



Extension of a time limit under section 37(1)(a) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

The Chief Executive of Nelson City Council, acting under delegated authority, extends the time period for the lodgement of further submissions on Proposed Change 29 to the Nelson Resource Management Plan under section 37(1)(a) of the Resource Management Act.

The time period for the lodgement of further submissions is extended from a maximum of 10 working days to 20 working days.

Reasons for extension of time.

In determining an extension to the statutory timeframe for lodgement of further submissions, I have given consideration to the following matters, as required by section 37A(1) of the Act:

a) The interests of any person who the Council considers may be directly affected by the waiver.

The persons directly affected by the waiver are those who wish to lodge a further submission. No person will be prejudiced by the extension of the timeframe as Council has not yet notified the summary of decisions requested and so no further submissions have been lodged at this stage. The extension will positively affect the interests of anyone who is seeking to make a further submission.

Section 37A (6) of the Act requires every person who is directly affected by the extension of time limit to be notified. The Council will meet this requirement as follows:

- Each person or organisation that lodged a submission on Proposed Change 29 will be notified of the extension of time at the time the summary of decisions requested is notified.
- The Public Notice for the further submissions process will state that an extension to the time limit under s37(1)(a) has been given.

(b) The interests of the community in achieving adequate assessment of the effects of the proposed plan change.

I consider that an extension to the 10 day time limit for the lodgement of further submissions will contribute to the quality of further submissions received and recognise that:

- Council received significant feedback from the community that the original submission timelines were inadequate given the volume of information.
- Council received a request to extend the further submissions time frame by a submitter.
- Proposed Plan Change 29 is a substantial change to the Nelson Resource Management Plan (NRMP) with a large number of submission points on significant topics. Further submitters will benefit from additional time to review these submissions points and formulate their further submissions.
- Additional time will allow the Friend of Submitters to assist more submitters.
- Some members of the community may not have been involved in the first round of submissions but may meet the criteria for making a further submission and seek to do so. Additional time to familiarise themselves with the process and the content will be beneficial.

(c) Council's duty under section 21 to avoid unreasonable delay.

I do not consider there will be an unreasonable delay arising from granting this extension of the time limit for the further submissions period. However, no further extensions to this time limit will be granted in recognition of the statutory timeframes.

Any further submissions received after the closing date (8 March 2024) will be marked as late, and a decision will be made by the Hearing Panel about whether those further submissions are to be accepted.

Nigel Philpott
Chief Executive
Date: 31 January 2024