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Dear Sir/Madam

### **PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 16 – INNER CITY NOISE**

Nelson City Council publicly notified Plan Change 16 on Saturday 7 September 2013. The proposed approach is about improving how noise is managed in the Inner City Zone. It is not about changing the level of noise. The approach also recognises the Nelson Resource Management Plan policies which state that the Inner City Zone provides a central area containing diverse activities which enhance vitality and vibrancy; while also providing for a standard of amenity appropriate to the location. The main features of the Plan Change are:

- Introduce permitted activity requirements for new bedrooms in residential units, or new rooms intended to be used for sleeping in Short Term Living Accommodation units (hotels, motels etc) in the Inner City Zone to be acoustically insulated to reduce noise entering these sleeping areas.
- Require new or extended 'noise generating activities' to apply for a resource consent to allow for consideration of noise issues.
- Plan provision retaining control over night time maximum noise level ( $L_{AFmax}$ ).
- Retain and amend the rule controlling noise at properties in the Residential Zone.
- Use the unreasonable and excessive noise provisions of the RMA to manage and enforce noise within the Inner City Zone rather than the current noise rule ICr.42.
- Non-regulatory approaches including ongoing education.

A change is also proposed to the ventilation requirements of the Port Effects Control Overlay allowing for more cost effective and practicable options to be used which still achieve the standard required.

You have been sent this information as a land owner, liquor licence holder or other party who is identified as potentially having an interest in this Plan Change. A copy of the Plan Change and Section 32 report can be viewed at Nelson City Council Libraries or Customer Service Centre, on Council's website [www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz](http://www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz), (search phrase=plan change 16), or by requesting a copy be mailed to you. Information enclosed with this letter is:

- A copy of the public notice
- Submission form

Submissions on Plan Change 16 are open until **5pm Friday 4 October 2013**. You can complete submissions on the enclosed form and post it to: Plan Change 16 Submission, Nelson City Council, PO Box 645, Nelson, 7040, or by completing a submission online on Councils website [www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz](http://www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz) (search phrase = plan change 16). If you have any questions, or would like a copy of the Plan Change mailed to you, please contact me on 03 546 0295, or at [reuben.peterson@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:reuben.peterson@ncc.govt.nz).

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'R' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that tapers to the right.

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