

## **Public notice of proposed Private Plan Change 30 Nelson Airport to the Nelson Resource Management Plan and a Notice of Requirement to extend the Nelson Airport runway**

*[Clauses 5, 16A, and 21](#) of Schedule 1, and Sections 169 and 181, of the Resource Management Act 1991*

Nelson City Council has received a Notice of Requirement under Section 181 of the Resource Management Act 1991 to alter Designations DAA1, DAA2 and DAA3 in Appendix 24 and on the planning maps in the Nelson Resource Management Plan to provide for the construction, operation, use and maintenance of the northern runway extension to Nelson Airport, with associated amendments to the airport's Airnoise Boundary (ANB) and responsibilities for aircraft noise and to the Airport Height Restrictions (or Obstacle Limitation Surface (OLS)).

- **DAA1 Aerodrome (Nelson Airport)** protects the operational capability of the airport and provides for associated development of aviation and ancillary activities. The spatial extent of DAA1 is to be amended to enable extension of the existing main runway to the north, and to land that NAL owns east of Jenkins Creek. The designation is also to be amended to update its purpose, to confirm the nature of works, activities and facilities authorised and associated with the airport, and to clarify the conditions associated with the designation, in particular those required in establishing the northern runway extension.
- **DAA2 Airnoise Boundary Controls** imposes limits on the level of aircraft noise that the airport can generate. The spatial limit of the ANB is to be updated based on contemporary modelling, fleet mix, growth projections and, as with the OLS, a composite of future activity on the main existing runway and its northern extension. The designation is also to be amended to confirm the Airport Operator's responsibilities in terms of noise exposure management, monitoring and compliance, to confirm the conditions of the designation in its restrictions on aircraft operations, to establish requirements in terms of monitoring and mitigation, and to provide for the role of the Nelson Airport Noise and Environmental Advisory Committee.
- **DAA3 Airport Height Restrictions** imposes height limits on activities and structures in order to protect aircraft manoeuvring in and out of the airport, to meet Civil Aviation requirements. The spatial extent of the OLS, a set of spatially defined surfaces associated with operation of the airport's runway system and above which airspace should be kept free of obstacles, is to be updated.

Nelson City Council has also accepted a private plan change request to the Nelson Resource Management Plan from Nelson Airport Limited with the purpose of:

- providing a clear planning framework regarding activities anticipated within the Airport designations through a specific Airport Zone; and
- ensuring the contemporary role and function of the Airport is recognised in terms of its strategic importance to the Nelson-Tasman region and country; and
- providing a consistent approach to managing activities sensitive to airport noise in order to manage reverse sensitivity effects and ensure communities around the Airport are developed with healthy living environments.

Accordingly, changes sought to the Nelson Resource Management Plan include:

- The formation of Chapter 15 Airport Zone, and associated provisions for land contained within designation DAA1, as proposed in the Notice of Requirement, including three zone precincts:
  - the core Airport precinct (including runway, airfield, taxiways and other aviation activities),
  - the Airport environs precinct (providing for business activities supporting and complementing the Airport), and
  - the Airport coastal precinct (the coastal and river margins).
- Amendments to Chapter 5 District Wide provisions to strengthen the role and function of Nelson Airport as nationally and regionally significant infrastructure and incorporate policy related to managing reverse sensitivity effects on Nelson Airport.
- Amendments to Chapter 11 Industrial provisions to remove redundant provisions that relate to Nelson Airport.
- Amendments to Chapter 7 Residential, Chapter 9 Suburban Commercial, Chapter 10 Industrial, Chapter 11 Open Space and Recreation, and Chapter 14 Conservation Zones to provide a consistent rule suite to avoid activities sensitive to airport noise from establishing within the Airport Effects Control Overlay and Airport Noise Boundary.
- Amendments to Appendix 19 Acoustic Insulation Requirements in relation to the amended Airport Effects Control Overlay and inclusion of updated Future Air Noise Contours, and addition of ventilation requirements.
- Inserted and amended definitions to Chapter 2 Interpretation to provide for the above.
- Consequential amendments to Chapter 3 Administration.

The proposals may be inspected online at [Shape.nelson.govt.nz](https://shape.nelson.govt.nz) (search phrase = Nelson Airport Runway Extension). The information will also be available to view at terminals located at:

- Elma Turner Library, 27 Halifax Street, Nelson City, Nelson
- Nightingale Library Memorial, 2 Beach Road, Tahunanui, Nelson
- Stoke Library, 35 Putaitai Street, Stoke, Nelson.

The following persons may make a submission on the proposal:

- the local authority in its own area may make a submission; and
- any other person may make a submission but, if the person could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission, then the person may do so only if the person is directly affected by an effect of the proposal that—
  - adversely affects the environment; and
  - does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

You may make an electronic submission to Nelson City Council online at [shape.nelson.govt.nz](https://shape.nelson.govt.nz) or by:

- Email - [environmental.planning@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:environmental.planning@ncc.govt.nz)
- Post - Nelson City Council, Freepost 76919, PO Box 645, Nelson 7040
- Delivering them to the Customer Service Centre at Civic House, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson.

The submission must be in form 5 and must state whether or not you wish to be heard. Copies of this form are available at the Customer Services Centre and at the Nelson libraries.

**Submissions close on 10 July 2023 at 4 pm.**

The process for public participation in the consideration of the proposal under the Act is as follows:

- after the closing date for submissions for the plan change, Nelson City Council must prepare a summary of decisions requested by submitters and give public notice of the availability of this summary and where the summary and submissions can be inspected
- in respect of the private Plan Change, there must be an opportunity for the following persons to make a further submission in support of, or in opposition to, the submissions already made:
  - any person representing a relevant aspect of the public interest
  - any person who has an interest in the proposal greater than the general public has
  - the local authority itself
- if a person making a submission on either the plan change or the Notice of Requirement asks to be heard in support of his or her submission, a hearing must be held
- Nelson City Council must give its decision on the provisions and matters raised in the submissions (including its reasons for accepting or rejecting submissions) and give public notice of its decision within 2 years of notifying the proposal and serve it on every person who made a submission at the same time
- any person who has made a submission has the right to appeal against the decision on the proposal to the Environment Court if -
  - in relation to a provision or matter that is the subject of the appeal, the person referred to the provision or matter in the person's submission on the proposal; and
  - in the case of a proposal that is a proposed policy statement or plan, the appeal does not seek the withdrawal of the proposal as a whole.

If you have any questions about the applications, please contact the Environmental Planning Manager on 03 546 0200 or email [environmental.planning@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:environmental.planning@ncc.govt.nz).

**Mandy Bishop, Group Manager Environmental Management**

**On behalf of Nelson City Council**

**10 June 2023**