

Hawke's Bay Regional Council
Harbourmaster's Direction - 01/2026
Nelson Quay

Date - February 13, 2026

Preamble

This direction is issued pursuant to:

- a) Section 33F of the Maritime Transport Act 1994 (the Act); and
- b) Section 48 and section 60A(2) of the Act, as delegated by the director to the Harbourmaster under section 444(2) of the Act and consented by the Minister of Transport under section 444(4) of the Act; and
- c) the Hawke's Bay Navigation Safety Bylaw (as amended).

Application

This direction applies to all members of the public, including commercial and recreational vessel operators.

Direction

Due to structural integrity issues, an exclusion zone has been established around Nelson Quay. The exclusion zone is demarcated with a series of marker buoys as well as fencing to prevent access. Entry into the exclusion zone is strictly prohibited without approval by the Harbourmaster's Office or Napier City Council. Arrangements are being made by Napier City Council to provide alternative berthing for vessels that are affected.

Failure to comply with this direction is liable to enforcement action.

