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BS

Thanks for the clarification.  
Please do not lose sight of the fact that water rates also have a rural and urban categorisation.  
If rates are tied to section classification, (rural residential , residential, ...) the confusion goes away.

On 11 Jun 2025, at 1:52 PM, Mike Kininmonth <[mike.kininmonth@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:mike.kininmonth@tasman.govt.nz)> wrote:

Thanks great Jody,  
Rgds  
Mike K

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Kia ora koutou

I have checked in with our compliance team, and they advise that the Urban Dog Fee is a fee classification for properties less than 1 hectare in size. It is important to note that this fee is *not* intended to describe the geographical location of the property or to conflict with any other interpretation of "urban".

This distinction has led to some confusion with dog owners as well, being in a Rural Zone but being charged an Urban Dog Fee garners quite a bit of attention. We plan to amend the name in the Fees and Charges schedule to better reflect the purpose of the fee.

I hope this helps to clear up any confusion.

Ngā mihi,

Jody Connor

**Jody Connor** | Environmental Assurance  
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Hello,  
I'm sending this to both of you, in the hope you will know the right person to respond to Bruce's email.

The back story is Bruce is confused over the differing interpretations that TDC applies when defining Urban. The F & C for Urban dog registration (<1Ha in Rural areas) and in the NPSUD definition is a different interpretation.

For Bruce, I feel we need to clarify the reason for the differences.

Are you or someone else able to help ?

Rgds  
Mike K

**Mike Kininmonth** | Councillor  
Kaikaunihera

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I do not understand the use of the term "urban" to classify Māpua in the Māpua Masterplan. It would appear to conflict with the definition of "urban" used in earlier and the Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges,

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<https://www.tasman.govt.nz/document/serve/Draft%20Schedule%20of%20Fees%20and%20Charges%202024-2025%20for%20Consultation.pdf?DocID=35174> )

which appears on page 27:

Registration Fees

Urban Dog (Includes all properties <1Ha in rural areas) \$65.00

Rural Dog (Large Properties >1Ha) \$45.00

Page 40 of this document also refers to "current urban water rate" and

"The restricted supply schemes for Redwood Valley, Eighty-Eight Valley, and Māpua rural are currently closed due to lack of capacity from the source and/or the network".

The draft Māpua Masterplan relies on the Future Development Strategy and the June 2024 Nelson Tasman Annual Monitoring report.

I have reviewed the June 2024 Nelson Tasman Annual Monitoring report:

<https://www.nelson.govt.nz/repository/libraries/id:2r883m1me1cxbyryo0mp/hierarchy/4Infrastructure/City%20Development/Urban-Development-Capacity-Monitoring-Report-June-2024-v3.pdf>

(assuming that a new one is on the way), and see these statements on page 5:

"The Councils have agreed the Nelson Tasman Urban Environment comprises the following city and towns:  
Nelson, Richmond, Motueka, Māpua, Wakefield, Brightwater, Cable Bay and Hira.

This is based on the NPSUD definition of 'urban environment', recognising these communities are part of the same labour and housing market, and are or are intended to be predominantly urban in character and can include non-contiguous areas of urban land".

Would it be possible to explain what the concise and operative definition of the word "urban" used by Tasman District Council is?

I have always maintained that Māpua is a rural village, as view shared by at least 55% of submitters to the draft Māpua Masterplan, and 51% of the submitters to the Future Development Strategy.

This would call into question the entire masterplan process.

The correct definition has a significant financial impact on the collection of fees and rates, so important to be consistent through all council documents, plans, and operational structures.

I attach reference copies of these documents.

Could you have appropriate staff resolve the possible confusion?

Best regards,

Bruce Struthers