

Nelson City Council Plan Change 29 Hearing Panel

Member's Interests Register

Commissioner: Rohan O'Neill-Stevens

For panels responsible for quasi-judicial decisions, decision-makers are required to be held to an exacting standard of impartiality and objectivity.

A conflict of interest will arise where a panel member has an interest which conflicts (or might conflict, or might be perceived to conflict) with the Hearing Panel's responsibility for making decisions on Plan Change 29.

An interest can be pecuniary or non-pecuniary. A pecuniary interest would include paid employment positions, assets including significant shareholdings in companies and land assets (including properties owned or part owned by you).

A non-pecuniary interest would include voluntary roles (e.g. chair of local iwi or treasurer of environmental group). It would also include membership of a neighbourhood organisation or group of citizens affected by or likely to make a submission on Plan Change 29. It also includes a professional association with any persons or bodies which are likely to make a submission (e.g. as legal counsel or expert witness or a close relationship with somebody who is involved in the organisation).

Following the completion of the register of interests, panel members will need to discuss with the Chairperson whether the interest represents a conflict, and the most appropriate method of managing the conflict.

A panel member can identify and declare a conflict of interest at any time. However, it is expected that panel members will declare all known actual or potential interests in the Interests Register below. Other interests must be declared as soon as practicable after the panel member knows of the information or situation that gives rise to the potential conflict.

I, *Rohan O'Neill-Stevens*, as a member of the Plan Change 29 Hearing Panel, confirm that:

- I have the following disclosures to make about my/immediate family/and my partner's interests.

INTEREST – REAL ESTATE	N/A
INTEREST – SHARES/EQUITIES	N/A
INTEREST – MEMBERSHIPS	Member – Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand President – Trafanz, The New Zealand Local Authority Transport Institute Co-Chair – Young Elected Members Network, Local Government New Zealand Chair – Showquest Charitable Trust

PUBLIC STATEMENTS	“Deputy Mayor Rohan O’Neill-Stevens is the chair of the City Centre Business Forum and lives in the city centre. The proposal to put eight-storeys in the CBD was about providing choice for people, he said. “It’s about where that kind of development is appropriate. In your city centre, that’s an area of really high land value, and so the development potential is there ... without having those downstream impacts in the same way as an eight-storey building would have in a residential neighbourhood.” The council was “testing the idea” through the plan change, and wanted to hear the public’s feedback, he said.” https://www.stuff.co.nz/nelson-mail/132876449/cbd-view-shaft-protection-could-be-scrapped-to-enable-more-inner-city-living) As an elected member, I have commented more broadly on matters relating to housing, housing affordability, transport, and infrastructure, though these have not been specific to Plan Change 29.
Signed: 	Dated: 20/08/2024