

Summary of Statement of Proposal

DRAFT WASTEWATER BYLAW – JUNE 2014

This statement is made for the purposes of sections 83 and 89 of the Local Government Act 2002. That means it summarises the information in the Statement of Proposal to adopt a Wastewater Bylaw 2014, explains how to access the full Statement of Proposal, and provides details of the period during which the Council will accept submissions on the proposal.

Key points in the Statement of Proposal:

1. Nelson City Council's Trade Waste Bylaw 2007 is due to expire in October 2014. The Council proposes to adopt a new Wastewater Bylaw in 2014 to replace it. This will enable the Council to avoid impacts on the Wastewater network, to minimise the risk of impacts on public health and pollution of soil and water.
2. The draft Wastewater Bylaw No. 224 is attached to the Statement of Proposal. Council's preferred option is to adopt a Wastewater Bylaw that controls Wastewater from both domestic and commercial premises, and that does not include the details of the charging regime or Trade Waste application form. The reason for broadening the bylaw to become a "Wastewater Bylaw" is that it would enable the Council to use the bylaw to regulate Wastewater from all properties in Nelson.
3. The draft Wastewater Bylaw is an amended version of the existing Trade Waste Bylaw 2007. The proposed changes are shown in strikethrough and underlining.
4. Adopting a Wastewater Bylaw enables the Council to control discharges to the Wastewater network. Aspects of discharges which need to be managed include:
 - the volume
 - speed of discharge
 - timing of the discharge
 - presence of any hazardous substances
 - reactivity with other wastes
 - potential impacts of the discharge (after treatment) on the receiving environment
 - pre-treatment prior to discharge.
5. The draft Wastewater Bylaw also seeks to avoid the discharge of stormwater to the Wastewater network. The reason for this is to avoid exceeding the capacity of

the Wastewater system, which can result in overflows of sewage into the environment.

6. The bylaw enables the Council to require premises discharging to the Wastewater network that have a grease, silt or oil trap to maintain these traps in an operable condition. This helps to avoid discharges of grease, silt and oil, as they can impact on the functioning of the Wastewater system.
7. Flow metering and compliance monitoring is provided for in the draft bylaw, as well as the ability to charge for discharges to the Wastewater system.
8. The Council proposes to remove the details of setting of fees and charges from the bylaw, and to manage this through the Annual Plan/Long Term Plan process instead. This will provide greater consistency with how the Council's other fees and charges are consulted on. Providing the Trade Waste application form on the website and through the Customer Service Centre instead of in Schedule E of the bylaw will make this form more accessible and will enable it to be updated without triggering a review of the bylaw.
9. The Statement of Proposal (including the draft bylaw) is available to view or download from the Nelson City Council website www.nelson.govt.nz (search phrase = Draft Wastewater Bylaw). Paper copies of the Statement of Proposal are also available free of charge from the Nelson City Council customer service centre at Civic House 110 Trafalgar Street Nelson, and on request by contacting the customer service centre on telephone 5460200.

Submissions

Any person or organisation is welcome to make a submission on the Statement of Proposal to adopt a Nelson City Council Wastewater Bylaw (Bylaw No. 224). Council will be taking account of all submissions made when it decides on the final content of the Wastewater Bylaw. Submissions must be received by Council no later than **4.00pm on Wednesday, 20 August 2014**.

A submission form can be obtained from Nelson City Council, and is also available on the Nelson City Council website www.nelson.govt.nz.

Submissions can also be sent in letter or email form and should be:

Posted to: Wastewater Bylaw Consultation
Nelson City Council
PO Box 645
Nelson 7040

Or emailed to: submissions@ncc.govt.nz

Please state in your submission whether or not you wish to speak at a hearing in support of your submission.

Submitters should note that their submission will be copied and made available to the public after the submission period closes. Council will contact all submitters (who wish to be heard) in writing to advise the confirmed time, date and venue of the hearing.

All enquiries should be directed to Phil Ruffell, Senior Asset Engineer – Utilities, on telephone 545-8739 or by email to phil.ruffell@ncc.govt.nz.