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He has always taken an interest in the fishing industry, which is Nelson's biggest private employer, and earned respect for his coverage.

Bill worked on a North Sea oil rig before joining journalism via the reading room at the Mail.

He was never a soft touch but could always be relied on to report accurately and to diligently follow issues.

Bill never reported on the size of Kim Kardashian's bum or any other of the trivial issues that dominate today's digital offerings, being more of an old style journo who saw it as his role to inform his community.

We wish him well, not least chasing snapper and scallops in Tasman Bay.

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