections. These figures are unfortunately not a true and accurate tally of the total inspections completed. Due to the unpredictable data being produced by the Alpha One consenting system, the figures are unreliable from July 2019

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through to February 2020 when there was a return to Go Get. Data integration between Go-Get and MagiQ is much more reliable.

- 5.7 The year finished with only 40 consents lower than predicted. The scope of work has change slightly after COVID-19 with a lack of commercial activity and a rise in residential renovation/alteration work. In consultation with industry partners, there still seems to be strong demand in the residential area, which gives a level of confidence toward consent numbers in the new financial year.

Strategic Direction and Focus

- 5.8 The initial MBIE audit of the Territorial Authority (TA) aspect of the business, was carried out in January 2020. The focus was on compliance schedules, building warrant of fitness and pool compliance. While the result was positive, there were 65 recommendations.
- 5.9 As a result the focus is to support resourcing for Quality Assurance (QA) and compliance in preparation for the IANZ and MBIE audits to be carried out next year.
- 5.10 Compliance with statutory timeframes has improved markedly with the return to Go Get and continuing to maintain these is a critical focus area. The new fees and charges have been implemented as of 1st July.

Risks and Challenges

- 5.11 The building unit is aiming to have a clear IANZ audit in June 2021 and is working towards being back on a two year accreditation audit cycle.
- 5.12 There have been two unsuccessful rounds of recruitment for a specialist role, Team Leader Building Inspections resulting in increased pressure on officers.
- 5.13 The full effects of COVID-19 are yet to be realised and the team is keeping up to date with industry information and forecasts.

CITY DEVELOPMENT

Achievements

- 5.14 The Pop Up Park construction is underway after being delayed by COVID-19 and is anticipated to be completed by September.
- 5.15 Upper Trafalgar Street pole fabrication is underway and despite delays by COVID-19 the poles are anticipated to be installed by the end of October.
- 5.16 Officers are working on installing edible gardens in the place kit as part of the temporary activation of Upper Trafalgar Street.
- 5.17 The City Centre Programme Lead gave a lunch presentation at Community Action Network's makeshift space on the city centre programme plan.

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- 5.18 During lockdown officers considered tactical responses for the city centre which culminated in the 'Walk the Chalk' campaign.
- 5.19 Streets for People city centre place making options were put out for public feedback and two breakfast meetings with 100 retailers attending were held. The Nelson Mail and Nelson magazine provided media coverage and the city centre business task force was formed with six meetings being held over the consultation period.
- 5.20 Custom population projections have been developed to take into account the impacts of COVID-19 and have been reviewed by Infometrics Ltd.
- 5.21 Council workshops on the spatial plan, the marina, streets for people, development contributions and growth projections have been undertaken.
- 5.22 The Intensification Action Plan has been drafted and will be reported to Council on 22 September.

Strategic Direction and Focus

- 5.23 The key strategic direction of the team is to complete the City Centre Spatial Plan by the end of the year so that it can be used alongside the Parking Strategy, and the Public Transport Review and inform the Long Term Plan.
- 5.24 One of the outcomes of the Future Development Strategy is the development of an Intensification Action Plan. As well as developing the action plan officers are focusing on a number of key actions required to influence and enable intensification, and will be working across teams to ensure they are incorporated into Council work and funding programmes. The new National Policy Statement Urban Development provides further direction on achieving this.
- 5.25 Reviews of the Development Contributions Policy is underway. The Outdoor Dining Policy review has been delayed.

Risks and Challenges

- 5.26 The team has been working closely with project and asset managers from the capital projects team to ensure that capacity risks around delivering city centre activations, urban development capacity in intensification areas and infrastructure servicing and long term projects are minimised.
- 5.27 The team has also been working closely with the Climate Change Champion and the Transport Team to align work programmes.
- 5.28 An assessment of the potential implications of the National Policy Statement Urban Development is being undertaken and will be reported to Council as soon as possible.

RESOURCE CONSENTS AND COMPLIANCE

Achievements

- 5.29 Resource consent compliance with timeframes is up from the first six months of the year (96%) to averaging 99% for this last half of the year. The total number of consents issued for the year was 350 (2 more than last year). Some of the consents issued in the last six months were the redevelopment of the Whareama aged cared facility in Stoke, removal of a heritage building in Trafalgar Street, erosion control works in the Lud Valley, and a 163 residential lot subdivision for the Bayview Special Housing Area.
- 5.30 The harbourmasters had a busy summer conducting around 350 safety checks in two and a half months and totalling over 1100 checks for the year. The results are positive with 93% of boaties wearing lifejackets (improving from 81% last year) and 97% had a form of waterproof communication (up from 69% last year). A new brochure has helped with educating boaties on safety measures. 325 boats have been registered.
- 5.31 The harbourmasters have also been involved in four "No Excuses" days with Maritime NZ officers, taking safety workshops, supporting events, training with the Coastguard and helping scientists identify whales (Arnoux's Beaked whales).

Trends

- 5.32 The number of responses required for dog control matters declined over the period, likely due to officers educating owners as well as owners being home more due to the lockdown period. Noise incidents have increased, also likely to be a result of people being at home more. Food verifications and alcohol inspections that could not occur during lockdown are being caught up on. More freedom camping vehicles were checked compared to last year with a higher compliance rate than previous years. This may be in part due to some additional funding (from Central Government) resulting in increased enforcement and ambassador patrols over the busy summer months.

Strategic Direction and Focus

- 5.33 New staff in the Resource Consents team (senior planner (subdivisions) and planner) are assisting to lessen the use of external consultants except where there is a conflict of interest. Training for this team scheduled for August, will improve processes so they are streamlined, fit for purpose and the applicant experiences a quality customer friendly service.

Risks and Challenges

- 5.34 Four LTP measures covering dog and animal control, food safety and public health, alcohol licensing and pollution response were identified last financial year as not being measured in a manner that met Audit requirements. Officers have been working on the difficulties with current

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data systems to capture and report on these activities. Further work is being undertaken urgently this month.

PLANNING

Achievements

Draft Nelson Testing and Preparation for Public consultation

- 5.35 The focus for the quarter was updating the Draft Nelson Plan, and engaging in key stakeholder consultation. The early engagement with key stakeholders has enabled the Environmental Planning team to informally work with end-users of the Plan.
- 5.36 Public consultation on the Nelson Plan is scheduled for later in 2020.
- 5.37 Further development of sections of the Nelson Plan continues, particularly in relation to flood and coastal hazard mapping; land instability mapping; significant natural area data; Heritage and Protected tree assessments; E-Plan testing; Airport zone controls and designation, among others.
- 5.38 Staff have also been considering implications of the Resource Management Amendment Act 2020 that came into force on 30 June 2020; and provided input on a submission to the Ministry for the Environment on proposed changes to the National Environmental Standards for Air Quality.

Dog Control Policy and Bylaw

- 5.39 259 Submissions on the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw were received, with a hearing by the Environment Committee held via Zoom on 21 April. Deliberations were conducted on 28 May, with decisions to approve the Policy and Bylaw made on 4 June.

Urban Environment Bylaw

- 5.40 The Urban Environment Bylaw is due for review, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002. The review has been initiated by a decision of the Environment Committee on 28 May 2020. The next key milestone for this review is a workshop with Councillors on the scope of the review.

Nelson Tasman Land Development Manual (NTLDM)

- 5.41 A series of corrections and minor changes to the NTLDM are being scoped by NCC and TDC staff, in conjunction with local representatives from the surveying and engineering institutes. This work is being undertaken to improve the clarity and useability of the NTLDM. A report to Council will be forthcoming on potential changes.

Strategic Direction and Focus

- 5.42 The focus for the remainder of the year will be on:

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1. Producing the Draft Nelson Plan for the purpose of public engagement, and continuing to work on areas of the Draft Plan that remain incomplete, including the mapping of flood and coastal hazards.

2. Reviewing the Urban Environment Bylaw.

5.43 Engagement on the coastal and freshwater flooding is anticipated for early 2021.

Risks and Challenges

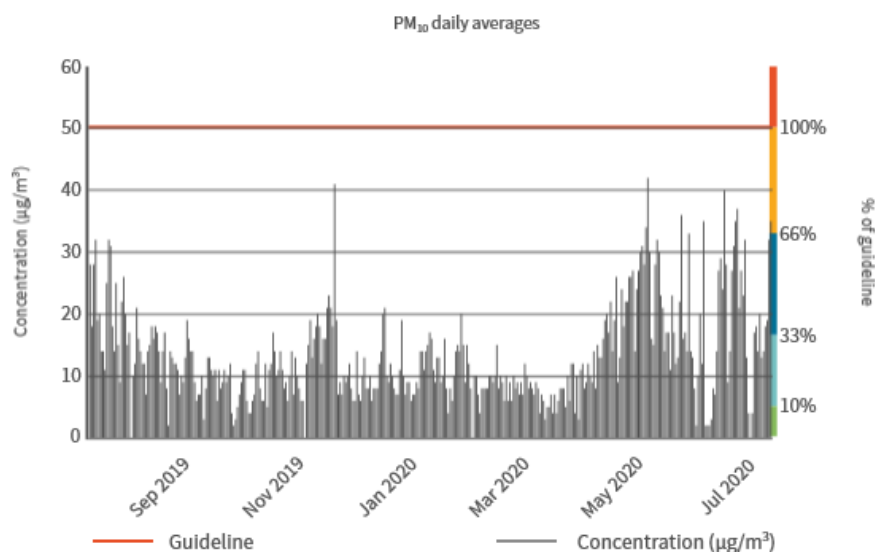
5.44 There are risks to the timing of the Nelson Plan project. Ongoing changes to the Resource Management Act, delays in production of National Policy documents (e.g. NES Air Quality) and uncertainty around the scale of community feedback are risks.

SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENT

Achievements

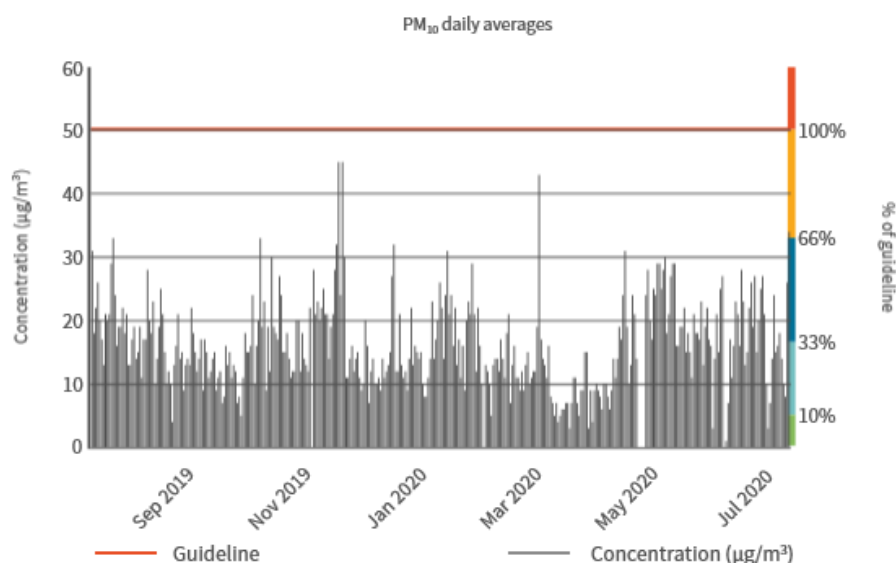
Air Quality

5.45 There were no exceedances of the National Environmental Standards for Air Quality (NESAQ) during the last 12 months. This is the first time since monitoring began in 2001.



Graph above: St Vincent Street – PM₁₀ daily averages – last 12 months

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Graph above: Blackwood Street – PM10 daily average – last 12 months

- 5.46 The Air Quality behaviour change programme is ongoing.
- 5.47 Smoke patrols started on 2 June 2020 with three week day patrols covering both morning and evenings plus a two hour patrol on both Saturdays and Sundays. The number of persistent smoky fires detected is similar to previous years.
- 5.48 Council submitted on the draft amendments to the National Environmental Standard for Air Quality. The submission supported the use of a PM_{2.5} measure, but not the proposed daily average limit.

Healthy Streams

- 5.49 The routine cyanobacteria toxic algae monitoring programme was completed with moderate levels (20% cover) occurring in November and January.
- 5.50 The summer recreational bathing monitoring programme reported ten exceedances; five were at the Maitai at Collingwood Street Bridge.
- 5.51 Rural water restrictions were enforced between February and April 2020. Between January and April, rainfall totals across Nelson were 50%-60% lower than long term averages. River flows reached Five year seven day low flow values in March. The hydrology monitoring site on the Maitai River North Branch was upgraded so that real time data can be telemetered from this site back to the office.
- 5.52 Winter freshwater fish surveys for inanga, koaro and banded kokopu were undertaken from May-July with new koaro spawning sites found upstream of the Maitai reservoir and the Roding weir. A project is in progress with GIS and the Whakatū Nelson Plan teams to map fish spawning habitat.

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Coastal and Marine

- 5.53 Reports on the Nelson Haven and Delaware Estuary habitat assessments were completed. A broadscale survey of the Waimea Estuary (jointly with TDC) was completed with a report due in August 2020. This assessment monitors extent and condition of estuarine habitats, for example salt marsh and sea grass.
- 5.54 Nelson Nature planted almost 3,000 native plants on the estuarine margin of the Waimea Inlet this year. The plants were partly funded by the One Billion Trees fund and are the second year of a collaborative project focused on the Waimea Inlet by Council, Tasman District Council, Tasman Environmental Trust and The Department of Conservation.

Nelson Nature Programme

- 5.55 The Environmental Grant Scheme was introduced in August 2019 to support groups and individuals working to improve the health of Nelson's natural environment. There were three funding rounds in the scheme, and 75 applications were received, requesting a total of \$496,521. Sixty-one groups or individuals were successful with full or part funding for their applications, with a total of \$314,214 grants awarded from the Nelson Nature, Healthy Streams and Sustainable Land Management programmes.
- 5.56 In 2019-20 the grants supported individuals and groups to control pests and monitor the environment; fence, weed and plant riparian edges; protect and restore wetlands; manage highly erodible land; protect and restore important biodiversity corridors; and increase knowledge about Nelson's special native plants. Feedback from applicants on the new grants scheme has been overwhelmingly positive.
- 5.57 The Nelson Halo Predator Trapping Guide was launched in March to help community groups and landowners to plan predator control projects in the Nelson Halo. There are now more than 20 groups trapping predators to protect wildlife in the Nelson Halo. Nelson Nature provides support to these groups with planning, practical advice, mapping, networking and funding.
- 5.58 Nelson Nature and Parks & Reserves combined annual weed control programme was completed in the Maitai & Roding Conservation Reserves. Highlights this year included expansion of the area of native forest under control for weeds like old man's beard and an additional 100 ha of the mineral belt under control for heath and gorse. The heath and gorse extension was enabled by a \$40,000 grant from Nelson Tasman Forest and Bird. Wilding conifer control was focused on surveillance, so conifers can be controlled before they are able to produce seed.
- 5.59 A survey to understand possum densities in the Maitai, Roding and Marsden Valley Conservation Reserves was completed in May. Possums were found to be moderately high in all areas with native forests, but rare in the mineral belt. The information is being used to determine

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options for future control. Damaged shells have shown that possums are the main predator of the threatened giant snail unique to the area. Possums will also be having an impact on the forest canopy.

- 5.60 Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) are sites that have been identified as holding particularly high biodiversity values. There are roughly 165 confirmed SNA sites in Nelson, with 90% of sites occurring on private land. In total, 24 sites are currently involved in the non-regulatory SNA support programme, including 21 actively supported over 2019/20.
- 5.61 Nelson Nature co-hosted a Nelson Tasman Urban Restoration workshop with Tasman District Council and People, City and Nature researchers in March <https://www.peoplecitiesnature.co.nz/>. Researchers presented the latest national science on urban ecology and connecting urban New Zealanders to nature. Approximately 100 people attended.

Sustainable Land Management Programme

- 5.62 MPI granted NCC a total of \$1.2 million over four years (2019-2023) to support landowners on hill country, both pastoral and harvested forestry land, to achieve improved biodiversity outcomes and conservation of soil through erosion management. During 2019-2020, over 51,000 trees were planted – 23,000 of which were planted on NCC retired forestry land; landowners who are owners of small woodlots were supported through a series of virtual workshops to develop Forestry Environment Plans; and a Top of the South Council/Iwi collaboration project was initiated with iwi owners of forestry in the wider region to help achieve improved economic and environmental outcomes for this land. A copy of the Annual Report provided to MPI for this first year is attached as attachment 3 (A2415060).

Biosecurity

- 5.63 A report on the 2019/20 Biosecurity Operational Plan will be presented to a future meeting of the Committee. Field work was put on hold during the period of COVID-19 lockdown, recommencing on 29 April 2020.
- 5.64 Two rounds of the Council's annual dive survey of vessels, piles and pontoons in the Nelson marina and moorings for Mediterranean fanworm (*Sabella spallanzanii*) occurred in November 2019 and June 2020. *Sabella* were found at four sites, two on marina pontoons near the original infestation found in 2013, and two on vessels. These infestations were removed.
- 5.65 The Taiwan cherry tree removal programme resulted in control of 63 mature and six juvenile trees, and many seedlings. These were mainly in the Atawhai/Dodson Valley area where many were originally planted, creating dense areas of seedlings in some areas, with some mature trees also being removed throughout the city.
- 5.66 An aquatic pest plant identification and management course in February was attended by 23 people from the three top of the south Councils, DoC, contractors and community organisations

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Environmental education

- 5.67 During lockdown, the Enviroschools programme ran a Backyard Bioblitz which involved the recording of observations of any living things using the iNaturalist app on a device or through the website. There were 1543 observations, 692 species, 197 identifiers and 179 observers. The most observed species was the South African Preying Mantis *Miomantis caffra* tied with Myrtle Rust *Austropuccinia psidii*, which are both widespread invasive pest species.

Heritage Project Fund 2019/2020

- 5.68 16 grants were allocated in July 2019. 11 projects were completed and paid in full by 30 June 2020. One applicant chose to not to proceed and withdrew, four started their projects but were unable to complete the work due to COVID-19 impacts. These four outstanding grant agreements will be funded out of the 2020/2021 allocation.

Strategic Direction and Focus

- 5.69 The position of Coastal and Marine Scientist was filled in June 2020, and will allow an increased focus on the Coastal and Marine monitoring programme and engagement with other key stakeholders in Tasman Bay.
- 5.70 Planning is underway to respond to the updated National Policy Statement for Freshwater (NPS-FM), and the National Environment Standard for Freshwater (Freshwater NES). These policies contain additional monitoring requirements.
- 5.71 Consideration is also being given to the proposed management and monitoring requirements for biodiversity under the draft National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPS-IB). This NPS is likely to significantly increase the statutory requirements on regional councils relating to the management and protection of indigenous biodiversity

Risks and Challenges

Biosecurity: Water Celery in Stoke Streams

- 5.72 Water celery remains a problem in Stoke streams. The Science and Environment Team is working jointly on the problem with the Infrastructure Team. A resource consent application has been lodged to enable effective long-term control of this aquatic pest plant.

Biosecurity: Gambusia trial

- 5.73 The invasive pest fish *Gambusia*, listed for eradication in the Tasman-Nelson Regional Pest Management Plan, has been present in the top of the South Island since 2000, with populations expanding around Nelson and Tasman in recent years. It is present in a number of Stoke streams. The Department of Conservation is leading control of this fish and

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Council staff will be assisting in a trial to remove it from Maire Stream by hand-netting during August 2020.

Biosecurity: Sabella incursions

- 5.74 Two Sabella incursions were found on a moored vessel that arrived in Nelson in September from Thames - this vessel was required to be lifted and cleaned before leaving the Haven. The other vessel was a catamaran on a berth in Nelson marina that arrived from the Bay of Islands in April which had approximately 20 fanworms in outboard cavities – this vessel was treated in-water. This work highlights the value of regular surveillance to reduce the threat of Sabella establishing from vessels coming to Nelson from other regions and the need for national pathway controls.

Eco-design Adviser service

- 5.75 Increasing pressures and requirements for the Air Quality programme have resulted in reduced delivery of the Eco-design Adviser service, despite increasing community demand.

6. Legal Proceedings Update

- 6.1 Prosecutions are occurring for a dog on dog attack incident (Newlands) and for an owner failing to ensure their dog is muzzled in public (LeFranz). In the Newlands case a declaratory judgement decision to strike out the application is being appealed to the Supreme Court with the trial for the incident hearing postponed until the appeal is resolved.
- 6.2 Ms LeFranz pled guilty on 3 June and an exceptional circumstances hearing is scheduled for 4 August.
- 6.3 Environment Court mediation has resulted in interim enforcement orders issued by the Court following a slip caused by unauthorised earthworks in Farleigh Street. Final enforcement orders are likely to be issued soon.
- 6.4 Applications lodged under the Marine and Coastal Area applications (MACA) by Cletus Maanu Paul and Rihari Dargaville over all of NZ in which Nelson City Council was an interested party, have been struck out by the High Court in judgements issued on 11 and 12 August. There is no update on other MACA applications.

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Attachments

- Attachment 1: A2367256 - Building and Consents and Compliance statistics 1 Jan - 30 Jun 2020 [↓](#)
- Attachment 2: A2433854 - Quarterly Reporting Performance measures - Environmental Management - 2020 [↓](#)
- Attachment 3: A2415060 - Hill Country Erosion Project: Sustainable Land Nelson City Council - End of Year Project Report June 2020 [↓](#)
- Attachment 4: A2282783 - Quarterly Report - Project data and health - Environmental Management 2019-20 [↓](#)

| Important considerations for decision making | |
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| 1. Fit with Purpose of Local Government | This quarterly report identifies the performance levels of regulatory and non-regulatory functions that seek to provide for healthy and safe communities and natural environments. |
| 2. Consistency with Community Outcomes and Council Policy | <p>The Council's Long Term Plan includes performance measures for various activities and this report enables the Council to monitor progress towards achieving these measures.</p> <p>The Environmental Management work programme addresses the following community outcomes:</p> <p>Our unique natural environment is healthy and protected.</p> <p>Our urban and rural environments are people friendly, well planned and sustainably managed.</p> <p>Our infrastructure is efficient, cost effective and meets current and future needs.</p> <p>Our communities are healthy, safe, inclusive and resilient.</p> <p>Our communities have opportunities to celebrate and explore their heritage, identity and creativity.</p> <p>Our Council provides leadership and fosters partnerships, a regional perspective, and community engagement.</p> <p>Our region is supported by an innovative and sustainable economy.</p> |
| 3. Risk | Increased national direction (National Policy Statements) has the potential to impact on work programmes, budgets and statutory timeframes. |
| 4. Financial impact | No additional resources have been requested. |
| 5. Degree of significance and level of engagement | This matter is of low significance. |
| 6. Climate impact | Information gained through the provision of regulatory and non-regulatory services will assist Council to take appropriate action or advocate for others to take action to address the impacts of climate change. |
| 7. Inclusion of Māori in the decision making process | No consultation with Māori has been undertaken regarding this report. |
| 8. Delegations | The Environment Committee has the following delegation: |

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Areas of Responsibility:

- *Building control matters*
- *Environmental regulatory matters*
- *Environmental science matters*
- *Environmental programmes*
- *The Nelson Plan*

Delegations:

The committee has all of the responsibilities, powers, functions and duties of Council in relation to governance matters within its areas of responsibility, except where they have been retained by Council, or have been referred to other committees, subcommittees or subordinate decision-making bodies.

NB: City Centre reports are reported to Council.

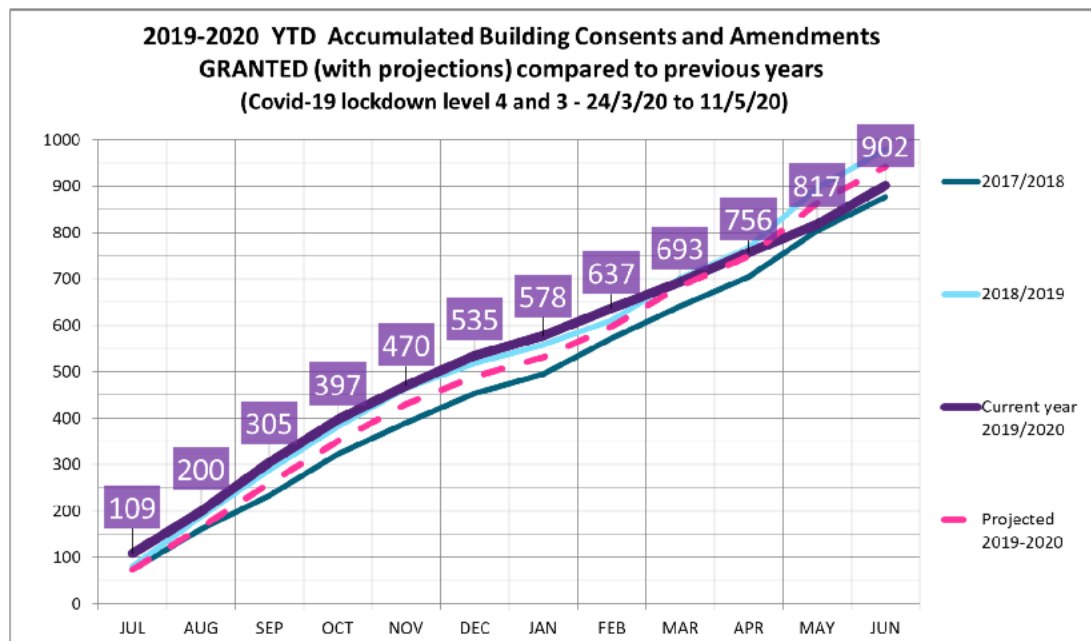
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Building Unit Statistics 1 January – 30 June 2020

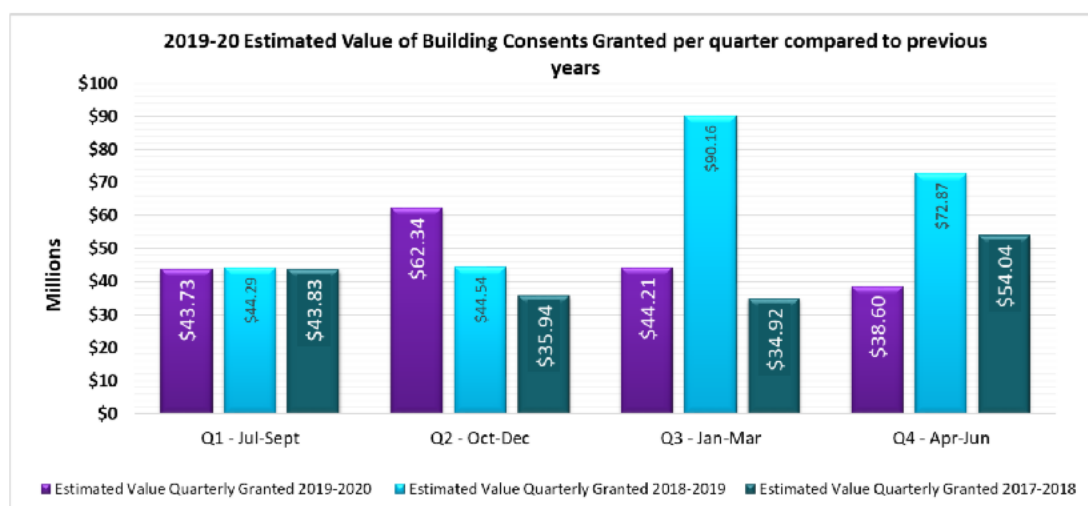
1. Quarter 3 & 4 summary for the building consent authority activity.

The first 8 months of this year saw the number of building consent (and amendments) granted trending in line with 2018/19 figures, Covid-19 resulted in reduced numbers at the end of March and April, overall though numbers are in line with 2017/18, with a total of 902 consents granted, just 40 consents fewer than projected for the financial year.

A total of **158** consents were **granted** for the third quarter and **209** for quarter four.

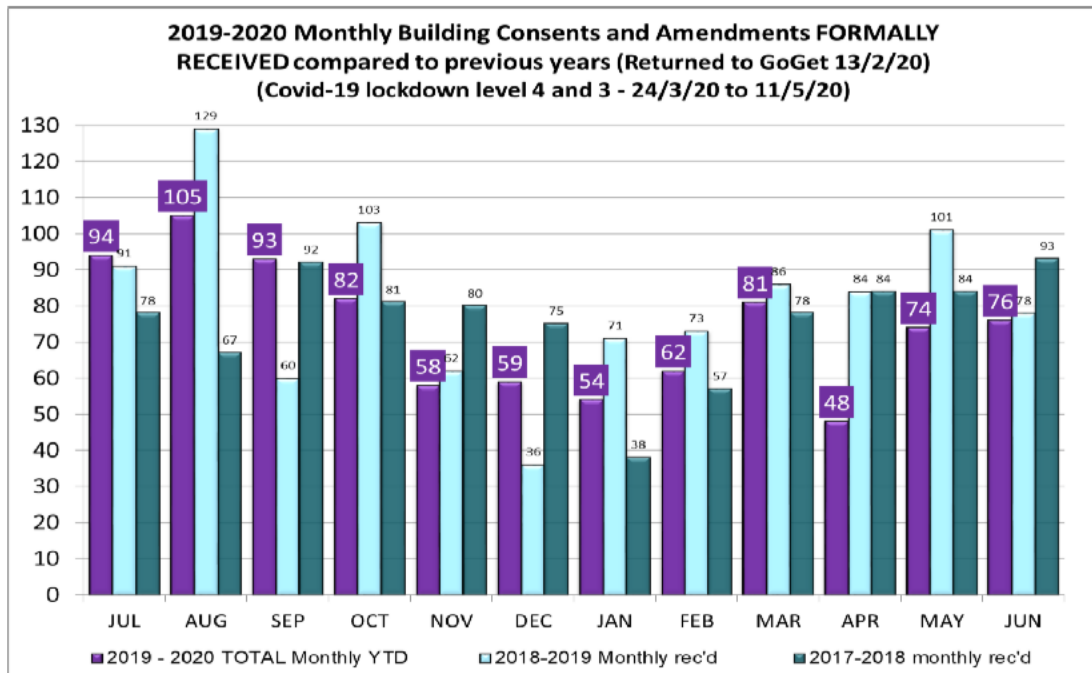


The total estimated value of consents GRANTED this year is \$188.88m which is down \$20.15m on 2017-18's total of \$168.73m.



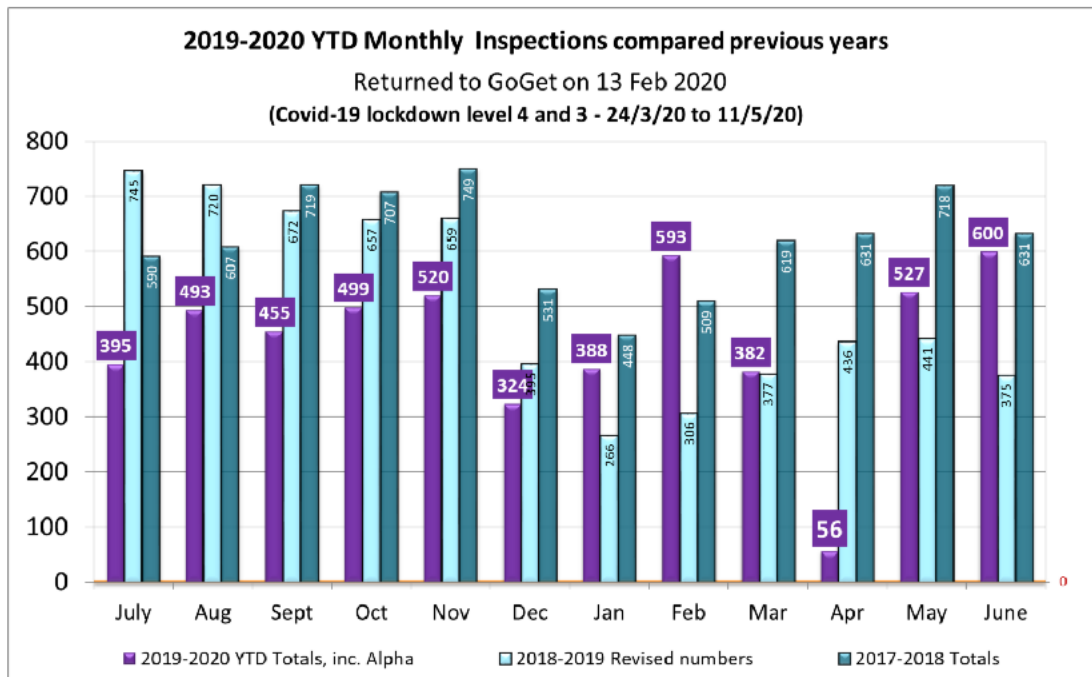
In total there were **886** building consent and amendment applications formally **received** in this financial year, having received 197 in quarter three and 198 in quarter four.

The estimated value of consents received in quarter three is \$37.27m and \$28.76m in quarter four. A total of \$168.75m for the year (down \$90m on last year (which included the airport upgrades, but up \$3.2m on the previous year).

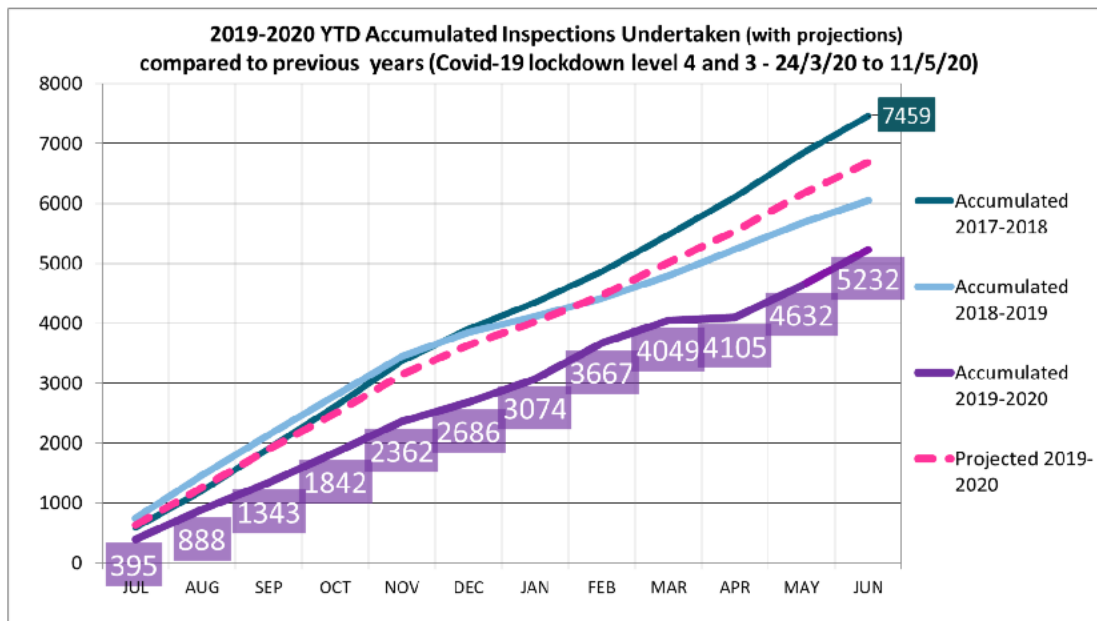


2. Building Inspections

The Covid-19 Level 4 lockdown period is depicted in the graph below.

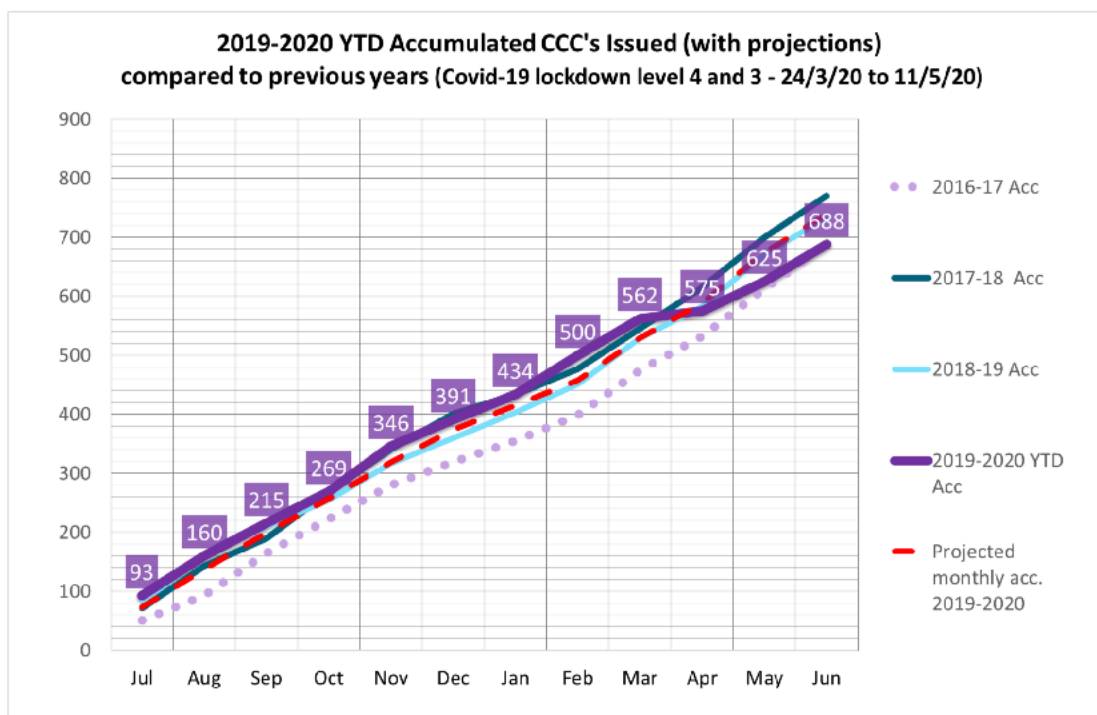


There were 1363 Building Inspections undertaken in the third quarter and 1183 in quarter four, with a total of **5223** for the whole year, 2227 short of **2017-18's** total of **7459**.



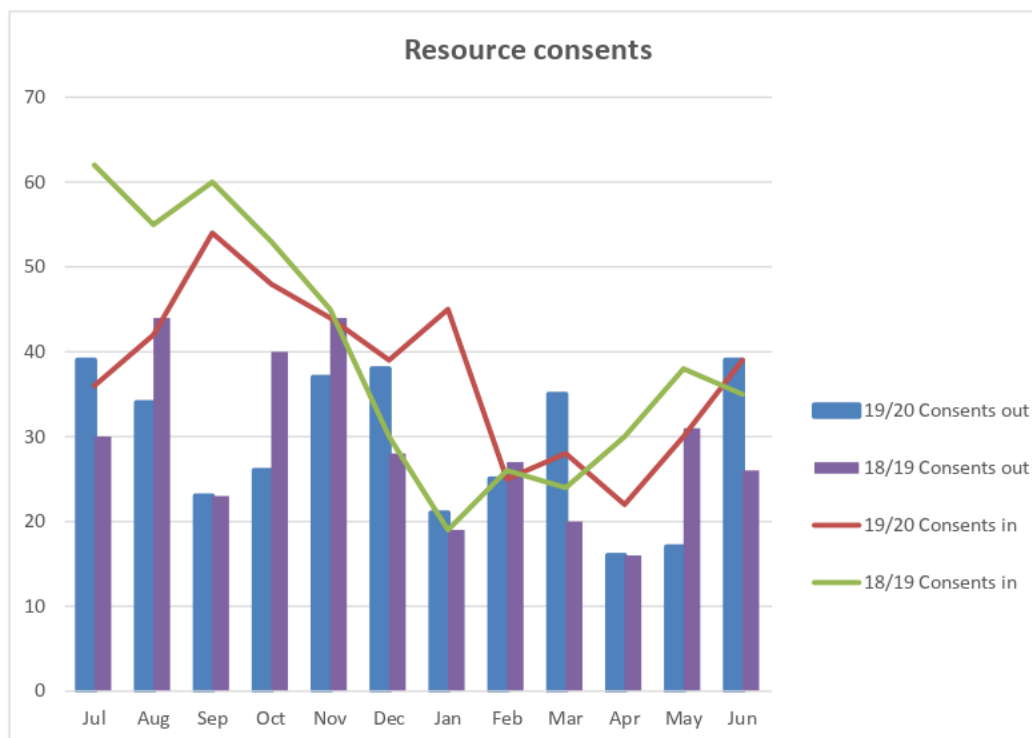
3. Code Compliance Certificates Issued

There were 174 code compliance certificates issued in the third quarter of this financial year and 127 in the fourth. Tracking in line with 2017-18 and slightly higher than 2018-19 up until Level 4 lockdown when final inspections could not be undertaken; resulting in the same total as 2016-17 at **688** CCCs issued for the whole year.



Consents and Compliance Statistics 1 January – 30 June 2020**1. Resource Consent Processing Times**

| Period of time | NON NOTIFIED | | | | NOTIFIED AND LIMITED NOTIFIED | | |
|------------------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| | % on time | Average process days | Median process days | Consent numbers | % on time | Average process days | Consent numbers |
| January | 100 | 10 | 9 | 21 | | | |
| February | 100 | 17 | 19 | 25 | | | |
| March | 91 | 23 | 20 | 34 | 100 | 71 | 1 |
| April | 100 | 24 | 22 | 16 | | | |
| May | 100 | 20 | 19 | 17 | | | |
| Jun | 100 | 37 | 25 | 36 | 0 | 349 | 3 |
| 2019/20 average | 97 | 21 | 18 | 28 | 60 | 132 | 3 |
| 2019/20 totals | | | | 335 | | | 15 |
| 2018/19 average | 83 | 22 | 19 | 29 | 100 | 383 | 0.33 |
| 2018/19 totals | | | | 344 | | | 4 |

2. Resource Consent numbers

3. Parking Performance

| Activity | Jan | Feb | March | April | May | June |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Enforcement | | | | | | |
| Safety | 139 | 148 | 92 | 0 | 107 | 210 |
| Licence labels /WOF | 388 | 297 | 241 | 0 | 5 | 56 |
| Licence labels/WOF (Warnings) | 353 | 225 | 205 | 0 | 34 | 14 |
| Meters/Time restrictions | 1087 | 856 | 619 | 0 | 0 | 836 |
| Total Infringement notices issued | 1967 | 1526 | 1157 | 0 | 146 | 1116 |
| Service Requests | | | | | | |
| Abandoned Vehicles | 55 | 66 | 41 | 16 | 40 | 55 |
| Requests for Enforcement | 67 | 76 | 67 | 7 | 35 | 72 |
| Information /advice | 16 | 21 | 12 | 7 | 10 | 14 |
| Total service requests | 128 | 163 | 120 | 30 | 85 | 141 |
| Courts | | | | | | |
| Notices lodged for collection of fine | 263 | 215 | 158 | 240 | 166 | 281 |
| Explanations Received | 179 | 118 | 125 | 8 | 39 | 70 |
| Explanations declined | 26 | 14 | 18 | 0 | 5 | 31 |
| Explanations accepted | 153 | 104 | 107 | 8 | 34 | 39 |

4. Environmental Health and Dog Control Activities

| Activity | Responses | | | | | | Total 2019/20 | Total 2018/19 |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----|-------|-----|-----|------|---------------|---------------|
| | Jan | Feb | March | Apr | May | June | | |
| Dog Control | 164 | 181 | 192 | 67 | 104 | 101 | 1693 | 1913 |
| Resource consent monitoring | 359 | 330 | 219 | 60 | 134 | 135 | 2496 | 1562 |
| Noise nuisance | 190 | 165 | 108 | 133 | 71 | 59 | 1360 | 1214 |
| Bylaw / Building / Planning | 72 | 58 | 37 | 22 | 38 | 37 | 560 | 562 |
| Alcohol applications | 25 | 38 | 33 | 9 | 30 | 45 | 465 | 497 |
| Alcohol Inspections | 14 | 22 | 9 | 5 | 11 | 22 | 99 | 138 |
| Pollution | 41 | 10 | 19 | 8 | 21 | 13 | 256 | 289 |
| Stock | 6 | 5 | 11 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 78 | 114 |

5. Freedom Camping Enforcement

| Activity | 2019/20 | 2018/19 |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|
| Service Requests | 129 | 173 |
| Numbers of Patrols | 242 | 221 |
| Vehicles Checks | 10937 | 8078 |
| Infringements Issued | 244 | 193 |
| Education/Warnings Issued | 684 | 851 |

Item 8: Environmental Management Group - Quarterly Report: Attachment 2

Quarterly reporting 2019-20

| Committee responsible | GM responsible | | Performance measures | Targets | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|-------------|---|---|---|--------------------|--|
| | | Activity | | Year 2 (2019/20) | End of year comment (Quarter 4) | End of year result | Evidence (A numbers, report references etc) - for auditors, as required |
| Environment | Clare Barton | Environment | Compliance with National Air Quality Standards – number of breaches in each airshed | No more than 3 breaches in winter 2019 | No exceedances recorded for 2019/2020 year in this airshed | Achieved | Nelson South - Airshed A |
| Environment | Clare Barton | Environment | | No more than 1 breach in winter 2019 | No exceedances recorded for 2019/2020 year in this airshed | Achieved | Tahunanui - Airshed B1 |
| Environment | Clare Barton | Environment | | No breaches | No exceedances recorded for 2019/2020 year in this airshed | Achieved | Stoke - Airshed B2 |
| Environment | Clare Barton | Environment | | No breaches | No exceedances recorded for 2019/2020 year in this airshed | Achieved | Nelson Centre/North - Airshed C |
| Environment | Clare Barton | Environment | % of pristine water bodies maintained at current state (2017 baseline) as a minimum | 100% | Pristine sites have been maintained based on the NPSFM thresholds for A Band. However, some attributes are interim results because they do not meet sample size requirements for reporting. | Achieved | A2427981 annual and five year summary. Data archive Hilltop Manager NCC LAWA data.hts |
| Environment | Clare Barton | Environment | % key bathing sites monitored and public advised if water quality standards breached | 100% | All monitoring was completed and reported in a timely manner. Signage was erected at the site, and the LAWA 'Can I swim here' module was updated when water quality standards were breached. This is a new measure, therefore, no comparative is available. | Achieved | Recreation bathing sites https://www.lawa.org.nz/explore-data/nelson-region/swimming/ . Data archive Hilltop Manager NCC LAWA data.hts |
| Environment | Clare Barton | Environment | % non-notified processed within 20 working days | 100% | | Not achieved | 97% processed within 20 day timeframe A337723 |
| Environment | Clare Barton | Environment | % fast track consents within 10 working days | 100% | | Achieved | |
| Environment | Clare Barton | Environment | % building consents (BC) and code compliance certificates (CCC) issued within 20 working days | 100% | Despite the Covid-19 Lock down, building consents and Code Compliance continued more or less as business as usual. There was a total of 209 Building Consents granted in Quarter 4 with zero breaches. 100% compliance . However with Code Compliance Certificates , there were 2 breaches out of 127 issued, giving 98% compliance for the quarter. | Not achieved | Not achieved result however, IANZ accreditation highlighted the fact that the target should be substantive compliance (e.g. 95-100%), by this target, the Building team have achieved. The target for 2020/21 needs to change to substantive compliance 95 - 100 % |
| Environment | Clare Barton | Environment | % of all complaints responded to within one day | 90% of complaints responded to within one day | As described in the 2018/19 Annual Report, Council's reporting systems are not currently at a level that enables results for these performance measures to be 100% verified. A review of how this information can be provided to substantiate performance in future years is being undertaken. | Not measured yet | |
| Environment | Clare Barton | Environment | % premises receiving inspection as per statutory requirements | 100% of premises are inspected according to legislative requirements on frequency | | Not measured yet | |
| Environment | Clare Barton | Environment | % of licensed premises receiving two inspections per year | 100% of premises inspected two times per year | | Not measured yet | |
| Environment | Clare Barton | Environment | % responses to emergencies within 30 minutes and all other incidents within one day | 100% of emergencies responded to within 30 minutes and all other incidents within one day | | Not measured yet | |

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Hill Country Erosion Project: Sustainable Land Nelson City Council

End of Year Project Report June 2020

Background

The Sustainable Land Programme is delivered in part through *Healthy Streams* operational budget, and partly through a four year Ministry for Primary Industries funded project under the Hill Country Erosion Fund.

Those elements of the Sustainable Land Programme that are not delivered through the HCEF programme include: working with landowners to implement projects to improve water quality including stock exclusion fencing and riparian management; a soil monitoring programme; technical advice to Council and the community in relation to land management issues; working with industry and community in issues related to forestry; delivery of land environment plans; liaison with other Council land managers in the Top of the South to collaborate on regional projects.

In 2010, Nelson City Council applied for, and was awarded, \$1.2 million over four years to deliver a series of projects that sat in three main work-streams:

- Forestry Environment Planning relating to small forestry woodlots
- Planting of 50,000 trees per year on hill country land in both public and private ownership
- Working collaboratively with iwi and Councils in Te Tau Ihu to seek economic and environmental benefits for iwi owners of forestry land.

This report has been prepared to provide MPI with progress on the first year of the Hill Country Erosion funded project, and addresses this aspect of the Sustainable Land Programme only.

Project Delivery July 2019 to June 2020

The HCEF programme 2019-2020 set the following milestones:

1. Stakeholder Planning and Iwi Engagement Initiated: Building Capacity
2. New Forestry Environment Plans in Place
3. Land Treatment: Tree Planting Completed
4. Annual Reporting Delivered

1. Stakeholder Planning and Iwi Engagement Initiated: Building Capacity

Work with TDC and MDC to deliver a regional wānanga to identify aspirations and opportunities for iwi owned forestry lands.

- 1.1 This aspect of the project has not been fully delivered. A variation was first sought in the December 2019 milestone report as due to capacity for iwi to engage in the proposed wānanga, and the time it had taken to establish relationships with those iwi across the Top of the South, the timeframe for delivery was insufficient. The

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postponement date was to late April/early May, however due to the Covid-19 situation, was again not able to take place. The proposal is now to defer the Hui to October 2020. A variation to the contract to this effect is contained in the milestone report.

- 1.2 Significant work, however, has been undertaken up to the point of the regional wānanga itself.
- Discussions with iwi managers took place over several months, including meeting at iwi offices and by email or telephone.
 - A meeting was held at Ngati Tama offices involving representatives from: Ngati Tama, Ngati Koata, Ngati Toa, and Ngati Rarua (these iwi along with Ngati Kuia are iwi who wish to participate in this collaborative programme).
 - Presentations were made to this meeting, and followed up with documentation requested by the meeting.
 - A contract is now in place with a facilitator to work with all three Councils on this project: the facilitator has been approved by all involved iwi.
 - Overall connections with iwi have been enhanced through this project to date, in terms of land management for instance, including iwi sites in a project to scope costs and opportunities of transitioning plantation forestry to native forest.
- 1.3 The following documents were attached to the Milestone One report to MPI:
- *Diagram of regulatory environment Iwi Collaboration Project (A2300263)*
 - *Roadmap for Iwi Collaboration Project (A2298414)*
 - *Iwi and TOS Forestry Collaboration Project Presentation (A2291912)*
 - *Minutes of Iwi and TOS Collaboration meeting October 2019 (A2301145)*

Adoption and extension plan delivered – planning the approach for stakeholder communications and engagement.

- 1.4 An adoption and extension plan has been developed and was being applied up until the point of the Covid-19 lockdown. Delivery was then altered to reflect the inability of people to either travel, or gather to attend workshops. The success of the virtual approach is likely to alter aspects of this plan going forward as for rural landowners, this approach succeeded due to removing the necessity of travelling. The plan is intended to be a living document which will incorporate learnings as the programme proceeds, and also captures the wider work of the Sustainable Land Programme.
- 1.5 The following were attached to the Milestone One report to MPI:
- *Sustainable Land Programme Engagement and Extension Plan (A2331376)*

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2. New Forestry Environment Plans in Place

Identify landowners with whom to engage in Forestry Environment Planning project

Assessment of current land management practice in place and suitable alternative practices

Formulation of Forestry Environment Plans

Site visits and discussions on the physical features and existing use of land

- 2.1 The above MPI milestones require ten FEPs to be developed, following identification of landowners and involving site visits or other assessments (including discussions with landowners) on existing land use and site constraints.
- 2.2 This aspect of the HCEF project was intended to be delivered in the first half of 2020, in part due to capacity issues within Nelson City Council pending the appointment of a dedicated Sustainable Land Manager to oversee this project as part of the wider breadth of work. The new role was operational from the beginning of 2020.
- 2.3 One of the first steps was to begin discussion with landowners already known to Council through existing engagement programmes.
- 2.4 As well as informal community gatherings and “spreading the word” via site meetings and the environmental grants programme, a community workshop was planned for late March with key speakers focused on: the regulatory environment; best practice forestry operations for small landowners; “no regrets” harvesting around native remnants; conversion of cut over land into native forest.
- 2.5 Unfortunately, the timing of the workshop was impacted by Level-4 lockdown requirements under the Covid-19 crisis, which meant the workshop had to be cancelled. An alternative delivery method was then brought together, with the same intended speakers and presentations involved, via four zoom workshops held over two weeks with 10 landowners (while there may have been more landowners interested in participating, the format did not allow for more than 5 or 6 at a time, so as to maximise the input and advice that each landowner could have).
- 2.6 Prior to the workshops, NCC and Brad Chandler worked to develop a forestry environment plan template, which was also shared and reviewed by colleagues in Tasman and Marlborough who may use the plan in the future. The template is a basic framework and individual plans vary depending on land use and owner vision.
- 2.7 The presenters were:
- Lachie Grant, Landvision

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- Robyn Simcock, Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research
 - Dr Adam Forbes, Forbes Ecology
- 2.8 The format was that each expert prepared a presentation delivered by zoom in the first two meetings. Landowners then sent in questions raised by the initial meetings, before subsequent Zoom meetings were held to have general discussion and to answer specific questions. The plan from here is to have field trips in the last week of July.
- 2.9 Landowners were presented with the FEP template, and are developing their own plans. Where particularly difficult or complex sites are involved, site visits have been had and plans have been worked on by NCC, Brad Chandler, and Lachie Grant.
- 2.10 The following link has the presentations and the FEP template:
<http://www.nelson.govt.nz/environment/resources/>
- 2.11 This work has been beneficial to all participants, including NCC and other TOS Council representatives:
- Marlborough District Council attended one of the zoom meetings to listen in on how the meetings worked, and may deliver a similar format in Marlborough. The MDC Land Scientist in attendance was also able to contribute to the meeting from his own work experiences.
 - Contractors from three of Council's four primary contracting agencies working with landowners, attended the sessions and contributed advice and also took away understandings from those experts that were presenting.
 - Council is now exploring a further project with all three advisors, led by Dr Forbes, to undertake feasibility studies on the restoration of harvested blocks in the region to inform the wider national discussion on the cost and practicalities of such projects.
 - Landowners themselves commented on the usefulness of the process, particularly the ability to receive unbiased, pragmatic advice and access to expert knowledge.
- 2.12 Below is an example of the positive feedback that has been received in relation to the process, this one from a landowner where a site visit was undertaken following damage from harvesting. This situation is not uncommon in the region, with numerous small woodlots being harvested by poor contractors, resulting in abatement notices being issued to either the landowner or the contractor. The landowner had been feeling highly distressed with the situation but attended the zoom meetings, and after a site visit, feels more informed and sure of the future of his land (which is on hilly country in one of our priority catchments).

Thanks for coming out the other day. I appreciate yours', Lachie's and Brad's time. I have been thinking about Lachie's question of what I want to do with the property. I have decided to move away from the idea of commercial forestry and make a move towards a sustainable/native forest which can be selectively logged in certain areas of the farm that allow it. I am going to reduce the cattle numbers so that we are only running a few which will allow for more areas to be planted. I would like the whole place to head towards being entirely native if that is possible. I will concentrate on the stream area (as well as cleaning up the sediment issues currently happening) this year and will try to create a bit of a plan moving forward. I am excited and very much appreciative of your (the group of you) input and advice and am looking forward to hearing your ideas too. I think if I can turn this place into basically a native forest that can run a few beef animals for home kill as well as allowing for some selective logging of high value specialty timber that would be fantastic. [...] I can see us planting 10000+ trees here easy I think so there will be plenty of re using going on. As I mentioned, I don't like handouts or asking for help but if you think that this is a project worthy of funding etc I am more than happy for you to say/suggest things which you would like to see happen. What I'm saying is that if you/the council want 5 hectares of plant x for whatever reason then I'm happy to set aside land for that, if that helps?

- 2.13 The following is attached as an appendix to the MPI Milestone 2-4 Report:
- *Template for forestry environment plan for landowners (A2384333)*
 - *List of attendees at zoom meetings: names and catchment (A2418147)*

3. Land Treatment: Tree Planting Completed

MOUs in place with landowners supplied with trees

- 3.1 An environmental grants programme has been established to capture grants provided to private landowners and community groups across all three community outreach programmes in the Science and Environment team, Nelson City Council. Alongside support through the Hill Country Erosion Fund and Sustainable Land Management Programme, are those grants for *Nelson Nature* biodiversity projects and *Healthy Streams* projects.
- 3.2 Previously, the process had been more informal as the level of resourcing was far more limited. The formalisation of this process enables transparent decision making and reporting on outcomes.
- 3.3 The grants are run up to three times per year, and agreements are captured in an Environmental Grant Agreement.

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- 3.4 Grants were allocated to 23 different projects which were funded wholly or partially through the Hill Country Erosion Fund. Alongside plants, there was allocation of other resources such as plant guards or fencing to protect plantings, herbicides for weed maintenance, and contractor support where appropriate.
- 3.5 In some cases, landowners received funding to plant on hill country through HCEF funding, and funding through other Council funding for projects such as enhancement planting with canopy species, or wetland restoration. Through land planning workshops, smaller landowners are becoming increasingly aware of the connections between land and water.

Provision and planting of 50,000 trees across 15 hectares of reversion/native forestry on retired forestry land.

- 3.6 Over 50,000 native trees have been provided for planting on Hill Country in the region through this programme. The spread is predominantly in the North Nelson area, but a few smaller projects were undertaken on private land in the steep hills around the peri-urban areas of Atawhai, Maitai, and Stoke.
- 3.7 Of these, around half have been planted on Council land to support and extend existing replanting projects on steep land, much of which was previously in plantation forest but for various reasons have been retired into permanent forest cover.
- 3.8 There is continuing momentum in the region for this project, and over the last two years, there are some defined and growing local pockets of these projects. With every grant round, there has been a noticeable increase in landowners previously unknown to Council who have observed what has been happening in their area and wishing to also be involved. Partly this has been due to the use of visible planting guards on hillsides, but also the informal workshops and community based gatherings that have been held. There is now enough momentum in different catchments for this to be a more catchment based approach to further extend community knowledge, support and participation.
- 3.9 Comments extracted from a recent review of the scheme include:
- *I am excited to be able to restore some of my land. If there was no funding, it wouldn't have happened.*

- *I think the Council do a great job of administering and managing the grants, and an excellent job of building capability and capacity of the grant applicants.*
- *I think it's fantastic that as private individuals we have received this grant to improve our small piece of land. In that way I do feel like we are doing our bit for the community.*



Community planting in partnership with Nelson Mountain Bike Club on steep country in the Brook/Maitai Catchment



Land preparation prior to planting Hillwood Catchment



Wakapuaka Catchment planting project

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Hillwood Catchment – many landowners have commented on the pleasure of involving younger family members in the projects to better connect with land and caring for the environment.

3.10 *The following is attached as Appendix Four:*

- *Example of an Environmental Grants Agreement*
- *List of landowners and tree numbers / hectares planted (Appendix Three table)*

4. **Annual Reporting Delivered**

This report and the accompany Milestone Report, meets this milestone.

| Business Unit | Project/ Programme Name | Project/ Programme manager | Project/Programme Description | Work undertaken this quarter | % Complete | % Budget Used | Project Health | Comments, Risks and Issues | Project/ Programme Budget \$ | Project/ Programme Actuals to date |
|-----------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|---|---------------|---------------------|-------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|
| Science & Environment | Nelson Nature | Leigh Marshall | Protecting, restoring and enhancing Nelson/Whakatu's native ecosystems and species, from the mountains to the coast. | Ungulate & weed control and possum monitor in Water Reserves, support for private landowners to manage Significant Natural Areas, coordination and monitoring of community trapping efforts in the Nelson Halo, planting and weed control of Council Parks with important biocorridors and estuary margins, grants for community planting, trapping and weeding projects. | 100% | 100% | G | Full delivery | 489,602 | 489,602 |
| Science & Environment | Healthy Streams | Joanna Wilson | Working with the community and across Council to achieve improved outcomes for freshwater in the Nelson Region. | Riparian and erosion management plant provision with private landowners; fish passage improvements in Emano St Culvert; wakaupaka song video completed. | 95% | 92% | G | Some capex not spent due to delays in consents and opep due to covid-19 restrictions on contractors. Some work rolled into next financial year. | 443,767 | 406,815 |
| Science & Environment | Land Management | Susan Moore-Lavo | New programme from July 2019. Working with the community and across Council to achieve improved outcomes for sustainable land management in the Nelson Region. Includes activities such as erosion management, farm forestry plans, rural riparian management, soil management and monitoring. | Supported by grant from MPI HCEF. Working with landowners to plant erosion prone slopes. | 100% | 99% | G | \$40,000 for staff costs; \$10,000 carried over from MP1 to the new financial year for delivery of ivi project | 298,259 | 293,953 |
| Science & Environment | Biosecurity | Richard Frizzell | Tasman Nelson Regional Pest Management Plan implementation. Nelson Small Scale Management Programme for Sabella implementation. | Sabella surveillance and control completed; surveillance, control and monitoring of pests in Regional Pest Management Plan undertaken. | 86% | 86% | G | Field work & workshops unable to be done during 6 week period during Covid-19 lockdown. | 283,645 | 243,090 |
| Science & Environment | Sustainable building | Richard Popenhagen | Warmer, healthier, sustainable homes and heritage project grants to support the upkeep of Heritage buildings | Eco building design adviser visits; completion of 2019/2020 Heritage Project Fund grants; WHH | 87% | 87% | G | Not all Heritage Project Fund grants were able to be paid out due to work not being able to be completed due to Covid-19 | 209,398 | 181,229 |
| Science & Environment | Air quality | Richard Popenhagen | Air quality monitoring and behaviour change | AQ monitor maintenance; submission on NESAQ, smoke patrols, Emission Inventory 2020. | 76% | 76% | G | Gasses study deferred to 2021. AQ monitor renewal deferred to 2021. This was due to Covid-19 impacts | 240,561 | 182,666 |
| Science & Environment | Freshwater monitoring - quantity and quality | Paul Fisher/Emma Reeves | SoE monitoring and Hydrology monitoring | N Maitai Nirth Branch hydrology site upgrade, routine monthly monitoring, rec bathing sampling underway, Bully fish survey | 90% | 92% | G | Continuous turbidity programme postponed to 2020/21 due to Covid19 | 206,993 | 189,796 |
| Science & Environment | Coast and marine monitoring | Paul Fisher/Vikki Ambrose | SoE estuarine monitoring, marine water quality monitoring, coastal/marine ecosystem health and biodiversity programmes including shorebirds, citizen science and participation in benthic restoration projects | Continuation of SOE estuarine monitoring programme. Estuarine monitoring sediment core programme with NMIT Aquaculture & Marine Conservation undergraduate students. Participation and advice re Nelson Biodiversity Forum marine working group. Grant provided for pilot mussel bed restoration project | 60% | 55% | G | The Nelson Port Long term Monitoring Programme and Waimea Inlet intertidal fish survey were unable to be completed due to Covid19. Full delivery of the work programme was also compromised by delayed recruitment of the Coastal and Marine Scientist role due to Covid19. | 102,200 | 56,720 |
| Science & Environment | Support for Climate change resilience projects | Jo Martin | Funding currently being used to support audit and action plan to reduce Council operational greenhouse gas emissions. | Programme now delivered by climate champion Chris Cameron | 100% | 69% | G | \$20k underspend due to Toitu membership budgeted for 2019/20 being moved to 20/21 year. \$10K savings | 100,000 | 69,287 |
| Science & Environment | Environmental Education | Joanna Wilson | Environmental Education for Sustainability programme to promote positive behaviour change in the wider community | Covid-19 affected delivery to schools so events for Term 2 were postponed to Term 3 or 4. | 100% | 88% | G | The appointment of a new facilitator and Covid-19 affecting delivery to schools resulted in an underspend. | 109,320 | 96,003 |
| Planning | Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan | Maxine Day | Develop an integrated Resource Management Plan for Nelson | Project health reported separately | | | | | | |
| END OF REPORT | | | | | | | | | | |