



Submission to Nelson City Council Draft Long Term Plan 2012

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on Nelson City Council's Draft Long Term Plan (DLTP) 2012-2022.

Tasman District Council will consider the Nelson City Council submission to its DLTP at its meeting on 24 May, but in the interim confirm that we strongly support the proposal that a new joint approach for considering projects, facilities and services is required and that this change should provide significant benefits to residents of both communities. Options might include adopting a Top-of-the-South approach for some projects or working with the South Island Strategic Alliance on wider local government initiatives.

The details of the forum for these discussions can be worked through once both Councils have completed the heavy meeting schedules leading up to the adoption of their respective Long Term Plans.

In its submission to Tasman District Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2012 Nelson City Council proposed funding for a number of facilities and projects. Specific feedback on the requests raised by Nelson City Council will not be available until after the Tasman District Council has formally considered submissions at its meeting of 24 May, which is after Nelson City Council's submission process closes. However the following information is provided to assist alignment of the two Long Term Plans and to commence development of an initial agenda and dialogue to discuss issues that both Councils have a strategic interest in.

- 1. Updating the process for considering the funding of Regional Services and Facilities**

The current process has worked reasonably well over the last ten years but the funding and priorities of each Council suggests that an updated process may be required to better serve our communities into the future.

- 2. Nelson City Council funding requests**

As noted above Nelson City Council has proposed new funding be provided for several facilities. In addition to those proposed by Nelson City Council we would like to add to the agenda discussions regarding possible funding for services and facilities within the Tasman District Council area, for example the proposed Tasman Great Taste Trail and the operating costs of the ASB Aquatic Centre. Funding would be subject to the updated process proposed above and could be included as part of each Council's respective Draft Annual Plans.

3. Lee Valley Dam

Tasman District Council has noted that Nelson City Council has not included funding in its draft plan for the proposed Lee Valley Dam and that you have asked for further information on this project.

We request that Nelson City Council include wording in its final plan confirming that it will continue working with the Waimea Water Augmentation Committee and the Tasman District Council to develop the Lee Valley Dam proposal. Your support for an approach to Central Government for funding of this proposal would also be appreciated.

We note that there will be an opportunity for Nelson City Council to consider funding through future Annual Plan processes.

4. Tasman Bays Heritage Trust

Tasman District Council proposes that a joint review of the Museum's long term operating, facilities and governance needs be undertaken. It is proposed that this be completed prior to any decision on storage requirements for the Museum to inform both the two Councils and the Tasman Bays Heritage Trust on integrated solutions.

5. Council Controlled Trading Organisations (CCTOs) and Holding Company

The jointly owned CCTOs provide significant contributions to the two Councils and our communities. We would like to work with Nelson City Council to consider the merits of establishing a holding company or other structure for the jointly owned CCTOs.

Both Councils provide a wide range of services that support the tourism industry, including funding for Nelson Tasman Tourism. It is proposed that a joint review of the role of the two Councils in supporting tourism and Nelson Tasman Tourism should be included in our respective work programmes.

6. Regional Sewerage Business Unit

A priority for the Tasman District Council is to work with the Nelson City Council on a governance review of this business unit and the development and approval of an updated Memorandum of Understanding.

7. Water supply agreements with Nelson City Council and Industrial Water Users

A new services agreement is planned between Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council, for the supply of water to Nelson City ratepayers in the area of Champion Road, Garin College and the Wakatu Industrial Estate. Tasman District Council currently supplies water to these users, but under individual supply arrangements. The proposed agreement is for the supply of water to Nelson City Council, rather than to individual residents and businesses. The cost of the water supply from Tasman District Council to Nelson City Council is proposed to be the same as rating units with a metered connection in Richmond.

Arbitration between the Council and the Industrial Water Users is scheduled for July and accordingly development of the new water services agreement should be included in the work programme for both Councils.

8. **Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan**

We understand that Nelson City Council has made provision for the joint policies and methods identified in the Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan and we support this.

In particular we support funding for implementation of Method 3.1.5.1 (“The Councils will investigate a joint landfill solution as a matter of priority in the first year this plan is operative”) and Method 3.1.5.4 (“The Councils will continue to investigate governance options for managing joint waste management facilities as a matter of priority”).

We note and support the inclusion of \$2.6m in 2015/16 to design and implement improved organic waste collection and treatment facilities. We have made provision (and understand Nelson City Council has made reciprocal provision) for waste management system investigations in Years 1, 2 and 3 of the Long Term Plan.

9. **Saxton Field**

Tasman District Council will consider alignment of its projects for this important regional facility to those outlined in the Nelson City Council Draft Long Term Plan at its meeting of 24 May. We generally support the proposed deferrals outlined in your Draft Long Term Plan but request that Nelson City Council reconsider inclusion of the following projects.

- Development of the Sutton land (to provide additional required playing fields) – estimated cost \$800,000.
- Roadway linking Champion Road to new entranceway opposite the Freezing Works. This is required as it will be the only vehicle access to the new cycle track – estimated cost \$850,000.
- Development of the Alliance land/toilets and changing rooms (to provide improved facilities and extra sports fields) – estimated cost \$1.5 million including car parks and toilets/changing rooms.

Completing the work outlined in this submission is considered a higher priority than additional land purchases.

The following is suggested uninflated funding to be shared by the two Councils over the next 10 years:

Year 1

Complete new main entrance	\$170,000
Oval cricket pitch remediation	30,000
Relocation of overhead powerlines	300,000
First stage roadway to Champion Road	310,000
General development	290,000
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Year 2

Second stage roadway to Champion Road	\$490,000
First stage development of Alliance land	220,000
General development	290,000
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Year 3

Second stage Alliance land	\$1,280,000
General development	300,000
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Year 4

Development of Sutton land	\$800,000
General development	300,000
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Year 5

General development	\$300,000
First stage pond development	300,000
Walkways/cycleways	100,000
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Year 6

General development	\$300,000
Second stage pond development	300,000

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Years 7 to 10

General development	\$400,000
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Overall we wish to emphasize our strong desire for effective collaboration on regional issues that have operational and strategic importance to our communities.

We welcome the opportunity to present our submission at a hearing and will be able to provide further information at the hearing as this would be subsequent to Tasman District Council's consideration of submissions on 24 May.