

Tēnā koutou

Thank you for your involvement in the development of the Nelson Tasman Future Development Strategy (FDS). Whether it was through attendance at a workshop, or by making a submission during one of the consultation rounds, we appreciated your contributions.

The Nelson Tasman FDS was adopted on July 26<sup>th</sup> by a Joint Nelson Tasman Committee and now provides a high level framework for strategic planning for the next 30 years. It provides options for how we can accommodate between 2,000 and 12,000 extra homes across the region (depending on demand), as well as space for business, shops and industry.

During public consultation, we learned that Tasman residents prefer urban intensification to accommodate future housing growth, instead of spreading new housing out into productive land. Thus, the FDS prioritises building up over out for our larger towns and centres. But it also plans for controlled expansion around our existing settlements, while minimising use of highly productive land.

This is something different from previous patterns of growth, and a further plan with Nelson City Council to facilitate and incentivise urban intensification is underway. The aim is to complete this by mid-2020. The FDS provides for a significant proportion of capacity for growth across the region through intensification of our existing urban areas. Within the Nelson Urban Area (Nelson, Stoke, Richmond & Hope) this equates to 60% of the total projected capacity, in terms of numbers of dwellings. Across the whole region (Nelson-Tasman), it is approximately 45%.

Both councils are now using the FDS to inform reviews of a number of council plans, and further detailed work will examine the growth areas identified in the FDS to see if they should be considered for rezoning. You'll have a chance for another say on these locations during the review of these plans.

For more information, visit [tasman.govt.nz/link/fds](https://tasman.govt.nz/link/fds). Here you will see a copy of the strategy itself and technical appendices and also a link to a web based version of the strategy and interactive maps.

Ngā mihi  
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