

# FRAMING OUR FUTURE



## NELSON'S SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

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#### **Introduction**

As the year rolls on apace we are glad to be starting back on the next stage of the Framing our Future journey. Following the vote against the proposal for the union of the Nelson and Tasman Councils last month and the flood recovery action plan moving into the implementation phase, we now have the opportunity to restart this process. We hope you'll still be interested in being part of it and working together over the coming months.

#### **Looking for a volunteer**

Are you interested in the Tasman Nelson Environment Awards? We are looking for one volunteer from the Nelson area to join a small group of Councillors, Council staff and community members for a one-off brainstorm about the future direction of the awards next Tuesday 22 May at 9.30am at Tasman District Council. If you are interested could you please contact Karen Lee at Nelson City Council on 03 546 0339 [karen.lee@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:karen.lee@ncc.govt.nz) to find out more about it.

#### **Next steps for Framing our Future**

The Framing our Future Strategy completed its first phase in 2011 with public consultation on a vision for Nelson 50 years into the future and Council's adoption of that vision. The Council put the next phase of the work on hold while it waited for a decision on amalgamation. Now that we have a decision, the Council has resumed working on the project.

The next phase of the Framing our Future project is to have experts undertake a review of the ideas generated by the community and the Mayoral Taskforce. We will also be getting some recommendations on the steps needed to link the vision with what's happening in our region now. The Council has selected a representative group of experts from across a range of fields to carry out this work.

We want to involve experts in this phase for a number of reasons:

- To draw on expert knowledge in terms of the sustainability challenges and opportunities identified so far
- To check if the ideas put up by us all can be turned into a workable way forward, and if yes, to identify the steps to get us there (for example, policy options, structural changes, programmes, actions) based on their knowledge and experience
- To suggest ways to monitor if we are track towards our vision and identify significant information or research gaps.

Look out for more details about the experts involved and how they are going over the coming months.

Options developed through this process will then be the subject of conversations with the community, which we expect to take place in the latter part of 2012. These conversations will help shape Nelson's Framing our Future Strategy.

## **Interesting items on sustainability**

Here are some sustainability related items that you might wish to read up on. Remember these links aren't necessarily anything to do with Council or its policies – just some things that we thought you might find interesting.

### **OECD Environmental Outlook 2050 report (March 2012)**

<http://sustainablecities.org.nz/2012/03/oecd-environmental-outlook-to-2050-the-consequences-of-inaction/>

### **Royal Society People and the Planet**

<http://royalsociety.org/policy/projects/people-planet/>

### **Overcoming the Seven Sustainability Blunders by Bob Doppelt**

<http://www.pegasuscom.com/levpoints/7blunders.html>

### **Achieving healthy urban planning: A comparison of three methods**

<http://www.health.govt.nz/publication/achieving-healthy-urban-planning-comparison-three-methods>

### **Otago Polytechnic Centre for Sustainable Practice Speaker Series**

<http://www.otagopolytechnic.ac.nz/schools-departments/centre-for-sustainable-practice/events.html#c19092>

## **Contact us**

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