



application form checklist found on the Councils' websites (www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz or www.tasman.govt.nz) This information is required to be submitted to the Panel administrator a minimum of two weeks (10 working days) before the Panel's meeting.

In general terms, your presentation to the Panel should:

1. Introduce the site in its context
2. Alert the panel to any issues connected with the design
3. Promote the strengths and weaknesses of the design
4. Provide a rationale for the design choices that have been made; and
5. Identify constraints

What will the Panel consider and what will I get from it?

The Panel members will consider your project and provide constructive criticism, advice and a written report, including recommendations, within five days of the Panel meeting. Projects will be considered against best urban design practice and the urban design objectives and policies of the relevant Council (www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz or www.tasman.govt.nz)

The Panel may look at:

- General design principles including scale, composition and architecture;
- The relationship of the building to the street, public spaces and surrounding natural features;
- The design of pedestrian and vehicle entrances and connectivity;
- The amenity and quality of outdoor spaces;

- How to integrate artworks into the development;
- Sustainability principles including water heating, lighting, heating, stormwater management and energy use minimisation;
- Safety for users and passers by;
- Outlook, sunlight access, visual and acoustic privacy and ventilation;
- Protection of listed heritage buildings and sites.

The purpose of the Panel is not to delay projects or to create additional difficulties for developers. The idea is to provide urban design advice in a positive way that can assist in achieving a good design and help with the resource consent process. Panel members will be required to keep all information provided to them in their role confidential.

What does it cost?

There will be no charge for the use of the Panel in the first twelve month trial period.

Future costs to applicants for the use of the Panel will be confirmed after the trial, and will depend on the success of the Panel. If it is used and it provides great outcomes then it may continue as a valuable resource into the future.

Source for more information?

Additional information and guidance is available on the Councils' websites: (www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz or www.tasman.govt.nz)

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Urban Design Panel





Introduction

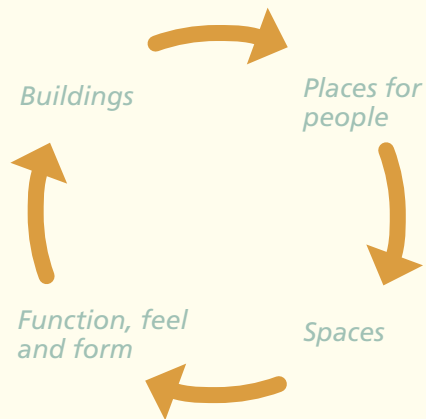
The Nelson and Tasman region provides an irresistible blend of lifestyle and natural beauty at the top of the South Island. The region also has a rich built fabric with a large number of heritage buildings, places and objects, open space areas and recreational opportunities.

It is important that the region's built environment is of a standard to match the natural beauty of the region, and allows people to enjoy a great living, working and holiday environment.

Nelson City and Tasman District Council's are signatories to the New Zealand Urban Design Protocol. The Councils have made a commitment to raising awareness of the value of quality urban design. The establishment of an Urban Design Panel is a key way of spearheading better urban design outcomes.

What is urban design?

Urban design is the art of making places for people.



Good urban design can help achieve a higher quality of life, greater economic vitality and a more efficient use of resources.

What is the Urban Design Panel and its role?

The Urban Design Panel is a group of experienced and qualified professionals who provide free independent design reviews for projects from both private developers and the Councils.

The Urban Design Panel cannot make a decision on resource consent applications. Its role is to provide expert advice and clear

recommendations on the design of the proposal and how it might be improved well before a resource consent application is made.

The earlier in the design process that a proposal can be reviewed, the more helpful the advice of the Panel will be and the easier it will be for developers to incorporate the Panel's recommendations. Please talk to your Council early!

The recommendations of the Panel will be sent to the developer and will be given to the Council as well. In terms of a resource consent application the recommendations will carry the same weight as any other technical report.

Who is on the Panel?

The Panel members are leading architects, landscape architects, urban designers and planners from around the country and within the local region. A minimum of three members will be present at each meeting from a pool of 11 members. A full list of members and information about them can be found at the Councils' websites (www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz or www.tasman.govt.nz)

What types of proposals should go to the Panel?

All developers who have projects with urban design significance are invited and encouraged to contact the relevant Council to seek advice from the Panel well before applying for resource consent. The Panel will also consider any Council capital project that has significant urban design implications.

The Councils are offering the services of the Panel especially to developers of:

- comprehensive and compact residential developments;
- buildings in the commercial, mixed business, tourist services and central business zones;
- buildings in township gateway areas; and
- other major projects in the region.

How do I appear before the Panel?

Attendance at the Urban Design Panel is voluntary and free. The Panel meets on demand and as required. Developers who wish to appear before the Panel should contact:

- Martin Workman (Manager Environmental Policy) for projects in Nelson City, (direct dial 546 0431 or martin.workman@ncc.govt.nz)
- Jeremy Butler (Principal Resource Consents Adviser) for projects in Tasman District, (direct dial 543 8589 or Jeremy.butler@tasman.govt.nz)

The Councils will need a minimum of three weeks notice (15 working days) if you wish to present your design or development to the Panel.

What information is required in a presentation to the Panel?

The specific information required from developers who wish to present to the Panel is outlined in the Urban Design Panel