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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.

As directed in Minute 6 of the Panel, the EPA is seeking the following information:

The Panel is aware that the Nelson City Council (NCC) is currently considering a proposed Plan Change to the Nelson Resource Management Plan (NRMP). This is Plan Change 29 - Housing and Hazards (PC29), an NCC-led Plan Change to the NRMP intended to give effect to the National Policy Statement on Urban Development, and to address the heritage and hazard overlays in the NRMP. The Panel understands that some aspects of the PC29 process have overlapped with parts of the Private Plan Change 28 – Maitahi Bayview (PC28) process.

The Panel also understands that NCC has received a recommendation from the Hearing Panel for PC29 that will confirm that PC28 and its provisions should be "ringfenced." If this recommendation is accepted by NCC it would mean that PC29 should not alter anything relating to the framework established in PC28.

As at the date of issue of this letter, NCC is unlikely to have formalised its final decision regarding the recommendations made to it in respect of PC29.

In order to ensure that the Panel's understanding as recorded above is correct, the Panel is directing the EPA to request further information from both the applicant and NCC regarding the current status of the PC29 process and the relationship between any overlapping aspects of PC29 and PC28. In other words, to the extent that there are parts of the two processes which do overlap, is it the position that PC28 and its provisions will be ringfenced?

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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 16 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

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