

NELSON AIR QUALITY PLAN

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE A2

Clause 5, First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA)

Nelson City Council has prepared proposed Council Plan Change A2 (Alignment with NES for Air Quality) to the Nelson Air Quality Plan (the proposal).

WHAT THE PROPOSAL COVERS

The proposal makes two changes to the operative Nelson Air Quality Plan to align it with the National Environmental Standards for Air Quality (NES). The Government recently amended the NES to increase the time for compliance with the standard for particle matter (PM10). This Plan Change proposes to:

- i) Amend the target dates for compliance with the PM10 standard in Policy A5-1.4 to align them with the new NES dates, and
- ii) Remove that part of the rule requiring the compulsory phase-out of domestic enclosed burners in Airsheds A and B1 installed after 1 January 2000 and which are not compliant with the emission requirements in the Air Quality Plan i.e. essentially burners installed 2000 - 2003 (when the Air Quality Plan was notified).

WHERE THE PROPOSAL MAY BE INSPECTED

The proposed Plan Change document and the accompanying Section 32 Report are available for public inspection at:

- Nelson City Council Customer Service Centre, Ground Floor, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson;
- Elma Turner Library, Halifax St, Nelson;
- Nightingale Library Memorial, Rocks Rd, Tahunanui;
- Stoke Library, Putaitai St, Stoke;
- Online at www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz (search phrase: Plan Change A2).

SUBMISSIONS

The proposal is open for submissions until **5pm Friday 28 October 2011**.

Any person may make a submission. Forms for making submissions can be obtained from any of the places listed above in the 'Where The Proposals May Be Inspected' section (online submissions are also accepted). You are required to use the submission form provided, or a similar format consistent with Form 5, Resource Management (Forms, Fees & Procedures) Regulations 2003.

The Council's address for service is:

Nelson City Council
PO Box 645
NELSON 7040

THE PROCESS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The process for public participation in the consideration of the proposed Plan Change under the RMA is as follows:

- after the closing of submissions, Nelson City Council will prepare a summary of the submissions and this summary will be publicly notified, and
- there will be an opportunity to make a further submission in support of, or in opposition to, the submissions already made, and
- if a person making a submission asks to be heard in support of his or her submission, a hearing will be held, and
- Nelson City Council will make its decisions on the proposal (i.e. on the submissions and whether to amend the proposed Plan Change, including its reasons for accepting or rejecting submissions) within two years of this public notice, and
- any person who made a submission has the right to appeal the Council's decision on the proposed Plan Change to the Environment Court.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For further information please visit the Council's website, the Customer Service Centre (Ground Floor, 110 Trafalgar St, Nelson) or contact David Jackson on (03) 546 0432 (email david.jackson@ncc.govt.nz).

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