

TE WAIORA



Nelson Marlborough
Health

**Marlborough District
Council**

**Proposed East Coast Beach
Bylaw**

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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 Marlborough Council's Proposed East Coast Beach Bylaw.
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

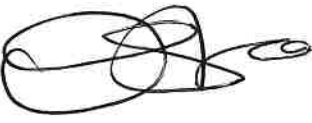
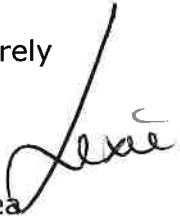
4. NMH supports the proposed Proposed East Coast Beach Bylaw. This area is ecologically significant and it is important that biodiversity of this area is retained. Biodiversity is the foundation of human health, and a healthy environment that supports a diversity of life is essential for the wellbeing of humans.¹
5. NMH supports Option 6 for a vehicle ban on the beaches, reefs and dunes between Awatere and Waima/Ure river mouths as vehicles can harm indigenous vegetation and fauna, and can disturb the peaceful enjoyment of the coast.
6. NMH strongly supports the aims of the bylaw to manage use of the coastal area in a way that restores and conserves it for future generations.
7. NMH supports the ban on vehicles between Awatere and Waima/Ure river mouths in this section because it protects both the environment and also beach walkers from harm from vehicles.
8. NMH supports a 30k/km speed limit on vehicle speeds for vehicles on the southern section of the beach.
9. NMH recommends that clear signage is used to demarcate the two defined areas to ensure that vehicles are not used in the wrong locations.

¹ [cohab-policy-brief1-en.pdf \(cbd.int\)](#)

Conclusion

10. NMH thanks the Marlborough District Council for the opportunity to feedback for the Proposed East Coast Beach Bylaw.

Yours sincerely



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