

**Tasman District Council**  
**Proposed Dangerous,**  
**Insanitary and Affected**  
**Buildings Policy**

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## Submitter details

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 Proposed Dangerous, Insanitary and Affected Buildings Policy.
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.

## Specific Comments

4. NMH supports the introduction of the Policy and agrees with the Policy Principles and the overall approach of the Policy.
5. NMH notes that provisions also exist in the Health Act 1956 to deal with nuisance conditions related to certain matters associated with housing (under section 23, under section 29(f), overcrowding likely to be injurious to health, and under section 42, insanitary conditions likely to cause injury to the health of persons, or a dwelling that is otherwise unfit for human habitation). The Council may decide to use powers under the Health Act instead of or in addition to the Building Act therefore this should be acknowledged within the Policy.
6. Page 5 notes that the Council may liaise with the Nelson Marlborough Public Health Service (Medical Officer of Health). It would be beneficial to include Health Protection Officers to this section.

## Conclusion

7. NMH thanks the Tasman District Council for the opportunity to comment on the Proposed Dangerous, Insanitary and Affected Buildings Policy.
8. NMH **does not wish to be heard** in support of its submission.

Yours sincerely



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