

Tasman District Council

Motueka Town Catchment

Management Plan

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1. Nelson Marlborough Health (Nelson Marlborough District Health Board) (NMH) is a key organisation involved in the health and wellbeing of the people within Te Tau Ihu. NMH appreciates the opportunity to comment from a public health perspective on the Tasman District Council's Motueka Town Catchment Management Plan.
2. NMH makes this submission in recognition of its responsibilities to improve, promote and protect the health of people and communities under the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000 and the Health Act 1956.
3. This submission sets out particular matters of interest and concern to NMH.
4. Please note that the Public Health Service has been busy working on the COVID response, and as such this submission has been kept brief.

Specific Comments

5. NMH supports the vision and aspirations proposed for the Plan
 - a. that mauri of the water is protected and enhanced
 - b. That urban streams and aquatic habitats are healthy and accessible; stormwater discharges do not degrade the water quality; stormwater flooding is not a hazard; water sensitive growth is enabled; and stormwater is managed in a holistic, efficient and cost effective manner.
6. NMH supports the integration of both the National Urban Water Principles and Te Mano o te Wai Principles into the Plan
7. NMH would like to congratulate the Council on its holistic approach for this Plan; the Story Board pages clearly articulate the social, cultural and environmental background of the Catchment area and the information is easily digestible for the reader.
8. *Stream Health & Aquatic Habitat*: NMH supports the objectives and the improvement actions which will be used to create health and accessible environments.
9. *Contamination Risks*: NMH supports the objectives and the improvement actions which will be used to stop water quality degradation. NMH supports the proposed Improvement Action C4 under section 5.3 on the potential impact of the wastewater overflows on the stormwater system during large storm events. If sewage enters the stormwater system, this can be a risk to human health. The

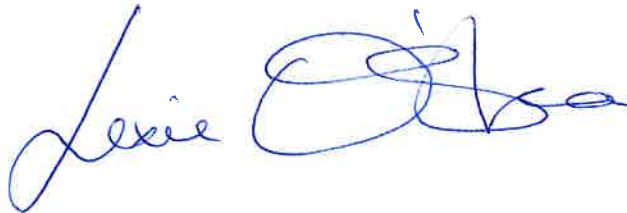
Council need to fully understand the level of risk and what methods they should use to mitigate such risks. This should be articulated in the Plan.

10. *Flooding*: NMH supports the objectives and the improvement actions which will reduce storm water flooding. NMH understands the rationale for focusing on reducing the nuisance effect of 10% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) events, and supports that improvement actions including F10 in regards to increasing public awareness of flooding locations. The description for this is only focused on nuisance flooding however NMH recommends that further consideration is given to add a new Process Improvement around public education for larger storm events (<1%AEP events) so that the public are prepared when those events do occur.
11. *Development*: NMH supports the objectives which will be used to enable water sensitive growth. NMH notes that this section does not have a table of improvement actions like the other sections. It would be useful for a table to be included because this demonstrates clear actions that the Council will undertake.
12. *Integration*: NMH supports the objectives and the improvement actions which will be used to manage stormwater in a holistic, efficient and cost effective manner.
13. *Monitoring and Reporting*: It would be useful within in the Plan to have a section on monitoring, reporting and evaluation so it is clear to the reader to see whether the Plan is on target to meet its objectives.

Conclusion

14. NMH thanks the Tasman District Council for the opportunity to comment on the Motueka Town Catchment Management Plan
15. NMH **does not wish to be heard** in support of its submission.

Yours sincerely



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