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Tēnā koe

Request for information from Nelson City Council in relation to Maitahi Village under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

The Maitahi Village Expert Panel (the Panel) has directed the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) to request further information from Nelson City Council (NCC) under section 67 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act), relating to the Maitahi Village application.

At the direction of the Panel, the EPA is seeking the following information:

1. The Panel has received a brief summary from NCC describing the roles of various reviewing staff and what areas of expertise they were involved in when reviewing the application. This summary also confirms what topics or areas of the application have not been subjected to a technical review by NCC. The Panel requests that NCC provide a more detailed outline of the findings and conclusions on each of the review topics where such a review was completed by NCC staff.
2. During its site visit on 22 May 2025, the Panel viewed and discussed the current alignment of the Maitai River to the south of the application site. The Panel observed that the river margins were noticeably incised on the true right bank i.e. adjacent to, and potentially encroaching upon, the application site. It appears that the river has been progressively eroding toward the application site and may continue to do so, unless there is some degree of intervention. The application plans show the area immediately at risk as “Local Purpose Reserve to vest in NCC.” This area includes stormwater treatment ponds at the southern extent of the application site. The Panel is mindful of the risks of erosion continuing within a to be vested reserve, as well as the potential to intercept or impact upon the proposed ponds in the future.
Please advise who holds responsibility for the Maitai River corridor and the management of the erosion risk outlined above. Please also advise whether there is any existing planned intervention or mitigation, in the short or longer term, to address the potential risk of erosion in this location.

Supply of Information

In accordance with section 67(2) of the Act Nelson City Council must:

- a) Provide electronic copies of the information or report requested; or
- b) Advise the EPA, with reasons that you decline to provide the information or report requested.

Please provide the further information to the EPA by **17 June 2025**.

If the information requested is not received, the Panel must proceed as if the request for further information has been declined.

Please note, the information will be provided to the Panel, the applicant and every person who provided comments on the application. The information will also be made available on the Fast-track website.

If you have any questions, please contact Application Lead, Alex Mickleson by email at info@fasttrack.govt.nz

Nāku noa, nā



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