



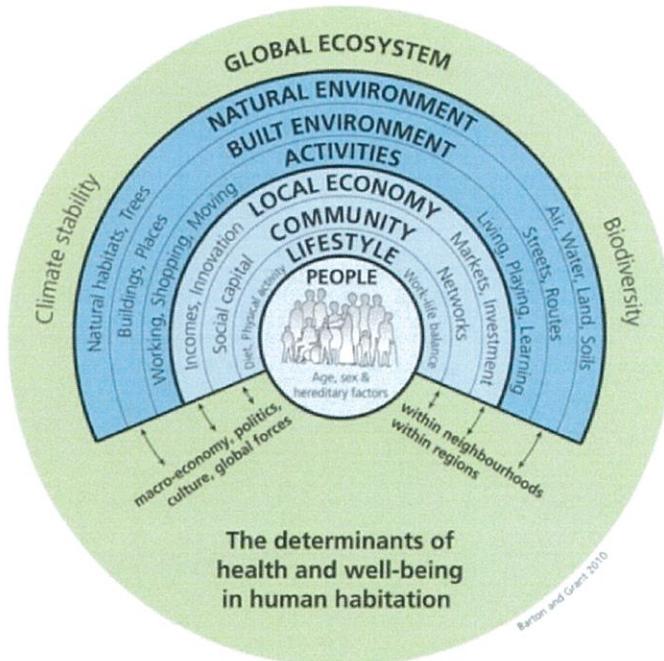
# **Submission on Nelson City Council Consultation Document for the Long Term Plan 2021-2031**

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Nelson Marlborough District Health Board (NMDHB) (NMH) is a key organisation involved in the health and wellbeing of the people within Te Tau Ihu. NMH along with Nelson City Council (NCC) has a responsibility for promoting the reduction of adverse environmental effects on the health of people and communities and to improve, promote and protect their health pursuant under the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000 and the Health Act 1956. NMH welcomes the opportunity to comment from a public health perspective on the NCC Consultation Document and supporting information for the Long Term Plan 2021-2031. The Long Term Plan shows a commitment to the long term health and wellbeing of Nelson residents.

We see it as very important for NMH to continue to work in partnership with NCC around promoting and developing social and physical environments which are likely to contribute to the health, wellbeing and resiliency of the local population. The conditions in which people live are impacted by a range of environmental, social and behavioural factors which are referred to as the 'social determinants of health'. The diagram<sup>1</sup> below shows how the determinants are complex and interlinked.



Most of these determinants of health fall outside of the health sector. In order to effectively improve health outcomes and the overall quality of life, the district health board needs to work collaboratively with local government.

<sup>1</sup> 2 Barton, H and Grant, M. (2006) A health map for the local human habitat. The Journal of the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health 126 (6) [http://eprints.uwe.ac.uk/7863/2/The\\_health\\_map\\_2006\\_JRSH\\_article - post\\_print.pdf](http://eprints.uwe.ac.uk/7863/2/The_health_map_2006_JRSH_article - post_print.pdf)

NCC has clearly taken a holistic view to its 2021 LTP by considering the four aspects of wellbeing, Living Standards Framework, United Nations Sustainable Development Goals along with the Te Tauihu Intergenerational Strategy in its planning.

The table overleaf page outlines specific areas of the draft Plan that NMH wishes to support and includes a series of recommendations for the Council to consider.

Of particular relevance to this submission, key issues where NCC and NMH can effectively work together are drinking water treatment, active transport, food resilience, healthy homes and housing affordability.

### **Conclusion**

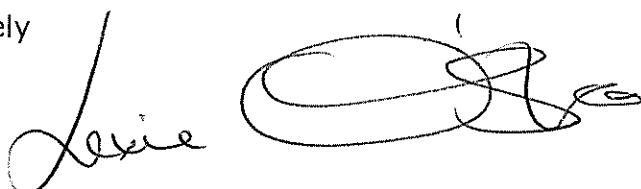
NMH believes that the Nelson City Council Consultation Document and supporting information on the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 generally identifies key issues and reflects the current needs of the district.

NMH would like to continue working with NCC on these issues.

NMH looks forward to continuing to work in partnership with NCC on activities that will be of direct benefit to the wellbeing and health of the community, and encourages NCC's continued active commitment to leading and investing in social development of our community.

NMH **wishes to be heard** in support of its submission.

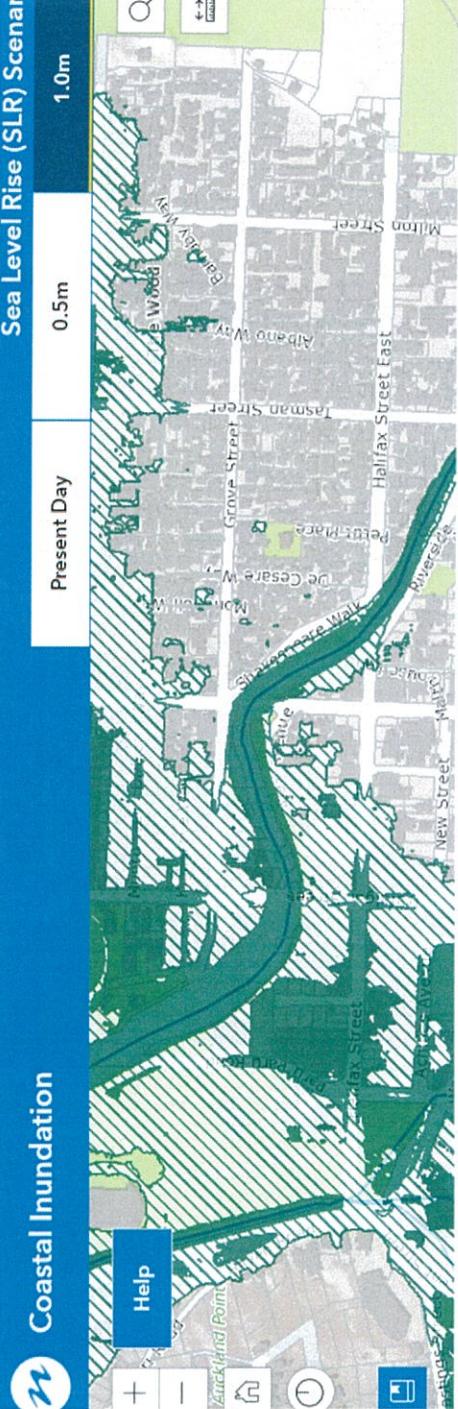
Yours sincerely

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<b>Draft Plan Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Recommendation / Support</b>
<b>Council's Vision, Priorities and Outcomes</b> Consultation Document pg. 15	NMH notes that the Community Outcomes have been carried over from the 2018 Long Term Plan. NMH continues to support this approach.	<i>Support</i>
<b>Partnerships and Collaboration</b> Consultation Document pg. 17	As acknowledged in the Plan, there are many organisations contributing to the wellbeing of the community. NMH would like the opportunity to continue to engage with NCC at a strategic and operational level on work that intersects both organisations.	<i>Recommendation:</i> NMH and NMH organise strategic and operational meetings to collaborate on work that is common to both organisations.
<b>Climate Change</b> Consultation Document pg. 18-21	NMH is pleased to see that Climate Change has been identified as a key priority in order to limit global warming to 1.5°C. NMH strongly supports the activities below <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• encouraging more inner city living and intensification,</li> <li>• improving the environmental performance of Council buildings, integrating Climate Change adaption within the Draft Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan</li> <li>• continuing investments into public and active transport</li> <li>• implementing an Urban Greening Plan to expand the urban canopy</li> <li>• allocating \$13.3 million for kerbside collection of kitchen waste</li> <li>• encouraging reuse of products through the Second Hand Sunday events</li> <li>• planting trees and restoring native forests</li> <li>• Supporting the Nelson Tasman Climate forum to deliver on the Regional Climate Action Plan</li> <li>• Funding for the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary to support biodiversity</li> <li>• Funding through the Jobs for Nature programme</li> <li>• Implementing the Ecological Restoration Plans.</li> </ul>	<i>Support</i> <i>Recommendation:</i> that the Urban Greening Plan work intersects with the Food Resilience Plan.

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	In regards to the Urban Greening Plan, NMH recommends that this work aligns to the Good Food Cities outcomes and enhances community Food Resilience. NMH is developing a Food Resilience Strategy and is interested in working in partnership.	
<b>COVID-19 and Economic Recovery and Regeneration</b>  Consultation Document Pg 22	NMH supports the collaborative work that has occurred to ensure COVID effects on the community are minimised. NMH supports Project Kōkiri 2.0 work to develop an economic development strategy that includes strategic initiatives to improve our region's overall wellbeing.	<i>Support</i>
<b>Nelson City Centre</b>  Consultation Document pgs 29-30	NMH supports the introduction of a spatial plan that provides direction for Nelson City Centre's Six Key moves project. NMH is interested in being involved in the conversations as part of the Spatial Plan engagement process.  NMH supports the Streets for People programme and the urban park.	<i>Support</i>  <i>Recommendation:</i> NMH is involved in the conversations as part of the Spatial Plan engagement process.

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<b>Community Facilities and Partnerships</b> Library Precinct Redevelopment pg. 32	<p><i>Library Precinct Redevelopment:</i> Libraries form a critical function for communities and NMH supports in principle the proposed precinct redevelopment. It is pleasing to see that the new proposed library will be built to Green Star 5 ratings and be built as a climate change-resilient building. NMH supports the creation of new attractive public open space between the library and the Maitai River. NMH supports the creation of a Climatorium next to the new library.</p> <p>NMH does have concerns around future access to the library site. Whilst the new library will be built 1.2m higher than the current site and will be able to be raised further, NMH notes that the surrounding area under 1m sea level rise will be inundated resulting in limited access. NCC's Coastal Inundation maps (1.0m scenario) shows that access from Halifax and Paru Paru Road will not be possible. The Plan should also indicate what measures will be put in place to enable future access to the site.</p>	<p><i>Support in part</i></p> <p><i>Recommendation:</i> the Plan needs to include direction on how access to the library will be possible given that the surrounding area faces inundation</p> 

<b>Other Community Facilities Projects</b> Consultation Document pg 38-9	NMH supports funding for the Nelson Arts Council, and the Tasman Bay's Heritage Trusts project to build a new Archive Research and Collections facility. NMH also supports the creation of a Sea Sports building. This support will result in more people participating in these activities which is good for their physical and mental wellbeing.	<i>Support</i>
<b>Housing Affordability and Intensification</b> Consultation Document pg 40-	NMH is pleased to see that housing affordability is being addressed as a key issue for our district. NMH supports NCC decision to partner with Kāinga Ora in the development of its strategic plan for Te Tauihu for potential development projects. NMH supports NCC decisions to concentrate proactive infrastructure upgrade activity in Washington Valley and the wider Nelson City area, and be responsive to city wide intensification demands	<i>Support</i>
<b>The Environment</b> Consultation Document pg. 43	NMH supports investment of \$18.2 million in environmental activity, with a particular focus on freshwater management and monitoring required by the new National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management, biodiversity management, responding to biosecurity threats and data management and reporting.	<i>Support</i>
<b>Infrastructure Projects</b> Consultation Document pg. 48-	NMH supports the follow key projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saxton Creek Upgrade- Stage 4</li> <li>• Maitai Flood Mitigation</li> <li>• Water Supply and Wastewater Renewals</li> <li>• Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit</li> <li>• Nelson Wastewater Treatment Plan Resource Consent</li> <li>• Atawhai Rising Main Renewal</li> </ul>	<i>Support</i>
<b>Sustainable Transport</b> Consultation Document pg. 51	It was disappointing to see that Waka Kotahi's funding for walking and cycling projects in the latest Nelson/Tasman/Marlborough Regional Land Transport Plan will stay static between 2021-2031. NMH acknowledges that Waka Kotahi's budgets have been significantly affected due to COVID response, however in order to create momentum for change in relation to transport, funding for active travel modes must be prioritised immediately.	<i>Recommendation:</i> that more pressure is given to Waka Kotahi to further fund walking and cycling projects.

<b>Transport:</b> Activity Summary pg. 5-7	<p>NMH supports the following strategy and project work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An active transport framework.</li> <li>• A speed management strategy.</li> <li>• An upgraded and improved regional public transport service.</li> <li>• A parking management strategy.</li> <li>• Environmental targets to reduce carbon emissions and transport impacts on freshwater quality.</li> </ul> <p>NMH is pleased to see that intersection safety is an area of concern and has high priority to address.</p> <p>NMH supports the planting more trees and street gardens to enhance the quality of urban environments and to encourage more walking and cycling.</p>	<p><i>Support the priorities outlined in pages 5-7</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports</li> <li>• Railway Reserve improvements that include lighting</li> <li>• Continuation of new and improved shared footpath programme, Quarantine Road Bridge footpath,</li> <li>• Bus shelter upgrades,</li> <li>• Electronic count stations</li> <li>• City Centre Enhancement</li> </ul>
<b>Infrastructure Strategy</b> Pg 54-55	<p>NMH is pleased to see that main objective of the Strategy is to assess the resilience of all Council assets considering climate change and sea level rise in addition assets are maintained and renewed that contributes to a more sustainable transport culture.</p> <p>NMH supports the approach that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased resilience to natural hazards and climate change</li> <li>• Maintains or improves public health and safety and environmental outcomes</li> </ul>	<p>NMH supports the Council's priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued focus on natural hazard risk reduction</li> <li>• Ongoing renewal of the water reticulation.</li> <li>• Continued review of assets supporting levels of service.</li> <li>• Further action to reduce water losses.</li> <li>• Review operation of the water treatment plant to focus on improvements to the performance of the ultra-filtration membranes</li> </ul>
<b>Water Supply</b> Activity Summary pg. 14-24		<p>NMH supports the priorities outlined in Activity Summary pg. 17</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undertake investigations to reduce the frequency of dis-coloured water complaints from the network.</li> <li>• Assess the preferred option to improve aeration of the Maitai Dam and enhance water.</li> </ul>	<p>NMH is pleased to see that the LTP includes performance measures that reflect compliance with Part 4, 5 and 8 of the Drinking Water Standards for New Zealand (DWSNZ) and compliance with water safety plan requirements under the Health Act 1956. With the imminent regulatory changes, NCC recommends that NCC fully comply with whichever set of rules and standards are introduced in the future. Changes to the regulation of drinking water are likely to reduce the role that NMDHB has with regard to drinking water.</p> <p>NMH would like to draw the Council's attention to the press release of Hon Dr Verrall (18th March 2021) that states that "<i>The Government is proposing an amendment [the Health (Fluoridation of Drinking Water) Amendment Bill] to see that decision-making sits with the Director-General of Health... The proposed change, which will be made by a Supplementary Order Paper, simplifies the decision making and means we are taking a nationally consistent approach that's based on evidence... Given that fluoridating our drinking water is widely recognised as the single-most important initiative to improve oral health, I expect this Bill to pass this year... Local Councils are responsible for the capital and operational costs of fluoridation</i>" NMH would highlight that the press release states: "<i>There will be funding available to support local councils with fluoridation related infrastructure work.</i>" NCC may wish to note this within the capital planning process.</p>	<p><b>Wastewater</b></p> <p>Activity Summary pg. 25-33</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NMH supports the Council's priorities:</li> <li>• Continued focus on overflow</li> <li>• Completing the upgrade of the wastewater hydraulic model</li> <li>• The Atawhai Rising Main – continued investigation</li> <li>• Awatea Pump Station Upgrade</li> <li>• Increasing the rate of wastewater pipe renewals</li> <li>• Undertaking the Washington Valley Infrastructure upgrade</li> </ul> <p>NMH supports the priorities outlined in Activity Summary pg. 27</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Natural Hazard Network Resilience</li> <li>• Pump Station resilience and upgrade</li> <li>• Nelson Wastewater Treatment Plant Resource Consent Renewal</li> <li>• Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit (NRSBU) Priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- commitment to measure and reduce gas emissions,</li> <li>- pipeline upgrades from Beach Road Pump Station to Saxton Pump Station</li> <li>- increased operational expenditure to cater for maintenance contract costs.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	NMH supports the priorities outlined in Activity Summary pg. 35
<b>Stormwater</b> Activity Summary pg. 33-41	<p>NMH supports the Council's priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completing major stormwater upgrades in Washington Valley, Konini Street, Rutherford Stage 1 and Wastney Terrace</li> <li>• Progressing stormwater strategies for the City Centre, and Tahunui areas</li> <li>• Completing a Stormwater Quality Improvement Strategy to respond to freshwater quality targets</li> <li>• Completing design of the Haven Road/ St Vincent box culvert renewal, and York Terrace / Waimea Road stormwater upgrade.</li> </ul>	NMH supports the priorities outlined in Activity Summary pg. 35
<b>Flood Protection</b> Activity Summary pg. 42-48	<p>NMH is supportive the flood protection works outlined in the Activity Summary. Council's flood protection system is designed to protect people and property from harm while minimising the negative impacts of flood protection activities on the surrounding Environment.</p>	NMH supports the priorities outlined in Activity Summary pg. 43
<b>Solid Waste</b> Activity Summary pg. 49-54	<p>NMH supports the Council's priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working with the construction industry to encourage the diversion of material from landfill and the deconstruction of buildings rather than demolition.</li> <li>• Continuing to support effective domestic recycling through kerbside collection and through advocacy with government.</li> <li>• Replacing inner city street litter bins with solar powered bins to reduce collection frequency, collection vehicle emissions and traffic disruption.</li> <li>• Implementing collection of kitchen waste at kerbside for composting</li> </ul> <p>NMH would like to continue to work together on waste management issues including strategies to reduce the amount of waste produced by the health sector.</p>	<p><i>Support</i></p> <p><i>Recommendation:</i> NCC and NMH continue to work together on strategies to reduce health sector waste</p>

<b>Social</b> Activity Summary pg. 68	NMH supports NCC's commitment to supporting community events because these events strengthen the sense of identity and social bonds in a community which is important for wellbeing.	NMH supports the priorities in relation to events outlined in Activity Summary pg. 68
<b>Parks and active recreation</b> Activity Summary pg. 76	NMH is pleased to see that NCC continues to have a focus on inclusion and accessibility to make recreation opportunities available for all ages and abilities.  NMH supports the development of the Stoke Youth Park and the development of the relationship with Ngāti Koata as a key recreation landowner.	Support
<b>Playground Development Programme</b> Activity Summary pg. 81	NMH is pleased to see that the percentage of residential properties within 1km of a playground has increased from 95% to 97.4%. Given that the number of properties has increased, it would be beneficial to have the target increased.  NMH notes that NCC is continually developing playgrounds over the next 10 years. As part of the playground renewals, consideration should be given to increasing the number of shade structures or suitable trees so that people are able to get refuge from the sun in the middle of the day. This is especially important for children in playgrounds to ensure that they have additional sun protection.  Consideration should also be given to whether playgrounds have a drinking water fountain. Adequate hydration is important especially in the warmer months. NCC has shown its commitment to the introduction of a sugar sweetened beverages policy whereby sugar sweetened beverages are not provided or made available for purchase at council-owned buildings and events. Increasing the number of drinking fountains is another way that NCC can contribute to the health and wellbeing of its citizens by giving people the option of free easily accessible water in public places	NMH supports the NCC to continue investment in playgrounds (Council Activities Summaries pg. 81)  <i>Recommendation:</i> that NCC looks at the amount of shading in playgrounds in the region  <i>Recommendation:</i> that NCC reviews the number of water fountains available in playgrounds.
<b>Smokefree Environments</b>	NMH thanks NCC for the work that has been occurring on the development of a Nelson City Council Smokefree Outdoor Policy. We look forward to the next stages of policy development.	