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## CAN PLAN/NELMAC STATEMENT OF UNRESOLVED ISSUES | SUBMISSION ON BEHALF OF NELSON CITY COUNCIL

- 1. This submission is made on behalf of Nelson City Council (NCC) in response to the Commission's Statement of Unresolved Issues (SoUI) in relation to the proposed sale of Nelmac Ltd's 'Betta Bins' business to Can Plan Ltd.
- 2. NCC wishes to address comments in the SoUI that relate to the potential for NCC to become active in kerbside waste collection.
- 3. The fact that NCC does not currently provide rates-based general waste collection is not reflective of a particular intention or policy of NCC against providing such services. Nor is it determinative of any future action or decision that NCC may make. Rather, as NCC advised the Commission, it reflects that NCC's current priorities are to support recycling and reducing the waste that goes to landfill.
- 4. If Can Plan, or any entity in the business of kerbside collection, were to increase its prices for kerbside waste collection so as to unfairly impact Nelson City's ratepayers, NCC could consider taking steps to intervene. However, this would be a decision for the Council of the day.
- 5. As with all local authorities, NCC is necessarily responsive to the needs and concerns of their ratepayers. There are a range of options available to NCC to achieve this, one of which may include adopting a rates-based collection service.
- 6. Please feel free to get in touch should you have any questions in relation to the above.

Yours sincerely

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