

Business Warrant of Fitness



**Transition
Nelson**

building community resilience
www.transitionnelson.org.nz

The Transition Nelson Business Group's aims are:

1. To raise **awareness** within our local business community about how peak oil, carbon emissions and climate change will likely affect you (and your profitability).
2. To identify **new business opportunities** in Nelson while transitioning to lower energy lifestyles.

Please take 10 minutes to see how your business is set up to cope with the future challenges ...

Energy

Have you initiated an energy audit for your business?

Do you have an effective 'switch off' policy for lights, appliances, equipment etc?

Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Waste

Are you currently recycling paper/cardboard/plastics (1 to 7)?

Do you have an effective method for disposing of electronic waste (e-waste)?

Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Water

Have you consulted a list of simple tips on how to save water?

Are dual flush toilets installed on your premises or flow rates reduced (e.g. basins)?

Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

People

When employing new staff, do you focus on hiring local talent?

Do you have a staff plan for a civil emergency?

Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Infrastructure & Buildings

Is equipment regularly checked and maintained to ensure efficient operation?

In winter, do you keep the door closed to retain heat? Customers will still come in.

Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Transport

Do you promote alternative ways for staff to travel to work (e.g. car pooling)?

Are alternatives available for work-related travel (e.g. teleconferencing, teleworking)?

Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Finance

Do you bank locally – keeping the money within New Zealand?

Do you have a procurement policy which considers aspects of sustainability when purchasing?

Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Marketing

Do you support local media/marketing groups rather than mass printed brochures & leaflets?

Do you 'cluster' with complementary industry partners to jointly market products & services?

Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

More than 12 'yes' answers? Well done! Have you thought of helping others?

More than 8 'yes' answers? You're getting there! Check out the links overleaf ...

The Nelson Tasman Sustainable Business Advisor can help local businesses lower costs through reductions in energy, water and waste.

To access this free, independent, non-binding and practical service contact David on david@eda.co.nz or 027 230 9942.

The Sustainable Business Network has a Nelson Tasman coordinator who can help improve your business' sustainability performance by providing a number of tools, services and advice. This includes Get Sust Online, a tool ideal for businesses of any size.

Contact Kirsty on nelson@sustainable.org.nz or www.nelson.sustainable.org.

Check out the Code:RED website (www.codered.org.nz) for pledges that your business can make to help you take that further move towards sustainability.

Further information

Energy

- » Solar City Nelson project (www.solarcity.co.nz/)
- » Peak oil (www.transitiontowns.org.nz/peakoil)
- » EECA Business (www.eecabusiness.govt.nz)

Waste

- » Ways to reduce your business waste - Waste Education Services in Nelson Tasman (www.wes.org.nz/)
- » eDay (www.eday.org.nz/)
- » Green Office (www.greenoffice.org.nz)

Water

- » Watersmart: www.watersmart.co.nz/ways-to-save.html (ways to save water)
- » Water saving tips, case studies, suggested products: www.sustainability.govt.nz/water
- » Rain Saver Systems: www.rainsaver.co.nz, info@rainsaver.co.nz, 548 7044

People

- » www.mfe.govt.nz/issues/sustainable-industry/govt3/topic-areas/social-sustainability/index.html
- » www.pacificinstitute.co.nz/ : Helps organisations be more accepting of 'change'

Buildings

- » NCC Eco Design Advisor: www.ecodesignadvisor.org.nz, richard.popenhagen@ncc.govt.nz
- » Absolute Energy: www.absoluteenergy.co.nz, 547 2503, 146 Pascoe St, Nelson
- » www.mfe.govt.nz/issues/sustainable-industry/govt3/topic-areas/sustainable-buildings/design.html

Transport

- » Sustainable Business Network Green Fleet: www.sustainable.org.nz/cms/index.php?page=greenfleet
- » Fuel Saver: www.fuelsaver.govt.nz/index.html
- » Videoconferencing: www.telework.co.nz

Finance

- » Trade to Whip Inflation in Nelson, NZ (TWINZ) group: yogazeal@gmail.com (Zack Domikez)
- » <http://solari.com/> Promotes alternative finance systems which focus on local banking
- » Sustainable local economy article: www.transitiontowns.org.nz/node/1559

Marketing

- » How sustainable is your product/service – what happens when you saturate your target market?
- » Are you targeting clients seeking green products?
- » Marketing & sustainable development: www.wbcds.org/web/publications/marketing.pdf
- » 3mins video: www.environmentalleader.com/2009/01/08/sustainability-as-a-marketing-strategy/

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