

# **Nelson City Council**

## **FSC Management Plan for Nelson City's forests**

**3 July 2020**

For more information please contact:

Jane Murray

NMDHB Public Health Service

Email: [jane.murray@nmdhb.govt.nz](mailto:jane.murray@nmdhb.govt.nz)

Phone: (03) 543 7805

## **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 Nelson City Council's request for feedback on the FSC Management Plan for Nelson City's forests
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**

1. NMH supports the FSC Management Plan for Nelson City's forests. NMH recommends that there is enhanced erosion/silt mitigation where waterways used as drinking water sources are affected. NMH notes that the draft Management Plan gives little acknowledgement to the importance of drinking water quality in the Maitai and Roding drinking water catchments. Given that water from these catchments is main source of water supplied to Nelson City, it is critically important that silt/soil run off is minimised to ensure there is no drinking water degradation.
2. In addition, there is increasing recreational use of forests within those catchments. This has positive health benefits for recreational uses however there is potential for use and associated development to lead to additional soil run off which has the potential to decrease water quality. This needs to be considered within the Plan.

## **Conclusion**

3. NMH thanks the Nelson City Council for the opportunity to feedback on the FSC Management Plan for Nelson City's forests.

Yours sincerely



Peter Bramley  
**Chief Executive**  
peter.bramley@nmhs.govt.nz