

**National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management  
Progressive Implementation Programme**

## Summary of Implementation for 2016

This summary outlines what Nelson City Council, working in partnership with iwi and the community, achieved during 2016 to implement the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS-FM). Council is undertaking a progressive approach to implementing the NPS-FM through alignment with the development of the freshwater section of the Whakamahere Whakatu Nelson Plan. For more information on the Nelson Plan, please refer to our website ([www.nelson.govt.nz/nelson-plan](http://www.nelson.govt.nz/nelson-plan)).

As outlined in our progressive implementation programme, the table below details the summary of actions (what we said we would do) versus what we implemented (what we have done) during 2016.

<b>Phase</b>	<b>Summary of Actions: <i>What we said we would do</i></b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Summary of Implementation: <i>What we have done</i></b>
<b>Collaborative policy development</b>	<p>The Freshwater Working Groups and the Iwi Working Group continue to meet regularly to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>confirm the values and objectives for each FMU</li> <li>determine freshwater attributes.</li> <li>input to the limit setting process for each of the attributes.</li> <li>provide feedback on draft objectives, policies and methods</li> </ul> <p>The Whakamahere Whakatu Nelson Plan freshwater policy provisions are developed with the involvement of Council, iwi, freshwater working groups and independent experts and scientists.</p>	2016/2017	<p>Workshops held with the three Freshwater Working Groups and Iwi Working Group to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>develop and confirm draft values and attributes</li> <li>build capacity and understanding regarding the RMA 1991, and freshwater planning process and science</li> <li>understand the state and causes of Nelson's water quality</li> <li>understand Council's approach and data limitations to developing a water quantity strategy</li> <li>input into the numeric objective and limit setting process for water quality</li> <li>input into developing the approach to set minimum flows and allocation limits</li> </ul>

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			Reports are being prepared which details the process undertaken to implement the NPS-FM national objectives framework and will form the evidence base for the freshwater section of the Nelson Plan. There remains an ongoing programme of work which will be undertaken during 2017 including work on Nelson's groundwater resource and the development of the Nelson Plan freshwater policy provisions. Input and feedback will be sought from the iwi and freshwater working groups and the wider community at the relevant stages.
<b>Regional Policy Statement provisions</b>	A draft of the regional policy statement (RPS) provisions for inclusion in the Whakamahere Whakatu Nelson Plan is publicly released for comment	mid 2016	Community feedback was sought on the draft RPS during May/June 2016. 14 individuals and organisations provided feedback on the freshwater section including representatives from the iwi and freshwater working groups.  The freshwater section of the RPS was workshopped with the incoming Council in December 2016.

In addition to the above actions and implementation, there is ongoing work which implements both regulatory and non-regulatory work programmes that contribute to the implementation of the NPS-FM, builds information and knowledge on our freshwater resources and seeks to improve or maintain our waterways. These work programmes include:

- Ongoing monthly [state of the environment](#) water quality monitoring
- Ongoing improvements to Council's data capture and [freshwater accounting systems](#)
- Non-regulatory programmes targeted to help improve biodiversity, waterways, riparian management and freshwater quality including [Project Maitai/Mahitahi](#) and [Nelson Nature](#).