

20 May 2015

Memo To: Her Worship the Mayor, Councillors, Chief Executive
Memo From: Penny Langley
Manager Administration
Subject: Long Term Plan Late Submission

LTP submission #L18

Submitter: Nissa Mowjood

Organisation: Muslim Group

Submission L18 was received at Nelson City Council on 12 May 2015.

It has been included in the group of submissions received after Tuesday 28 April 2015, and is covered by the resolution passed at the Council meeting on Wednesday 6 May 2015.

The submitter has not indicated they wish to speak to their submission.

The submission follows.

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REQUEST FOR A MUSLIM BURIAL AREA IN A LOCAL CEMETRY

On behalf of the Muslim Community in Nelson, I wish to make a request from the Nelson City Council to consider granting an area in one of the local cemetry for Muslim burial. I understand from Michael Homan from the City council that the council is reviewing the allocation of areas for different religion and bleiefs. Currently there is a place allocated in Blenheim which is the closest place for Muslim burial for a perosn living in Nelson.

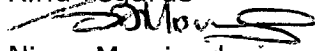
Last week we had a Muslim brother who is a local resident pass away and the body had to be transported to Blenheim for buiral. This has raised an awareness in our community to explore the option of having a place in Nelson rather than having to co-ordinate with another council and having to transport the body. It is also Islamic practice for burial to take place within 24 hours.

Currently the Muslim gorup meet weekly at the Trafalgar Hall for for prayers and have approximately 20-25 adults attend and this is mainly males that attend this congregational prayers. We would have atleast 50-60 Muslim in the Nelson region and many more on Student visa studing at the local tertiary institutes. We have lived in Nelson since 1991 and call Nelson to be home and have the wish and desire of having a place to rest here at the end of our life.

We hope you will consider our request favourably.

Look forward to hearing from you soon

Kind regards


Nissa Mowjood

Treasurer Muslim Group

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Justice of the Peace