

# Whangarei District Council Meeting

## Agenda

**Date:** Tuesday, 8 December, 2020

**Time:** 9:00 am

**Location:** Council Chamber  
Forum North, Rust Avenue  
Whangarei

**Elected Members:** Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai  
(Chairperson)  
Cr Gavin Benney  
Cr Vince Cocurullo  
Cr Nicholas Connop  
Cr Ken Couper  
Cr Tricia Cutforth  
Cr Shelley Deeming  
Cr Jayne Golightly  
Cr Phil Halse  
Cr Greg Innes  
Cr Greg Martin  
Cr Anna Murphy  
Cr Carol Peters  
Cr Simon Reid

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1. Karakia/Prayer
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Apologies
4. Decision Reports
  - 4.1. Hearing – proposed amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw 1
5. Closure of Meeting

Recommendations contained in the Council agenda may not be the final decision of Council.

Please refer to Council minutes for final resolution.

## 4.1 Hearing – proposed amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw

**Meeting:** Whangarei District Council  
**Date of meeting:** 8 December 2020  
**Reporting officer:** Vita Strohush (Strategic Planner – Bylaws)

### 1 Purpose

To provide Elected Members with the submissions received on the proposed Camping in Public Places Bylaw and to hear submitters who wish to speak to their submissions.

### 2 Recommendations

That the Council:

- a) Receives the written submissions on the Camping in Public Places Bylaw as provided in Attachment 1 and Attachment 2;
- b) Hears submitters who wish to be heard on the Camping Public Places Bylaw.

### 3 Background

On 22 October 2020 Council adopted a Statement of Proposal for the amendment of the Camping in Public Places Bylaw 2017 and an associated amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014. Public consultation opened on 28 October and closed on 27 November 2020.

### 4 Discussion

Council undertook public consultation on a proposed amended Camping in Public Places Bylaw in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA). As part of the consultation process Council is required to provide an opportunity for persons to present their views.

At close of the consultation period Council received 207 submissions and one petition with 13 signatures. Copies of submissions received are provided in Attachments 1 and 2. Attachments were divided into two volumes – Volume 1 includes submitters with last names from A to L and Volume 2 goes from M to Y. Councillors will receive copies of any late submissions once they have been processed.

At the time of writing 30 registrations have been received for the Hearing as summarised below:

Submission number	First name	Last name	Organisation	Submitter position	Summary of submission
014	Greta	Harman	Individual	oppose	Addition of peak-season overflow sites would take business away from campgrounds. Opposes freedom camping in Whananaki North
027	Susan	Beu	Individual	position unclear	Freedom campers taking up all parking, calls to support campgrounds that are struggling
028	David	Gloud	Individual	seek amendment	McAuslin Road
029	Suzanne	Jolly	Individual	seek amendment	Ruakaka Riverside Reserve
038	Dave	Gould	Individual	seek amendment	Seasonal restrictions for Sandy Bay not necessary
058	J C	Green	Ocean Beach Resident's Association	seek amendment	Expand restricted area at Ocean Beach. Provide a user-pays camping hub in Whangarei Heads
060	Evelyn	Johnson	Individual	oppose	Oppose the reduction of self-contained spaces, in particular Finlayson Street. Allow night time parking in city carparks.
075	Gary	Vaughan	Individual	position unclear	Freedom camping is a right of every New Zealander and services should be provided
085	Tony	Gill	Individual	position unclear	FC interferes with commercial camping grounds
101	David	Morton	Whangarei Vehicle Dwellers	oppose	Revoke bylaw. Discontinue use of the Self-Containment Standard

102	Sheetal	Prasad	Whangarei Vehicle Dwellers	oppose	Revoke bylaw. Discontinue use of the Self-Containment Standard
105	Jimi	Hart	Whangarei Vehicle Dwellers	oppose	Revoke bylaw. Discontinue use of the Self-Containment Standard
109	Geoff	Sharples	Individual	position unclear	Boat owners are effectively freedom camping too. Don't single out freedom campers. Ensure adherence to rules.
119	Roy	Brickell	Individual	seek amendment	Provide more parking for large motorhomes. Suggest the following areas: Port Road old fertilizer site, Pohe Island, Whau Valley dam, Forum North carpark at night.
129	Margaret	Hicks	Individual	seek amendment	Supports all proposed prohibited areas, oppose Ruakaka Riverside Reserve due to competition with campground, request for a permanent enforcement employee at Ruakaka. Prohibit at: Marsden Point Ralph Trimmer Drive, Peter Snell Road, Sime Rd, Mair Road DOC carpark, Billar Rd
147	Ashley	Lowe	Individual	oppose	submitter argues restrictions on freedom camping violate human rights
150	Jane	Kippenberger	Tamaterau Hall Management Society Inc.	seek amendment	Seeks a prohibition or a seasonal restriction on camping in Tamaterau.
151	Chris	Gaelic	Netlist Limited	position unclear	Suggests Council purchases proprietary software to manage freedom camping

154	Vanessa	Mack	Whangarei Vehicle Dwellers	oppose	Revoke bylaw. Discontinue use of the Self-Containment Standard
157	Wendy	O'Shea	Whananaki Beach Residents and Ratepayers Association	seek amendment	Seeks to prohibit the Whananaki North site due to limited toilet capacity, complaints of urinating in sea, nudity. If not, then impose seasonal restrictions.
171	Bruce	Barron	Individual	seek amendment	Whananaki North
176	Deane	Orford	Individual	seek amendment	Tutukaka Coast
177	Jan	Boyes	Individual	seek amendment	self-contained camping only, manage the numbers, appropriate enforcement, have a booking system for sites
178	Bruce	Young	Individual	seek amendment	Whananaki North
180	Ian	Ferguson	Individual	seek amendment	prohibit camping on DOC reserve in McAuslin Road
181	James	Imlach	New Zealand Motor Caravan Association	support	Supports seasonal restrictions particularly where avoids having to prohibit areas altogether; maintain a permissive approach to accommodate growth in camping vehicles
184	Logan	Carter	Whangarei Heads Citizens Association	seek amendment	Changes requested for Whangarei Heads sites
185	Bella	Thompson	Individual	position unclear	Sites must be specific and sustainable
190	Stephen	Hunter	Whangarei Vehicle Dwellers	oppose	Revoke bylaw. Discontinue use of the Self-Containment Standard
204	Lauren	Fegan	Individual	position unclear	

It is no longer a requirement that written submissions are provided in order to speak to Council on the matter being consulted on. Should Council receive any late registrations for the Hearing, an updated schedule of registered attendees will be provided to Councillors prior to the meeting.

## **5 Significance and engagement**

The matters of this Agenda are not considered significant and are part of the consultation process required by the Local Government Act for the consideration of a Bylaw.

## **5. Attachments**

**Under separate cover**

1. Submissions on Freedom Camping – Volume 1 A-L
2. Submissions on Freedom Camping – Volume 2 M-Y





### RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

That the public be excluded from the following parts of proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

1.	The making available of information would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of persons who are the subject of the information. {Section 7(2)(c)}
2.	To enable the council (the committee) to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage commercial negotiations. {(Section 7(2)(i))}.
3.	To protect the privacy of natural persons. {Section 7(2)(a)}.
4.	Publicity prior to successful prosecution of the individuals named would be contrary to the laws of natural justice and may constitute contempt of court. {Section 48(1)(b)}.
5.	To protect information which is the subject to an obligation of confidence, the publication of such information would be likely to prejudice the supply of information from the same source and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied. {Section 7(2)(c)(i)}.
6.	In order to maintain legal professional privilege. {Section 2(g)}.
7.	To enable the council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations {Section 7(2)(i)}.

### Resolution to allow members of the public to remain

If the council/committee wishes members of the public to remain during discussion of confidential items the following additional recommendation will need to be passed:

#### Move/Second

"That \_\_\_\_\_ be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of his/her/their knowledge of Item \_\_\_\_\_.

This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter because \_\_\_\_\_.

*Note:*

*Every resolution to exclude the public shall be put at a time when the meeting is open to the public.*