

Rob Greenaway – Executive Summary

- [1] My evidence considers the degree to which the PPC28 proposal will achieve the necessary provisions for recreation and open space within the Plan Change area, and what effects it may have on recreation values in the Maitahi/Mahitahi Valley.
- [2] I have prepared a JWS with the Nelson City Council's recreation and open space expert, and we are in broad agreement regarding the key elements of the evidence that I have prepared.
- [3] I also address three areas of concern raised in submissions:
 - (a) That the proposal will result in the loss of greenspace in the Maitahi/Mahitahi Valley. I find that it will increase the amount of greenspace provided and that the open space provisions of the proposal are appropriate considering the local terrain and the connections with existing areas of public open space.
 - (b) That the proposal will result in conflict with existing recreational opportunities and values in the Maitahi/Mahitahi Valley. I find that the local increase in population will lead to increased use of local recreation resources, but that this would also result from general population growth in Nelson. There will be the need to 'harden' some local recreation assets to cope with this increased demand. There is also the potential for adverse effects via increased conflict between vehicles and runners, walkers and cyclists within the Maitahi/Mahitahi Valley Road corridor. Mr Petheram and I in our JWS defer to the traffic experts for their more fulsome assessment, but note that there is ample scope in the Maitahi/Mahitahi Valley road corridor for various solutions to this issue.
 - (c) That effects on water quality in the Maitahi/Mahitahi River will adversely affect swimming in the River. In my evidence I refer to survey work that I have previously completed for the NCC which identifies existing concerns about water quality in the Maitahi/Mahitahi River. I defer here to the assessment Mr Stu Farrant who addresses methods to maintain and improve water quality and habitat in Kākā Stream and the Maitahi/Mahitahi River.
- [4] I have made several recommendations about clarifying and expanding on the proposed connections with existing public space in the proposed Structure Plan. These include an

additional pathway on the northern side of the Bay View ridge linking Bay View Road with the Sir Stanley Whitehead Path, and an alternative treatment to access to Dennes Hole (with an agreed interface plan attached to the JWS). These recommendations have been agreed with other experts and the applicant and now appear in the revised Structure Plan which I discuss later in my evidence.

- [5] Considering, for example, proposed Policy RE6.1 which directs that development of the Maitahi Bayview area shall generally provide for “Recreational opportunities to meet the needs of current and future residents”, Section X.9 *Ecological outcomes and freshwater*, which makes reference to the implementation of the NPS-FM and NES 2020, and the need to implement the requirements of the *Nelson Tasman Land Development Manual*, I find that the proposal adequately meets the expectations of the NRMP for recreation and open space.