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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 20 Nov 2020 02:16:29 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Colleen Alexander - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-112

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Colleen Alexander - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-112

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-112

### Your details:

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I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	Freedom camping bylaw And public places bylaw I have e mailed a submissions letter to mailroom@wdcgovt.nz Just want to make sure it gets to the correct place

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** roger and collen alexander  
**Sent:** 21 Nov 2020 08:20:35 +1300  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** Re: Freedom camping submissions bylaw

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On Fri, 20 Nov 2020, 3:03 PM roger and collen alexander, <[rbcclxander@gmail.com](mailto:rbcclxander@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Being now in our 60's and 70's we decided to sell our property in Whangarei, a city we have lived in all our lives, paid rates and contributed to the community.  
We intended to travel our great country by motorhome so we purchased a nice new RV and set off on a new adventure only to find out husband has a clot in his leg -- In the process of treating this a scan showed cancer of his bladder.  
We are now confined to Whangarei and living in our RV.  
It's been 3 1/2 years since we became vehicle dwellers, not sightseers.  
With 2 years of treatment at percy street urology the treatment failed.  
He has just finished Chemo and is now waiting surgery to remove his bladder.  
During this time I also had a cancer and had to have a full hysterectomy.  
Medical conditions have meant we needed to be parked in town and it is still necessary for us to be close to the hospital.  
RV parking hasn't always been easy to find. Whangarei desperately needs places for vehicle dwellers to park for about two or three weeks then move to another park for two weeks.  
On top of all our stress and anxiety we have had to try and find parking.  
Yes we have become part of whangarei vehicle dwellers .  
We intend after seeing our country to become rate payers again and reside in our home town....Whangarei.  
In saying this we will always still join our  
New found vehicle dwelling friends.  
We have met some great people in whangarei over the last 3 & 1/2 years including Jimi Hart and we totally agree with him and support everything he says regarding Whangarei vehicle dwellers parking and the bylaws.

Regards Colleen & Roger Alexander

**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 24 Nov 2020 07:05:21 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Peter Ian Alexander - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-131

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Peter Ian Alexander - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-131

**Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-131**

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I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	<p>I would like all camping restricted to properly serviced campgrounds, with the users paying the costs. My property is beside the Pacific Bay reserve - aside from a large grass field, there are no public amenities there. No public toilets, no rubbish bins, no power or water. The locals clean the litter off the beach and reserve. I pay \$4,000 in rates pa.</p> <p>Freedom camping has been a disaster in our bay: noise, rubbish, toileting in our gardens, etc. I'm just grateful that I'm not in Kowharewa or Wellingtons - they're much worse!</p> <p>Visitors are welcome - but not to degrade our place. Overnight stays need to be in fully serviced places: campgrounds, motels, bach hires.</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 19 Nov 2020 01:56:03 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Julie Anderson - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-87

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Julie Anderson - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-87

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-87

### Your details:

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I am making this submission:	As an individual

Organisation name:	
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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>I'm writing as a responsible freedom camper who has a motorhome that is certified self contained, that is NOT a small car that is so called certified self contained, and as a New Zealander born and bred in our great country.</p> <p>My submission is that freedom camping in your piece of our kiwi land be available to ONLY responsible campers with required certified self containment which contains BOTH sticker on rear of vehicle AND the windscreen card AND NOT a car which is debatable that it is in fact does have a usable toilet, rubbish receptacle, and is in fact certified self contained. The stickers as we all know are easily replicated.</p> <p>My thought is to ensure our country is kept poop free in our environment, rubbish free is to ban those flouting the rules including small cars.</p> <p>It is the minority spoiling it for those of us who do care and who do have the correct self containment and as such feel if Whangarei bans all freedom camping, you will be preventing us as travellers coming to enjoy all you have to offer.</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 19 Nov 2020 05:41:43 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Anita Armstrong - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-93

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Anita Armstrong - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-93

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-93

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I am making this submission:	As an individual

Organisation name:	
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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>1. Having proper campgrounds than having people on the foreshore camping. Beachfronts need to be left open to people who are travelling out for the day. Some freedom campers dominate the beachfronts and don't move on after the designated time. One night is sufficient.</p> <p>2. If there needs to be freedom camping allowed then other designated places not beachfronts.</p> <p>3. I also object to having port a loos placed at the beaches during the summer. Does this come out of our rates? They are an eye sort and only encourage more people to camp. Beaches are not campgrounds.</p> <p>4. Perhaps a manager could be employed over the summer months making sure freedom campers adhere to the rules and could monitor dog owners too.</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 25 Nov 2020 09:44:23 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Paul Arthur - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-175

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Paul Arthur - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-175

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-175

### Your details:

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I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>We travel with our family in our motorhome which is fully self contained. We do not use campgrounds as with two boys and high per person charges, an overnight stay is usually \$60 - \$100, which when arriving late say 8:30p and being required to leave by 9:00am seems poor value. Freedom Camping allows us to enjoy our country - and share it with our boys. The Challenge for Whangarei and other councils is management. Provision of facilities and education and engagement by your brilliant community folks is so the way forward.</p> <p>Please do not fall for the freedom campers mess the environment meme. Enforcement of all who disrespect our environment is your mandate. Self Containment certificates are problematic as a fully equipped van means little if the occupants do not care. Please focus on the people - not their mode of transport</p> <p>In summary - Please make it easier to enjoy your district - and stay overnight with respect.</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 13 Nov 2020 21:57:01 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Michael AUSTIN - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-63

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Michael AUSTIN - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-63

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-63

### Your details:

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I am making this submission:	As an individual

Organisation name:	
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### **Your submission:**

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	I propose that only fully self contained Motorhomes & Caravans with permanent toilets that you can stand beside when using & proper showers, grey water tanks, fresh water tanks be permitted to park overnight in the approved Freedom parking & camping areas in the Whangarei District Council area. No camping in tents, cars, small campers & small vans should be allowed at all.

### **Hearing:**

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 16 Nov 2020 01:26:13 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Margaret Joy Aylward - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-73

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Margaret Joy Aylward - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-73

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-73

### Your details:

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I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>I agree with the proposals as stated in the Northern Advocate "Camping bylaw review reminder" i.e.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Adding more enforcement and health and safety provisions</li><li>- Introducing seasonal restrictions on freedom camping at high-use destination beaches to protect public access</li><li>- Providing overflow freedom camping sites for peak Christmas season</li><li>- Bringing in more regulation and restriction of areas that have experienced pressure from freedom camping</li><li>- Providing additional capacity for freedom camping at suitable locations</li></ul> <p>I think seasonal restrictions should be imposed on all of the proposed key destination beaches as listed in the proposal. Today there is a general lack of respect from certain members of society. We cannot trust many of them to be respectful of the environment or other people even.</p> <p>Yes I agree that peak-season overflow freedom camping sites should be permitted at specified sportsparks as described in the proposal. Respect of the environment is paramount and discipline(or fines) should be undertaken if there is no respect.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Margaret</p>

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**Hearing:**

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 22 Nov 2020 00:36:11 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Celia Barrell - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-118

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Celia Barrell - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-118

**Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-118**

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I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	



## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>A comment that as the Labour tourism minister has pledged that self contained campervans be obligatory you now refrain from taking public open space and using ratepayer money to assist the very wealthy tourism sector. A resident of Ngunguru for 40 years I am tired of seeing the coast defiled by those living out of the back of cars and consequently having to wade through their washing, detritus and worse to stroll the grass berms. High time you considered your ratepayers, listened and realised that we have had more than enough of our country being abused. No time like the present....make some hard decisions...if that is possible!</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 26 Nov 2020 07:21:22 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Bruce & Helen Barron - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-193

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Bruce & Helen Barron - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-193

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-193

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I am making this submission:	As an individual

Organisation name:	
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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>We request that freedom camping in Whananaki North be restricted to outside the peak season as proposed for Sandy Bay and Woolleys Bay.</p> <p>We liken Whananaki to a Hotel that is full to overflowing during the peak holiday season yet this council insists on letting people stay in the corridor, in the lobby and by the pool with little consideration to the effect and impact on the facilities, environment and amenity values. The inconsiderate freedom camping policy of this council must not continue!</p> <p>The "self contained" vehicle registration is a rort.</p> <p>A vehicle that you cannot stand up in that has a shrink wrapped porta potty and a sink draining into a 20 ltr container is NOT self contained. A self contained vehicle by definition should [at the very least] have a dedicated toilet area that can be used in the van!</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	Yes – I wish to speak at the Hearing in support of my submission
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 29 Oct 2020 07:05:49 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Tania Beckham - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-21

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Tania Beckham - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-21

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-21

### Your details:

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I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	No

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 26 Nov 2020 04:29:24 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Dawn Bertasius - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-103

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Dawn Bertasius - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-103

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-103

### Your details:

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I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	<p>I agree with all the proposals but do have some additional notes. I am in Sandy Bay. We constantly have campervans overnight in the main beach front carpark year round. At times they are asked to move along but once the policing people have moved on they just stay. There seems to be no way of policing this at this stage. I think the policing of illegal freedom campers needs more money put into it to stop them. Maybe they should be fined, a sign stating overnight camping is prohibited and will be fined \$ ?. Since we have been in covid the amount of overnight camper vans in the beach front carpark has exploded. On labour weekend one night we counted 13 camper vans many not self contained and plus 4 in the toilet camping ground. How can 2 toilets support these people ? Some of these people stayed several nights, hung out their Washing over council tables. There was no space for cars until later in the mornings. If the surf had been up then the locals would have been unable to access the beach to get the morning waves. Locals Accessing the main carpark is a problem and so I do agree banning freedom campers from Sandy Bay during peak time is definitely needed.</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 30 Oct 2020 19:41:43 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - John Beu - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-30

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - John Beu - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-30

**Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-30**

### Your details:

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I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	<p>Pre-covid, international visitors used our rate payer funded facilities with very little contribution to the communities that funded those facilities. We are now seeing Kiwis using those facilities which is great, however when international travel does return we will have the same issues return. Therefore now is the time to restrict freedom camping as Queenstown and Wanaka have done. Freedom campers claim to be self contained, however some of the smaller vans we see are making a mockery of that claim. Kowharewa Bay for example constantly has an overflow of freedom campers even those signage clearly indicates the space available for their use.</p> <p>I propose that 1- Freedom camping be disallowed within the Whangarei district. 2- Encourage property owners with bare acreage to charge Freedom campers to use their land for a fee as they are meant to be self contained anyway. 3- Encourage Freedom campers to use existing managed camp sites. 4- Display road signage as they do in the South Island (Traffic Behind You Let It Pass).</p> <p>In summary as our population has grown the majority of Kiwis that live in wonderful places such as Ngunguru and Tutukaka are well and truly over Freedom campers.</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?

No - I wish to make a written submission only

**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 31 Oct 2020 20:07:39 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Susan Beu - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-32

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Susan Beu - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-32

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-32

### Your details:

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I am making this submission:	As an individual

Organisation name:	
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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>I feel , we should not make beautiful sights available to Freedom Campers.</p> <p>They fill up the beach at Kowharewa Bay Tutukaka to the extent sometimes that families have no parking area to take their kids to the beach.</p> <p>With small businesses suffering this year , we should encourage all campers to support the designated campsites that are provided and pay</p> <p>People have to realise that taking trips / going on holiday , costs MONEY !!!</p> <p>Why are we always supporting Bludgers ????</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	Yes – I wish to speak at the Hearing in support of my submission
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Steve Biggins - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-185

**Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-185**

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Organisation name:	Whangarei Vehicle Dwellers

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	<p>My name is Steve Biggins. I came to Whangarei with my wife and daughter in 1979. Since then we had a son and another daughter. All of that time I worked in Whangarei. In 1996 my wife and I separated and being on my own and paying child maintenance there was no way I could afford rent or even save a deposit for a house. Meantime I stayed in a cabin at a Motorcamp . In 1998 I was able to raise enough money to purchase an old 1956 Daimler bus which became my home. I stayed in many public places around Whangarei without any issues, the Reyburn St carpark was a favourite destination. In 2011 the Freedom Camping Act was introduced in response to the 2011 rugby world cup. It didn't appear to make a lot of difference to me at the time but then later it was like there was a huge hate campaign going on against the young tourist's travelling the country and I got swept up into it. The fact that all my money gets spent at local businesses in Whangarei goes unnoticed is a real shame. I get labeled as a freeloader. I would like to make it clear that I am more than willing to contribute to the rates bill. I am now retired and have 6 grandchildren living in Whangarei and they are a delight and they are one of the reasons I stay in Whangarei. I look forward to Whangarei welcoming tourists back this summer and not making them feel like a blight on our landscape.</p> <p>I fully support Jimi Hart's submission on behalf of the Whangarei Vehicle Dwellers and hope you give it the consideration it deserves.</p>

	<p>Many Thanks</p> <p>Steve Biggins</p>
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## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 12 Nov 2020 04:54:58 +0000  
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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Robyn Ann Bint - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-47

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I am making this submission:	As an individual

Organisation name:	
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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>Whananaki North Proposal</p> <p>Freedom camping should be prohibited in Whananaki North. Public access is significantly affected preventing use by day visitors and the local community</p> <p>Safety concerns of vehicles in and out to pedestrians - poor visibility</p> <p>Environmental concerns - human waste on reserve and beach at times.</p> <p>Health and Safety concerns - the facilities are inadequate.</p> <p>Already enough camping grounds with proper facilities in the area to accomodate campers</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Vesta - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-49

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Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	<p>Areas where children, and gathering places for families should be avoided, so they can have all the access they need for play or family time. Areas like the beach should not be prohibited, but areas like the playgrounds, parks etc., should not have freedom campers.</p> <p>Council should not impose seasonal restrictions for freedom campers. Let them enjoy the seasons in our country, and camp where they can experience that; however, they should avoid freedom camping in areas that interfere with children and family times e.g. parks etc. They should not be prohibited from freedom camping at the beach because that is just stretching it - let them enjoy it there, that is probably the only place of peace that they may get during visits.</p> <p>The council need to use the free land that is not occupied because there are people like freedom campers that can put it to good use. I also think that they should be designated to sportsparks that are available, but if it interferes with children or families time in that area then the council needs to think of freeing up unoccupied land for the freedom campers because there is a lot that is not used. I think it is good to put freedom campers in a peaceful place where they do not feel like they are excluded from society, so they should be given a spot for them where they feel safe.</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?

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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 25 Nov 2020 04:53:31 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Peter Bonham - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-169

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Peter Bonham - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-169

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Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>Responsible land caring citizens and visitors in certified vehicles go to the local supermarket, buy fuel for vehicles, go to the local bars, save so they can attend a paid tourist attraction and spend 1 billion in NZ and you want to stop them in your community. Are you sure you are targeting the right people?</p> <p>We love to park and enjoy our wonderful landscape in a Freedom certified vehicle. Why don't you want our \$NZ?</p> <p>Pete Bonham</p> <p>NZMCA</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Julie Botha  
**Sent:** 27 Nov 2020 14:47:27 +1300  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** Whangarei Vehicle Dweller

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Please find submission letter from Jimi Hart which I fully support.  
As a pensioner and a permanent vehicle dweller, having to move on every three days it totally unrealistic.  
Whangarei is my home. I am not a freedom camper, nor am I a tourist.

Regards

Julie Botha

Submission Letter On The Proposed New Freedom Camping Bylaw

Your Worship, Mayor Sheryl Mai and Councillors

Whangarei District Council have now proposed it's third, in a row, illegal Freedom Camping Bylaw. How do you feel about that?

This is not fair on the rate-payers who have had to fund all 3 of them. It is not fair on local Vehicle Dwellers who desperately need a legal bylaw to manage the issues associated with our growing group. And it's certainly not fair on Armourguard's Freedom Camping Compliance officers who are required to enforce it, or those involved in the fantastic Ambassador programme who are expected to help manage it.

We, your Whangarei Vehicle Dwelling Community, ask that this new proposal is revoked, at once. No-one should be managed under illegal laws. Ever!

Being 'self-contained' means simply 'having everything you need'. It's about owning responsibility. But the certification process has been used for political gain through a nationwide takeover of public lands by a private camping organisation.

Four years ago, I personally scuppered the new proposed Freedom Camping bylaw on the grounds that it was illegal because it allowed the Certified Self Containment (CSC) Standard.

Whangarei District Council conceded it 'got it wrong' and publicly stated it was a 'legal shambles'. They removed the Certified Self Contained 'Only' Restriction throughout the district and proposed rights for those in tents and non-self contained vehicles as well.

However, they still included the CSC standard as a restriction in their newly ratified Camping in Public Places Bylaw and those campers who were able to attain the standard, were allowed far



more privilege to freedom camp in the District than those without.

So, I created The Whangarei Vehicle Dwellers facebook group and together we refused to be managed under another illegal bylaw. WDC conceded it got it wrong again and without even attempting to challenge us, simply allowed their permanent vehicle dwelling community to basically 'live' full time at Cobham Oval.

Instead, WDC concentrated it's 'Camping in Public Places Bylaw's efforts in ensuring compliance to the more seasonal and fluid stream of domestic and international tourists.

The 'legal shambles' has come about, because this Council took too much advice from a private camping organisation, the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association. Who have taken a self-appointed leading role with council's all around the country, shaping, advising, establishing and promoting an illegal component to Freedom Camping bylaws. Certified Self Contained Freedom Camping Only.

Since 2011, Councils around the country in their panic to come up with solutions, have been coerced into bad decision making by this private organisation. We have allowed them, as expert advisers, to help create a new law, just for themselves. And that is the reason behind the legal shambles. That, is where it has all gone pear-shaped. That, is the very reason why WDC cannot enforce the bylaw against it's own growing group of vehicle dwellers. The bylaw has no teeth. It is useless!

Instead WDC recently admitted that Permanent Vehicle Dwellers fit "outside the scope of the bylaw". It's a big thing to admit! Because if we fit outside the scope of the bylaw, then so does every other legal person in NZ. In fact, it's an admittance that the bylaw itself fit's outside the scope of law.

So here we sit, four years later. A new proposed amended version of the same Camping in Public Places Bylaw, which still includes the CSC restriction. Amended to give even more rights and privilege than ever to those vehicles with CSC while proposing to remove even more rights to those without.

That a private Camping organisation was allowed to create law in this country beggars belief. They created for councils, their very own 'Model' Freedom Camping bylaw to assist with local Council decision making. It, of course, proposed Certified Self Contained freedom camping only. This document was prepared by the NZMCA and public law experts, Chen Palmer, and in consultation with Local Government New Zealand, Department of Conservation and Department of Internal Affairs.

And in it....they slip in the term Self Containment

They state that, 'If local authorities restrict freedom camping at a particular site to self-contained camping only, the following definition of self-contained vehicle may be useful:'

'Self-contained vehicle means a vehicle designed and built for the purpose of camping which has the capability of meeting the ablutionary and sanitary needs of occupants of that vehicle for a minimum of three days without requiring any external services or discharging any waste and complies with New Zealand Standard 5465:2001 as evidenced by the display of a current self-containment warrant issued under New Zealand Standard Self Containment of Motor Caravans and Caravans.'

**It was such a delight for me, to find this little add-on...**

...NZS 5465:2001. Note that self-contained vehicle is not defined in the Freedom Camping Act and that this is only an example as to how it may be defined."

### **'May be defined'?**

It must be frustrating for those at the NZMCA, who now realise that NO. You cannot re-define the description in an ACT. You cannot just alter it and change the very philosophy and meaning of what it means too freedom camp.

### **Here's why;**

THIS is THE legal description of what it means to freedom camp. According to the Freedom Camping Act 2011 it means to camp in 1 or more of the following:

- a. A tent or other temporary structure
- b. A caravan.
- c. A car, campervan, housetruck, or other motor vehicle.

No-where, not even once, does the FCA ever mention Certified Self Containment. To have this important 'fix-it-all' term left-out entirely from this document, says a great deal.

You see, if we alter and re-label what it means too freedom camp, especially when it enables one group more privilege than others. If we take this right off the poor and give it to the rich, or if you like, we take it off youth on a shoe-string budget and allow it as only a rite of passage for those who can afford a CSC vehicle, it breaches another Act, our rights.

The Human Rights Act 1993 describes

#### Victimisation

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to treat or to threaten to treat any other person less favourably than he or she would treat other persons in the same or substantially similar circumstances.

Non-discrimination and minority rights.

#### Freedom from Discrimination

(1) Everyone has the right to freedom from discrimination on the grounds of discrimination in the Human Rights Act 1993.

(2) Measures taken in good faith for the purpose of assisting or advancing persons or groups of persons disadvantaged because of discrimination that is unlawful by virtue of Part 2 of the Human Rights Act 1993.

To determine whether a bylaw made under this Freedom camping Act is appropriate

(1) A local authority must, before commencing the process for making a bylaw, determine whether a bylaw is the most appropriate way of addressing the 'perceived problem.'

(2) If a local authority has determined that a bylaw is the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problem, it must, before making the bylaw, determine whether the proposed bylaw;

(a) is the most appropriate form of bylaw; and

(b) gives rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

(3) No bylaw may be made which is inconsistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

Making freedom camping elitist and offering more privilege tor self contained luxury motor-homes IS inconsistent and goes against the very intention and purpose of what this Act is about.

These new bylaws are NOT appropriate in that we should take toilets away from Freedom campers with no toilets on board and allow these public facilities to only be used at night by vehicles that are already equipped with toilets.

It is NOT proportionate in that it favours one group over another. The have's and the have-not's.

It is NOT consistent with the Bill of Rights because it discriminates against the poor and youth in particular. Those young tourists freedom camping in vans, station wagons and tents who are unaware and ignorant of the trap set for them all around the country. Where they face penalties of up to \$200 fines.

Offering 'NON CSC' vehicles and tenters one night only and giving those with CSC more privileges is not the best way to address the perceived problem. It restricts their right to 'Freedom of Movement'. It victimizes all youth and tourists who choose to see this country on a shoe-string budget.

Lets look at what the intention of what an ACT is in this country.

An Act in New Zealand is designed to;

- (a) affirm, protect, and promote human rights and fundamental freedoms in New Zealand; and
- (b) to affirm New Zealand's commitment to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

In the New Zealand sixth periodic report under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights it discusses Inequality.

'New Zealand aims to ensure an adequate standard of living and provide opportunities for all to participate fully in society, regardless of ethnicity age or gender'.

For the last 4 years the Certified Self Containment Standards legality has been questioned by many individuals and groups. I personally have challenged (on behalf of other freedom campers around the country) over 200 infringement notices written against the illegal CSC standard with a 100% success rate. It seems no Council is prepared to challenge me on CSC being an illegal restriction.

CSC is a 'non-cited Government Standard', so is only voluntary and cannot be written into law as a legal restriction. A 'cited' standard on the other hand, is mandatory and is the only type of Government standard on which laws can be made However, this has not stopped Councils using it as a restriction to freedom camping.

The eco-hypocrisy of CSC is incredible. I know many people with a CSC sticker who never use their own toilet. I have also met literally hundreds of people who have the sticker, but no toilet. Some CSC vehicles have dogs on board....which we must presume poop outside.....wouldn't they? It has been proven time and time again, that a CSC sticker does not a responsible person make. It just tries to say that the vehicle is responsible. And a vehicle should never be held responsible.

When CSC goes wrong and spills, it can be major, as you could well imagine. A traffic accident, or if the underneath plumbing is either hit or has rattled itself undone, the spillage becomes an environmental hazard. I have assisted with 3 of these types of repairs, just in the last year alone.

The CSC standard's certification is only available for a small minority of campers. Over the last few years the NZMCA have made amendments to the standard so that even less amount of

these smaller vehicles are able to meet the criteria.

According to the Freedom Camping Act, camping includes hunting areas, where hunters take motor vehicles to an area where they set up camp for a week-end. As well, There are river-rafter's, fishermen, trampers, Te Arohas Trail walkers, cyclists etc

One could be forgiven for thinking freedom camping, as determined by local Councils and Government, is all about motor-homes & caravans but that is an incorrect perception. Actually motor-homes and caravans make up only a minority of campers as defined by the Act. In denying other groups are covered by the FCA, they deny those groups the ability to lobby against legislation that prevents them from fully enjoying their chosen past-times, whether that is camping, or an activity that chooses to camp as a sideline.

The facilities required by the CSC standard are required for a minimum period of 3 days. So locals and others wanting only a single night down the local beach are still required to meet the requirements. Surfers and fishermen sleeping in their cars while waiting for early morning surf breaks. In that respect, the self containment standard fails to be inclusive of everyone as defined by the Freedom Camping Act.

Recently there has been a complaint made to the Commerce Commission concerning the NZMCA's authority over the amendments made to the standard. The reasoning for these amendments appear to be about removing others rights to meet the standard rather than being driven by any real problems or to make campers safer or more responsible.

One District Council is known to have signage stating that they will only accept Freedom Campers with CSC certification issued only by the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association!

Recently the issue of the possibility of a nationwide data base for CSC vehicles was raised. Claims about fake stickers and questions over the legality of certification of some vans, is actually the most damaging perceived issue currently facing freedom camping.

Many that question the stickers and certification, have little real knowledge of the standard. At times that has not been helped by government websites where recently one stated that a shower was a requirement of self containment certification - It is not and never has been.

A Councillor in New Plymouth has publicly claimed that any camper-van where the cooking can not be done inside, is non-compliant with the CSC standard - That is also incorrect.

Even the Department of Conservation has conceded it got it wrong and have now admitted that the back-country is actually covered by the Freedom Camping Act. This confirms determinations that there was nothing exempting the back country in the Freedom Camping Act. The Department of Conservation has for the past 9 years been advising the back country was not included and has now changed its web sites to reflect that new status.

I am fully aware that WDC was coerced into this illegal component of the bylaw like all the other Districts were. But that was four years ago. Now is the time to correct it. To make available this inalienable right in NZ to freedom camp again, as it always was, for every NZer, every tourist in a tent or van or station wagon or any other vehicle. (THE legal definition in the ACT.) Those that do not prescribe to self containment. .... Those who cannot, of course, afford a luxury motorhome.

I often go out of my way to meet tourists gathered in station wagons and vans. They are the most lovely, educated and charming of youth. Keen to explore our country and to get to know our people. They would all, of course, prefer to park at places where public toilets are open all night and where there are rubbish facilities. But unfortunately, they find that they are locked out of places with facilities these days. They are often gone early in the morning and there is almost never an issue with rubbish or waste. So long as facilities are provided. I know this because I often stay there with them.

These are the places where they ought to park. There is no mention of these places as being an 'appropriate' place for them to park. Only a perceived problem.

There will only be a problem if we didn't provide them rubbish bins or a loo! We would create the perceived problem. It would be our own fault!

Not once, in the process of creating this new proposed bylaw, has Whangarei Council done a 'proper assessment' of the necessity to make a bylaw, nor did it give any consideration, to places where there is no trouble, where facilities are actually coping just fine.

And it will be blamed again on the type of vehicle we drive. CSC or NON CSC.

But hang on...The Freedom camping Act only describes the word 'Vehicle.' There is no mention, whatsoever, about a Certified Self Contained vehicle, or that it is the only recognized and acceptable 'vehicle' that is allowed to freedom camp. Or that it is an absolute requirement, to freedom camp.

The Freedom Camping act 2011, section 2(1) says it uses the same definition as the land transport act 1998 to define what a 'Vehicle' actually is?

It states that a vehicle is-

- (a) A contrivance equipped with wheels, tracks, or revolving runners on which it moves or is moved; and
- (b) includes a hovercraft, a skateboard, in-line skates, and roller skates.

In the Freedom Camping Act 2011 it states bylaws must not absolutely prohibit freedom camping

- (1) A local authority may not make bylaws under section 11 that have the effect of prohibiting freedom camping in all the local authority areas in its district.
- (2) This section is for the avoidance of doubt.

To make a Freedom Camping Bylaw

- (1) A local authority may make bylaws by;
  - (a) defining the local authority areas in its district or region where freedom camping is restricted and the restrictions that apply to freedom camping in those areas:
  - (b) defining the local authority areas in its district or region where freedom camping is prohibited.
- (2) A local authority may make a bylaw under subsection (1) only if it is satisfied that
  - (a) the bylaw is necessary for 1 or more of the following purposes:
    - (i) to protect the area:
    - (ii) to protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area:
    - (iii) to protect access to the area; and

- (b) the bylaw is the most appropriate and proportionate way of addressing the perceived problem in relation to that area; and
  - (c) the bylaw is not inconsistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.
- (5) The local authority must use the special consultative procedure set out in section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 (as modified by section 86 of that Act) in;
- (a) making a bylaw under this section; or
  - (b) amending a bylaw made under this section; or
  - (c) revoking a bylaw made under this section.
- (6) Despite subsection (5)(b), a local authority may, by resolution publicly notified, make minor changes to, or correct errors in, a bylaw made under this section, but only if the changes or corrections do not affect;
- (a) an existing right, interest, title, immunity, or duty of any person to whom the bylaw applies;
  - (b) an existing status or capacity of any person to whom the bylaw applies.

Which gives rise to the fact that Councils can only decide where freedom Camping is restricted not where it is only allowed. The Freedom Camping Act gives no right for Councils to dictate where exactly we may freedom camp. Yet this new proposal does exactly that.

In 2013 the NZMCA challenged the Westland District Council to the High Court in a bid to protect the rights of its members to freedom camp.

Councils sought to have a mechanism to deal with the worst offending freedom campers, and that's when the government introduced the Freedom Camping Act 2011.

However the NZMCA believed the Westland District Council had gone too far when they effectively imposed prohibition on freedom camping on all public land and roads within one kilometer of townships. The President, stated "the key priority of the NZMCA was to protect and provide for its members." (read that part again... Slowly). He said "workable bylaws strike the proper balance between protecting local authority areas and respecting the rights of freedom campers. We are looking forward to working with the Westland District Council to find a solution that works. The NZMCA would now be in touch with other councils about the impact of the legal action and would be looking to engage those whose freedom camping bylaws were unlawful and not up to scratch"

If we are to actually address and fix the issues surrounding freedom camping, the first thing that must happen, is we must point out to the self-obsessed NZMCA, that their 'model' bylaw is not lawful or up-to-scratch either.

The NZMCA are responsible for building a fence to protect themselves against a growing tourism industry, not a bridge toward it.

What a shambles alright! The CSC standard is not in law anywhere else in the world. And it hasn't worked here.

Councillors, Unless you can prove me wrong about my research into the legality of CSC. Then by all means, do. If you cannot, you must revoke this proposed bylaw on the grounds I claim

We need to remove the component that makes it illegal and re-think how to create fair social policy that works within the Freedom Camping Act and within your obligations to NZ Bill of

Rights.

This will require an enthusiastic Council who is prepared to listen and make bold new steps by creating the necessary change for the better. I would like to be invited into this future process.

What a great opportunity we all have to correct this injustice once and for all.

Yours truly

Jimi Hart

Please check out my web site

[www.sterrycrafts.nz](http://www.sterrycrafts.nz)

**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 26 Nov 2020 11:12:31 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Jan Boyes - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-197

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Jan Boyes - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-197

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Organisation name:	



## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>My response to this opportunity to review Freedom camping is in two parts. I should say I like young German and French tourists, and belong to Couchsurfers and host some in my house.</p> <p>a. New Zealand Wide.</p> <p>Stuart Nash's comments about Freedom campers have emboldened us to criticise the whole policy. Maybe there was nothing wrong with numbers 5 years ago, but the growth has been not sustainable. In Northland 2016 figures were 5000, in 2019, 13,000 – the rest of the country would also have just too many campers of most types.</p> <p>I can identify 5 types of freedom campers, and two more specifically NZ categories</p> <p>E. the worst. Sleeping vans, no real toilet or washing up facilities, Cheap vans/cars sold from season to season to a different group over young European approx. 18 year olds. IF it has a toilet, nobody would want to use it, and if 4 people squashed in van, they probably wouldn't. Take away any 'Self Contained' stickers from them .....and get onto overseas websites and tell youngsters these vans will NOT be able to be used as SC campers. So they will not be able to use any Overnight Park. (this is the category that got so much out of hand). The Spaceships brand of camping cars, for example, is arguing it will go out of business. Sad BUT, they did well for a few years, expanded too much and are an example of what you should not be allowed to do any more. (I wonder how many people squashed into Spaceships at one time.) Remember we</p>

don't owe the world a cheap holiday here! We don't want their cooking pots being washed in our beaches, sinks, lakes, rivers, or toilet sinks. Or their nightly pee or worse. They don't deserve a beachfront holiday any more than our poorer city dwellers. There are just too many in this category.

Here is an example of a van sold privately.

Great Campervan, Toyota Estima For Sale \$3200-

My girlfriend and i are selling our amazing van after traveling across nz for 2.5 months. It has a built in bed for two and an awesome kitchen...

None of the ads I have seen mention toilets. Lets hope in future a legal comfortable toilet room is the top priority mentioned!!

D. Other small vans with a toilet 'area'. Hired or owned. Try to limit to 2 people only. Borderline ok. Check and give sticker rigorously. Make sure they USE the toilet!!

C. Woofers and fruit pickers who travel and work. They might have cheap vans, not the best, borderline self contained. We want their labour, so maybe after their first successful job, the people (max 2 per van) can get a permit to park at sites with toilets. Borderline ok.....

B. People who drive or buy reasonable sized campervans, up to 4 people. Rigorous checking before given certificates.

A. Big campers. Categories B and A are also growing too fast. Stop the firms, who have for a couple of years. .

NZ long-term traveller category. These people don't pay rates anywhere, so are really freeloading with roads, libraries, parks, stopping areas, toilets, help that councils provide to those less fortunate, etc. Must be big enough to have SC toilet 'in a room'. How can we charge them something? These people have to pay rates the amount of a moderate sized city somewhere to enjoy free travel for ever. HOW?

Homeless A different problem. Offer a city carpark and have agencies looking to help these people. We don't want them to live in a car..

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The Minister has decided high end is important, so we can now be honest about a policy that got badly out of hand. Anything that grows more than 10% needs to be carefully looked at to see if it is good. We have a change to fix it now. My advice to the Minister of Tourism would be to change the policy with regard to camping cars. Ban them, take the 'pretend' toilet systems out of the cars. Ban 50% this year, the rest next year. There should be no encouragement, no leniency. Publicise and punish offenders

Here is one comment from a local. The growing number of parked camper vans and cars and vehicles littering the waterfront are definite a blot on the beauty of the area... (which is the very thing they come to see). Campers need to be in designated areas, out of sight, not on the water front, with toilets and rubbish disposal facilities and surfaces that can cope with heavy vehicles even on wet days. And... yes they will need to pay for creation of these facilities or use existing campervan parks which are legit NZ businesses.

No more camping spots to be designated. Those we have should be policed. For 2020/21 offer alternative spots in a city carpark where they still need to be self-contained - or go and pay for a DoC site or a camping ground.

In one beach we have sites for 2 campers, and one evening there was 32!. It is plainly difficult to keep numbers down  
Don't build any more Campervan sites at beaches. Spend money on basic DoC-type facilities with a charge per night  
If we feel Freedom camping will be a long-term thing, even with stricter controls, develop a booking app for sites. (It would be

quite easy to charge later.

Count the numbers this year. Compare it to last years Next year - Do not allow numbers to grow, aim for a 50 reduction from 2019 in category E at least, as many cars have to have the toilets removed and no vehicle of those type will ever get the certificate in the future.

Maybe - All overseas tourists should have to buy a voucher for 1/3 of their days in a motor camp/DoC camp for washing etc. AND to use this voucher, no swopping, no refunds..... Would this work for New Zealanders ?

Be tough! We are not providing a free beachfront holiday site for all, these things cost serious money to buy! At most a very few campers should be stopping overnight.

Don't add any new areas

b. Local response for the district

NUMBERS are the problem. Companies selling vans have pushed too hard and fast, and we got into this situation. The Minister has decided high end is important, so we can now be honest about a policy that got badly out of hand. Anything that grows more than 10% needs to be carefully looked at to see if it is good. We have a chance to fix it now as the impetus of the last few years is stopped by Covid-19 travel restrictions.

For 2020. Publicise that we love our area, we want you to stay if you buy local, go to some attractions you have to pay for, enjoy our cafes. Keep to the sites allocated. If full, there will be free places in a carpark in town or you can go to a lovely private or DoC motor camp. You have to be self-contained and store waste of all types, and there aren't many sites for you, generally only 2-3 at most beaches. It will be policed.

From now on. No encouragement, no leniency, publicise offenders,

	<p>Don't add any new areas.</p> <p>In the Whangarei Heads District. Don't spend any money except Tamaterau (already nearly there TDF money, and we want the sealed area for a Signposted pullover Bay.</p> <p>A few tent spaces should be available at Reotahi for Te Araroa walkers only.</p> <p>In Ocean Beach, do not allow the overflow carpark to be used. Other areas are ok if numbers are policed</p> <p>No new areas. Spend money policing, especially the ones with 'pretend bathrooms'.</p> <p>Any areas the locals hate it is probably for a reason - so be hard on problem areas, get the campers who cause trouble on a watchlist, and be prepared to close areas.</p> <p>Could a local be the person paid to check every evening. They will insist campers stick to the places allotted and no more.</p> <p>No sleeping vans, make a new law very soon. People caught using non-self contained vehicles will be in 2 categories</p> <p>a. if from overseas, given a week to go home if caught again.</p> <p>Numbers, name taken, Black mark.</p> <p>b. if homeless, organised to get from help social welfare, (charities could establish parking areas with ablutions, washing machines etc. who could establish parks in cities.)</p> <p>Don't build any more Campervan Parking. Spend money on basic Doc type facilities with a basic charge per night</p> <p>Count the numbers this year. Compare it to last years..... Next year - Do not allow numbers to grow, aim for a 50 reduction from 2019 in category E at least, as many cars have to have the toilets removed and no vehicle of those type will ever get the certificate in the future.</p> <p>Maybe - All overseas tourists should have to buy a voucher for 1/3 of their days in a motor camp/DoC camp for washing etc.</p> <p>AND use it, no swopping, no refunds..... New Zealanders ??</p>
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	<p>Be tough! We are not providing a free beachfront holiday site for all, these things cost serious money to buy! At most a few campers should be stopping overnight. Yes provide a carpark/sportsfield.</p> <p>If we feel Freedom camping will be a long-term thing, even with stricter controls, develop a booking app for sites. (It would be quite easy to charge later?</p> <p>Our beaches and beauty spots must be available for our ratepayers to enjoy, lots of whom can not afford a beach holiday – and campervsn sites must be back from the beachfront.</p>
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## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	Yes – I wish to speak at the Hearing in support of my submission
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**From:** Tony Horton  
**Sent:** 26 Nov 2020 20:38:33 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Cc:** Vita Strohush  
**Subject:** FW: Camping bylaw submission from Matthew Brajkovich and Family  
**Attachments:** NZS final Conclusion.pdf

Another submission for the Camping in Public Places Bylaw

Nga mihi  
**Tony Horton**

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**From:** Matthew Brajkovich <matthewboomer49@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, 27 November 2020 9:16 AM  
**To:** Tony Horton <tony.horton@wdc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Re: Camping bylaw submission from Matthew Brajkovich and Family

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THIS MY FINAL SUBMISSION< FOR SOME REASON THE COMPUTER SENT IT.

Hi, I am an eighth generation New Zealander and look after the natural environment regardless of my activity and always have. We spent huge money \$130K plus on our CAMPER, that meets the voluntary code in all respects and can stay out in the bush reserves for approx a week, and every time we travel we clean up other people's mess, mussel farm rubbish that gets dumped on the beaches along with other plastic rubbish from boats. Maybe WDC could consider enforcing some other RMA operational function to stop the other activities destroying the beaches and waterways, I suggest you would get a better return for your dollar invested, which would in turn bring in more business for the local economy. Other councils are seeing a ratio of \$7/\$1 for community environmental work, that is right a \$7 saving for \$1 invested. Maybe you could consider employing the responsible campers to be a case study on how to act and how to use the facility while embracing the FCA not trying to fix a problem that does not exist with rules that break the FCA and the BORA. Being certified does NOT make you responsible, and in fact I have seen only CERTIFIED campers being the problem.

I have camped under trailers, under tarps and never have I left any mess behind. Maybe an education program of HOW TO BE RESPONSIBLE would help. I suggest you consider the RCAi program as a starting point.

We enjoy traveling and spending time together and seeing NZ while supporting other locals, like all the specialists shops in other parts of NZ.

Considering the efforts that will be needed to recover post COVID one needs a solid plan and removing a portion of society from living free and a responsible life one has to question what are you trying to achieve? A "GOOD OUTCOME" well what is that? To get good outcomes you need to have a goal and a

value for whatever that may be, but not be that destroys the function of society by serving one group and not the other.

So please make responsible decisions re the bylaw and one that meets the good outcomes of the FCA and the BORA as a starting point, become a leader and embrace the RCAi idea and combine outcomes from other initiatives and local community groups such as the KIWI COAST and other environmental programs in WDC area. You will then find you have huge support for the economy and social benefit while supporting the local community and their aspirations for the Long term goals of the WDC environmental work.

Final point, in 2009 we built our camper to help us and others do community work, as it allows a cheap onsite toilet, showers and a safe place for medical help as well as providing a base for larger events, makes event planning easy, it works well.

Matthew Brajkovich  
Howick Environmental AWARD WINNER 2019

On Fri, Nov 27, 2020 at 8:54 AM Matthew Brajkovich <[matthewboomer49@gmail.com](mailto:matthewboomer49@gmail.com)> wrote:

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**Sent:** 26 Nov 2020 19:57:23 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Cc:** Vita Strohush  
**Subject:** FW: Camping bylaw submission from Matthew Brajkovich and Family  
**Attachments:** NZS final Conclusion.pdf

Hi

Can you please record this as a submission on the Camping in Public Places Bylaw

Nga mihi  
**Tony Horton**

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**To:** Tony Horton <tony.horton@wdc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Camping bylaw submission from Matthew Brajkovich and Family

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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 25 Nov 2020 04:41:30 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Amos Breyfogle - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-167

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Amos Breyfogle - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-167

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-167

### Your details:

Full name:	Amos Breyfogle
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I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	<p>I live in my van full time and I am amazed at how good NZ is in general for freedom camping. I'm also shocked that it's free as many places as it is. I would happily support more low cost places to camp with access to toilets. I think it's more than fair to pay the 5/10/15\$ that many of the DOC sites charge in return for a beautiful place to stay. I would be glad to pay these rates for a place that it's clearly OK to park, especially if there was access to toilets nearby.</p> <p>On top of that I would say that many times it's Confusing figuring out where it's OK to stay and where it isn't. I would be happy to pay a little bit just for clarity that it's OK to stay in a location.</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 24 Nov 2020 19:40:17 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Roy Brickell - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-146

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Roy Brickell - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-146

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-146

### Your details:

Full name:	Roy Brickell
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I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	<p>As long time caravaners and campers,I would like to put forward the following opinions.</p> <p>Towns that derive benefit from visitors like us seem to have certain mechanisms in place.</p> <p>They advertise themselves as motorhome friendly,</p> <p>They provide easy access to parkover sites.</p> <p>They have many choices of site.</p> <p>These sites are in conjunction with an attraction,ie, a walk or tour,or shopping.</p> <p>Although Whangarei has sites,it would seem they were chosen by non motor homers as they are mainly difficult to access or cramped and are not referred to by our fraternity as great or must go to places. A large number of motor homers prefer to pass through Whangarei than stay.</p> <p>I refer mainly to self contained vehicles,as accommodating non compliant is a more complex issue.</p> <p>To be brief, the great places to make Whangarei attractive are</p> <p>The vast expanse east of the lifting bridge</p> <p>The old fertilizer site on Port road.</p> <p>The Whau valley dam...tracks,fishing</p> <p>Anywhere down port road</p> <p>Forum north carpark .....time framed of course</p> <p>Any local business that allows parkovers will probably benefit from meals etc, such as clubs,motorhome repairs and sales.</p> <p>It seems freedom campers are treated with suspicion, however it is important to know there are differing types</p>

	<p>Those in a club with self containment compulsory and monitored.</p> <p>Those with a dubious or self containment they are not encouraged to use.</p> <p>Those that have nothing self containing and those that dont care.</p> <p>So, towns that benefit are quickly known as great destinations, and towns that have motorhome association sites strategicly located definitely benifit, however that is an easy group to deal with. The other groups require different solutions.</p> <p>Thanks,</p> <p>Roy Brickell</p>
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## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	Yes – I wish to speak at the Hearing in support of my submission
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 19 Nov 2020 01:59:42 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Brandi Bridges - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-88

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Brandi Bridges - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-88

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-88

### Your details:

Full name:	Brandi Bridges
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Daytime phone number:	0224609787
Email address:	
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	I like the idea of overflow freedom camping spots at the stadium during peak season.

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 23 Nov 2020 05:37:10 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Anna Caithness - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-126

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Anna Caithness - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-126

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-126

### Your details:

Full name:	Anna Caithness
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I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>My partner and I have been living in our bus since March 2019. Previous to that we lived and worked in the Whangarei district for several years. We love Whangarei district, in particular the Tutukaka Coast, and have enjoyed being able to freedom camp over winter and summer at various places on the coast (and Parua Bay), as well as at the town basin. We travel around the country and stay at both campgrounds and freedom camping sites. I believe that freedom camping should stay as it is, but somehow monitor the number of campervans staying and for how long. We are fully self contained and prefer to use our own toilet, etc. We would love to have access to something like the Kiwi camper showers/laundromats if they were available, but not necessary for us. Also recycling bins for all recycling, and rubbish facilities would be great. We always pick up rubbish on our beach walks, and around where we are parked. Mostly the other campers we have come across have been respectful of the area, but there are sometimes more vehicles than are allowed, and for longer than allowed. For me, the key issue would be how to enforce the rules that are already in place, being that a lot of the work is done by volunteer wardens. For us the cost of staying in campgrounds every night is prohibitive. Also the self containment stickers are a joke, and the self containment criteria needs to be reviewed.</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 15 Nov 2020 20:01:28 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Tegan S Capp - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-69

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Tegan S Capp - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-69

**Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-69**

### Your details:

Full name:	Tegan S Capp
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I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	I support the proposal to update and amend the Freedom Camping Bylaw, in particular I support the clarification around vehicle dwellers/homeless persons and permitted length of stays; and hope that this is enforced accordingly.

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Betty Carson  
**Sent:** 26 Nov 2020 15:20:45 +1300  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** Freedom Camping

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## *Submission form*

*28 October-27 November 2020*

### *Proposed amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw; and amendments to the Public Places Bylaw*

Thank you for taking this opportunity to comment, we welcome your feedback.

#### *Please enter your details below*

First name(s): Jeff and Betty Last name: Carson. Postal address: Whananaki PDC. PB.  
Whangarei

Best daytime phone number: (09) 4338 202

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Email: [bettycarson2114@gmail.com](mailto:bettycarson2114@gmail.com)

I am writing this submission as individuals

#### *Tell us in writing:*

Council stopped freedom camping many years ago as it was an annoyance to local Rate payers. In Whananaki, four Campgrounds accommodate holiday makers adequately without plundering and polluting the coastline and sea. With the Foreshore reserves and toilets catering for picnickers and walkers.

The official camping grounds have to comply with council regulations at great cost. Freedom campers are adding extra costing to the Council when there is already facilities available.

26 February 2020

To whom it may concern

Re: Freedom Camping at Wellingtons Whangaumu Bay

I am writing to you about the recent summer problems that have occurred at (Wellingtons Whangaumu Bay.)

Over the summer period portable toilets were delivered to numerous public reserves in the bay to combat the visitors and freedom camper's pollution. These toilets were initially placed at many locations in the bay and after complaints were made; for fear of freedom campers blocking their view, polluting their area and other unforeseen problems, these were moved away, but not from the reserve close to our home. Why were some reserves spared but not the one closest to our property? There are permanent toilets available a short distance away nothing at the other end of the bay.

With addition of the portable toilets we have had to endure sleepless nights, with numerous parties occurring on the reserve where visitors continued to play loud music, light fires, have pets (especially dogs) and entertain to the early hours of the morning. As you can appreciate as an owner of property this is not the sort of behaviour that we should have to endure.

The freedom campers are sometimes self-contained, many are not, they put up tents late at night, stay and then pull down the next morning. I feel that it is unfair on day-trippers, wedding parties and other public users have nowhere to go as there is no room because of these overnight campers. With the majority of the reserve being taken by campers there is no room for daytime visitors. They are having to park on both sides of the roads and verges, children are ducking and diving between cars there will be an accident due to lack of parking.

Living next door to an unregulated campground was not on our radar when we purchased this property and we would appreciate your support in rectifying this matter as we would not like to endure another summer break under these conditions.

The council has a designated area for campers but this is not enforced. We look forward to hearing from you and would appreciate your plan to rectify this problem.

Kind regards

Murray and Julie Carter  
87 Whangaumu Street  
Whangaumu Bay  
Postal Address  
R.D.5  
213 Whareora Road  
Whangarei

20 November 2020

To whom it may concern

I am writing again with my concerns about freedom camping. I have attached my original letter that I sent earlier in the year sadly I never received a reply - probably due to lockdown?

Last weekend as summer arrives, I heard one of the freedom campers asking a family who had just arrived for the day to move their car as it was blocking their view of the beach!

If the council are going to allow freedom camping, I feel a seasonal restriction would be of some benefit. Smaller areas for camping and even shorter times allowing everybody to have fair access to our beaches.

Sadly, I must say most of the problems that we witness are not overseas tourists. I am also curious how can an alcohol ban can be policed? As most beaches are supposed to be alcohol free. It just is impossible to police.

Kind regards  
Murray & Julie Carter



**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 24 Nov 2020 23:43:23 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Nigel Chadwick - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-159

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Nigel Chadwick - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-159

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-159

### Your details:

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I am making this submission:	As an individual

Organisation name:	
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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All beaches within the WDC which have public access should have restricted access for freedom campers.</li> <li>2. There should be seasonal restrictions (1 December - 15 Feb) on all freedom camping areas.</li> <li>3. Internal toilet and washing / recycling facilities should be mandatory for all freedom camping vehicles.</li> <li>4. Temporary peak season overflow camping sites could be provided where practicable but these should not be entirely free. A modest charge to cover council staffing and administration costs is reasonable.</li> <li>5. There needs to be adequate staffing to ensure that the restrictions and conditions which apply to freedom campers are being monitored and enforced.</li> </ol>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 26 Nov 2020 05:54:53 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Jill Chisholm - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-190

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Jill Chisholm - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-190

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-190

### Your details:

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I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>Pacific Bay Tutukaka should prohibit freedom campers for the following reasons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 no toilets</li><li>2 limited access for locals and day trippers</li><li>3 no water reticulation</li></ul> <p>Freedom campers block access to the reserve. The existing stream is already polluted.</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 27 Nov 2020 00:49:30 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Michael Chubb - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-206

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Michael Chubb - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-206

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-206

### Your details:

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Daytime phone number:	0275363635
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I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>Overview....</p> <p>In general I have the view that Freedom camping should not be restricted with any zeal. I feel there is a lot of hearsay about problems and examples of the bad side exaggerated or repeated as if it happens all the time - everywhere. We have been a motor home owner for 25 years and see absolutely no issue with freedom camping as long as done with due consideration. I rather see enforcement of behavior and limitations on stay times as the main tool. I also agree non self contained need to be restricted</p> <p>Ourselves we are travelers we don't seek to have a two week holiday in one spot. We travel by day see the sights and then find somewhere to park for the night. maybe go for a walk or swim. We certainly wouldn't want to be in a sports park next to the Rugby rooms sitting outside on asphalt in a car park.</p> <p>There are many variations of freedom campers. The common theme is that we don't need to be paying \$40.00 a night to stay in a commercial camp ground for facilities we don't need or want. It seems Council should be more proactive to make provisions for this new tidal wave. Don't fight it - join it. It will reap benefits.</p> <p>In case anyone thinks this is a bit precious's I don't own a boat but I see Councils nation wide have provide boat ramps and</p>

trailer parking for boat owners. Children get play grounds, book lovers get libraries. I don't begrudge this. Motor home ownership is getting huge. Every year rental companies release 100's more onto the 2nd hand market. I really think Council needs to think more inclusive of this market and accept they are coming and any notion we will go to commercial ground -nah! Only if I want power.

The proposals seem to have been drafted by the shouldn't be allowed brigade. Much of it from some sort of prejudice, outmoded thinking, perhaps jealousy. Most complaints we hear most often seem to stem from excrement left at places. In all my travels I have seen this once. I give no argument against restricting the non self contained. I also feel like most things in life a bit of monitoring and policing will resolve most issues. Wardens could be appointed with powers to move on any vans that don't comply or causing nuisance like noise, or blocking public access etc.

I therefore submit much of the proposal is disagreeable.

I am not familiar with all locations but will comment on the below that I am. Many of my comments will be relevant at other sites.

Page 29 Ngunguru School. Given that school is closed for the main summer break I can see no hindrance to the school drop off if camping was allowed from last week of December through to Auckland Anniversary weekend. - Always would agree to a limit of nights any van can stay (say 2 max) and yes must be self contained.

Regarding the expansion of the area I suspect a bit of a campaign from the owners across the road, so wonder if there really is an issue. But a 1 night limit year long and perhaps a limit on numbers would be reasonable.

Page 31 - 32 The notion that making a tiny area of asphalt available at sports parks, tucked away from any area of interest to a tourist, is bound to fail. It may serve some purpose so I don't object. I simply do not think this goes in anyway, to appeasing the motor van user needs and wants.

Page 33 It seems to be the thing these days, that if you want to stop something bring out the Dotterels. I can not see how Helena Bay over night parking on the road and reserve areas will effect Dotterels or Health. Day visitors swarming in to enjoy the beach will have a greater impact by far. Overnighting people are no more likely to be disturbing the dunes. If dogs are an issue ban dogs. In all cases I think freedom camping at sites like this should be limited to 1 or two nights. I accept no one should be allowed to establish for longer periods. A revisit time limit could also be imposed.

Page 34 Sandy bay- I feel pretty well feel the same about this as Helena Bay comments above. Seems a bit harsh especially given the surfer type of life style. Cater for them. Once again some simple management methods time limits etc would suffice. If access points are an issue put in a few bollards at key locations. Cars block access too!

Page 35 Otamure Bay. Once again I object to the prohibition. Yes DOC is adjacent but most self contained vanners don't need nor want to pay for a facilities we don't need. Leave that



for non - self contained. Once again a night limit. Keep them (the vans) moving on.

Page 35 Whangaumu Street. I have stayed at this location. We were the only van there the 1st night but we are conscious people, we tucked van hard to one side well out of the way. The next day a wedding was held on the beach. About 50 people showed up drank beer and urinated all over the place. When they left they left a few empty beer bottles about. My wife and I collected these up and took them away.

Later that evening one other van arrived, a lady across the road came over to say we aren't allowed to stay. We had internet and showed we could, she left in a huff. We left the next morning as we planned.

My point is - it was the day visitors for the wedding that by far were the biggest nuisance at this location at that time. If it wasn't for us it would have been left a mess. (We have done this elsewhere as well). Picking on Motor Homes is quite discriminatory and we can actually be a positive. I feel any submission to prohibit at this location is from the lady across the road or people like her who just get a bee in their bonnet. She had a go and neither of us were causing any problem. So can only speculate an exaggerated view point is given. I oppose the prohibition. Of course would support stay limitations. A local empowered to evict any noisy or unsavory activity could be a solution if needed.

Page 37 - Beach Road. I have always been opposed to the current measures. Over the years I have never seen many problems with vanners here. There was one that moved in a bit

	<p>long, but once again a time limit would sort that. The whole prohibited area is way over the top. This is one unique area where houses across the road would not have views interrupted and there is plenty of area. I would go further and put a coin operated power supply in a couple of spots and encourage them in. I get the feeling the ban has been the result of mean spirited busy bodies who just can't stand to see someone enjoy themselves. People park their cars in this area all over the place. They fish along the coast day and night. how can a van be any more an issue? A van is just a car with a bed inside and so what if its there at night. at night it is totally deserted. Why can't a van be there? It can't possibly harm anyone. Once again self contained one or two nights max. I would suggest a limit on the numbers. A half dozen would be fair.</p> <p>The non self contained spots I support but will comment pretty darn awful. Not pleasant at all. I also note that boat owners seem to be better catered at nearly all locations.</p>
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 28 Nov 2020 07:29:56 +0000  
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**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Glenn Clark - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-40

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Glenn Clark - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-40

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-40

### Your details:

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Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>I acknowledge that Freedom Camping is becoming more prevalent and is an amazing way to experience some remote and beautiful parts of the country.</p> <p>My submission is in relation to Freedom Camping at Langs Beach</p> <p>I would be happy to see Freedom Camping permitted at Langs Beach under restricted controls as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Only allowed on the Recreation Reserve beside the public toilets</li><li>2) limited to 2 vehicles</li><li>3) Marked spaces for the vehicles beside the stream clear of the beach access</li><li>4) Self contained vehicles only</li><li>5) Limit of 1 night stay per vehicle</li></ol> <p>I would like to see freedom camping explicitly prohibited anywhere else at Langs Beach.</p> <p>Thanks</p>

## Hearing:

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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 25 Nov 2020 02:47:39 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Mr ROD J CLEMENTS - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-165

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Mr ROD J CLEMENTS - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-165

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-165

### Your details:

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I am making this submission:	As an individual

Organisation name:	
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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	<p>25/11/20</p> <p>Submission to Whangarei District Council</p> <p>Subject - Freedom campers</p> <p>Hi / YES this subject is a hot potato the council needs to grasp asap before it deteriorates even further</p> <p>Nash Minister is making the right noises to "phase out" campers + vehicles camping without self-contained facilities.</p> <p>Entry barred to campsites on non compliant vans + vehicles with freedom camper cars + mattresses dossing down camera snapped identified + warned.</p> <p>Times up for these Parasites.</p> <p>Obviously not all are problematic but the type of individuals participating in this travelmode leave a sour taste in the public's mind + irresponsiblFreedom camping in general needs to be discouraged vigorously in these times.</p> <p>While Covid has dampened the "trouble bubble" down nows the time to strike out these freedom vultures eh so they can educate the next generation on how we TRY to remain clean + green</p> <p>Councils wake up + smell the coffee before it turns to they know what!!</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Copy of being pushed to several Councils etc.</p> <p>Premium Correspondent</p> <p>Rod Clements</p>

	<p>Whangarei SupershopperNz</p> <p>&lt;Mobile email iPhone SE 2/Motorola G6+&gt;</p>
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**Sent:** 27 Nov 2020 00:31:19 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - JAMES ANTHONY CLIMIE - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-205

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - JAMES ANTHONY CLIMIE - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-205

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-205

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Organisation name:	



## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>Generally I am opposed to "freedom camping" in the Whangarei Heads area because the supporting infrastructure is too limited. Also the financial benefits for this level of expenditure are too small to offset the negative impacts on local residents.</p> <p>I would agree with limited freedom camping in strictly designated and controlled areas that have adequate provision and space, which is uncongested, and strictly for only self-contained caravans and vans that are completely self-contained.</p> <p>Even these areas should be patrolled by WDC representatives during the busy Christmas- New Year holiday season to ensure minimal noise and security impact on local residents.</p>

## Hearing:

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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
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**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Jennifer Cockayne - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-137

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Jennifer Cockayne - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-137

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-137

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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>this is just general comments on how I see Freedom Camping.</p> <p>1, I am a New Zealander and intend to live full time in a 10m bus. I intend to travel round this country of mine to see all those wonderful areas that time, work and financial constraints have prevented in the past. I am now retired. I would like to use a combination of freedom camping, NZMCA parks and commercial camp grounds, including the Kiwicamp sites where available.</p> <p>2, There are many retired and semi retired people travelling in NZ. I intend to visit areas for their beauty, history and activities available. Where to camp or a particular camp ground is not what would attract me to an area. Your district has the most beautiful scenic coastline. Being able to camp where these views and bays are would settle and inspire the soul.</p> <p>3. The average traveler spends between \$300 and \$900 each week. A self contained vehicle does not need to pay camp ground fees, but spends on fuel, groceries, cafes, restaurants, and activities. This means the money is spread around the community, often in smaller towns and villages.</p> <p>4. I feel that more toilet blocks and rubbish collection facilities should be available to cater for all campers I understand that the WDC requires campers to lodge their travel in the district and are given information about sites as well as where rubbish can be deposited. This is excellent. A small fee for this would</p>

	<p>provide some money towards the cost of collecting rubbish from skips and cleaning toilet blocks. The benefit of responsible campers in well set up sites that cater for local visitors and travelers is considerable, especially in view of the limited overseas tourists. Many freedom campers clean up rubbish left by locals as well. We try to leave no trace. There are good and bad travelers and locals where rubbish is concerned.</p> <p>I hope these comment help.</p>
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## Hearing:

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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 28 Oct 2020 07:27:54 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Rebecca Coe - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-5

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Rebecca Coe - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-5

**Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-5**

### Your details:

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Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	<p>We are local to the Kowharewa Freedom Camping spot and really struggle with the campers over the summer months.</p> <p>From labour weekend up until Easter our small local beach is over run with campers, tents and vans.</p> <p>While there is a designated area for the campers to stay it is never followed and the grass is usually always covered with vehicles.</p> <p>Rules are not followed, rubbish is not picked up, toilets are trashed, dogs roaming &amp; people staying longer then allowed are all problems that we have to deal with.</p> <p>I would like to see campers only be allowed to stay in the designated area for 1 night. If no space is available they will have to move on. To much of our beach is being used as a camping spot.</p>

## Hearing:

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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 26 Nov 2020 22:48:13 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Jonathan Russell Cole - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-177

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Jonathan Russell Cole - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-177

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-177

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I am making this submission:	As an individual

Organisation name:	
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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>There is a growing need under current legislation to make proper allowance for freedom camping on public land in New Zealand. The attitude of Councils towards this is varied. Some trying to minimize the ability of people to freedom camp and others being more responsible and setting up encouraging responsible use of public land.</p> <p>A legal opinion has confirmed that no Council has any ability to undermine / contract out of, any Government legislation or an Act of Parliament.</p> <p>What this simply means is the Freedom Camping Act defines essentially anyone and everyone as a Freedom camper - Council can not legally cater only to certain Campers as we are all defined in Legislation FCA.</p> <p>Similarly the intent of the ACT is to allow Freedom Camping practically everywhere with very few exemptions. The few reasons allowed for restrictions are well set out in the FC Act, ie Health, Access and Protection which are also in the Bill of Rights.</p> <p>They have compared it to the lack of ability for businesses to contract out of Consumer Legislation.</p> <p>They have recommended this is spelled out in very simple english when making submissions to Councils.</p> <p>I ask the Whangarei District Council to be proactive in this</p>



	bylaw and make more areas of public land available, not less.
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## Hearing:

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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 19 Nov 2020 00:22:10 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Martine Connor - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-82

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Martine Connor - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-82

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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	I do not agree with freedom camping especially at Ruakaka when there is a camp ground available. I don't believe these tourists bring extra revenue into the area

## Hearing:

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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
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**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Peter Corboy - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-163

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Peter Corboy - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-163

**Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-163**

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Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017

## Hearing:

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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 29 Oct 2020 19:47:01 +0000  
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**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Deborah Cox - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-24

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Deborah Cox - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-24

**Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-24**

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Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	x

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 29 Oct 2020 23:14:59 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Deborah Cox - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-29

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Deborah Cox - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-29

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-29

### Your details:

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I am making this submission:	As an individual



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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	<p>I agree with most of the changes proposed, except the peak season prohibitions, and am only commenting on camping sites I know.</p> <p>FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW</p> <p>6.4 g) For clarity's sake, should read: "Effluent tanks may not be emptied in public toilets" rather than "No effluent tanks may be.....".</p> <p>6.5 "permanent or semi-permanent residence" is not defined.</p> <p>Prohibited Areas:</p> <p>McAuslin Road, Sandy Bay (note this is Sandy Bay, not Matapouri)</p> <p>Agree with prohibiting camping along the whole road reserve as the road is narrow and loose gravel and the only turning point is right at the top dead-end where the popular Whananaki Walkway starts. All parking at the top end should be prohibited to allow a clear turning circle. The rest of the road should allow parking on one side only (the left hand uphill side).</p>

	<p>The freedom camping problem in McAuslin Rd primarily relates to the DOC marginal strip above the beach access. Council should negotiate for the management and control of this strip (in the same way as Auckland Council controls similar beachside strips which belong to Auckland Transport on Waiheke Island).</p> <p>This DOC strip should be converted to a reserve and should be enhanced and maintained as a passive recreation area with camping prohibited over the peak season.</p> <p>Over the years we have noticed a significant increase in both number and size of camping vehicles in this tiny reserve. The scale of vehicles, often with awnings and cars attached, overwhelms the reserve, obstructs nearby residents' views, and prevents daily visitors using the grassy area for access to this end of the beach or for family picnics. This is the only grassed area adjacent to the beach as the rest of the foreshore has been retained with rock walls and needs to be accessed via steps. In order to prevent too many vehicles parking inconsiderately, the sloping garden area needs re-landscaping with low groundcover plants and protecting with bollards.</p> <p>Out of peak season, this area needs to be restricted to self-contained vehicles as it is some distance from the toilet block; the number of camping vehicles needs to be limited to a maximum of, say, three at any one time to preserve public access to the grassy reserve and beach; size of camping vehicle may need to be limited to 4m (as proposed at Sandy Bay Toilet Block Carpark) to allow safer manoeuvring; There is currently no signage here at all. Apart from signage about camping restrictions and rubbish removal, this area also</p>
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	<p>needs a "Fires prohibited at all times" sign. Campers and party goers regularly light open fires here. Last summer a pohutukawa limb was scorched and more recently a neighbour's wooden gate was removed and burnt.</p> <p>Restricted Areas:</p> <p>Sandy Bay Toilet Block Carpark</p> <p>Given that is a relatively small area, that self-contained vehicles tend to be large, that there are fewer camping options for non self-contained vehicles and tents than for self-contained vehicles , and the proximity of toilets, this area could be restricted to smaller non self-contained vehicles and tents. Currently, in addition to the influx of sand from time to time noted in the SOP, the ground here gets gouged out by big vehicles which become deep puddles after rain. This area could benefit from some fill and the installation of concrete grass reinforcing paving to provide a more durable but natural-looking surface which would better suit tents and would allow vehicles to manoeuvre without damaging the ground. Until this is done, there should be a limit on the total number of camping vehicles/tents per night, and I support the 4m length limit for vehicles proposed. Don't support peak season date prohibition. This is the very time of year when demand is high and this is the only Council freedom camping available at Sandy Bay. Better active management rather than prohibition is required.</p> <p>Matapouri Wehiwehi Road Carpark</p> <p>Don't support prohibition of camping in peak season. This is the very time of year when better active management rather than</p>
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prohibition is required.

#### Woolleys Bay Toilet Block Carpark

I think this already has designated carpark and camping park areas. If not, introduce these or re-assign these so the ratio of parks for day parking and camping better reflects the relative need. At the moment it seems as though campers are at the far end of the carpark from the toilets. It may be better to switch the areas around so campers are closer to the toilets and therefore more likely to use them. Don't support prohibition of camping in peak season. This is the very time of year when better active management rather than prohibition is required. Peak season prohibition may just push the peak season problem to an earlier or later date slot.

#### Woolleys Bay E Carpark

This is very similar in size and location to the DOC strip in McAuslin Road, Sandy Bay. This could also benefit from some landscaping and land shaping. Agree with camping prohibition as camping vehicles in this area would obstruct local residents' views and this area provides the most level accessible point to the beach on foot.

#### PUBLIC PLACES BYLAW

19.1.b Definition of "living accommodation" as distinct from temporary / camping accommodation needs to be more clearly defined.

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?

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**From:** David Craig  
**Sent:** 21 Nov 2020 14:44:55 +1300  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** Camping in public places

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I refer to the Council's *SOP Amendment of the camping in Public Places Bylaw and the Public Places Bylaw*.

I am a resident of Wehiwehi Road, Matapouri and wish to state my support for the proposal to restrict camping at the Wehiwehi Road carpark to outside the peak season. The carpark, and the road generally, become highly congested over the peak season, and any steps to ease this would be welcomed by both residents and day parkers. The road is narrow and the carpark is not big, so having camping vans in the area competing for space and facilities is problematic.

As I live only a couple of houses down from the carpark, I also regularly see campervans both camping outside the designated spaces (so that there are more campervans camping in the carpark than the facilities are intended to accommodate) and overstaying (it is not unusual to see a campervan stay for 3 nights). This can happen at any time of the year, but is most pronounced during the peak season.

While this submission specifically refers to the Wehiwehi Road carpark, I am supportive of the broader proposal for seasonal restrictions at other high-use areas.

Regards  
David Craig

**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 28 Oct 2020 19:42:46 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Laura Crutcher - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-13

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Laura Crutcher - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-13

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-13

### Your details:

Full name:	Laura Crutcher
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Daytime phone number:	02102422939
Email address:	laurarusk89@gmail.com
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>Ever since you have allowed freedom campers at Whananaki North there have been problems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-The public toilets cant accommodate for the extra people which becomes a problem with smell and wouldn't it over flow into the estuary from the ETS beds</li><li>- a lot of there vehicles aren't self contained and cant be bothered walking to the toilet and they end up peeing on the grass next to there vehicle</li><li>-Brush their teeth and spit on the grass</li><li>-Noise becomes a problem they play loud music</li><li>- Rubbish is left and locals have to pick up after the mess they leave</li><li>-There are plenty of camping places available out at whananaki which is very affordable</li><li>-They don't stick to the designated area and park everywhere anyway and leave before the council people come out</li></ul> <p>I don't think there should be freedom camping available anywhere</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 24 Nov 2020 18:24:28 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Tracey Davis - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-141

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Tracey Davis - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-141

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-141

### Your details:

Full name:	Tracey Davis
Postal address	19 Brigitte View Snells Beach
Daytime phone number:	0211002059
Email address:	coolestmum@outlook.com
I am making this submission:	As an individual

Organisation name:	
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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	I think that freedom camping should continue to be allowed in public places for 1 or 2 nights. Its good for the towns tourism

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 25 Nov 2020 08:45:44 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Ruth Dawson - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-173

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Ruth Dawson - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-173

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-173

### Your details:

Full name:	Ruth Dawson
Postal address	49 Hailes Road Whananaki South RD1 HIKURANGI
Daytime phone number:	0277367268
Email address:	woodfields@gmail.com
I am making this submission:	As an individual

Organisation name:	
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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	The idea that we should ban freedom camping in any one area seems crazy to me. As a kiwi I feel its my right to be able to explore our country, whether 'self contained' or not, as long as I do so responsibly. I also believe that these proposed changes would make life difficult for a number of people who are living in vehicles by necessity. Opening sports parks for free camping is a good proposal, but this needs to be by choice, not because there are no other options.

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 18 Nov 2020 21:13:16 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Michael Doyle - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-79

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Michael Doyle - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-79

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-79

### Your details:

Full name:	Michael Doyle
Postal address	PO Box 402072 Tutukaka, 0153
Daytime phone number:	09 434 3033
Email address:	mwdoyle35@gmail.com
I am making this submission:	As an individual

Organisation name:	
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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	<p>I am making this submission on behalf of several residents in Woolleys Bay and Sandy Bay, both of which have been adversely affected by Freedom Camping over the past several years.</p> <p>As pointed out by the Minister of Tourism yesterday, one of the major problems is the use of camper vans that are not self-contained, as well as the labeling of some vehicles as self-contained that are not. The result is that the campers over use the public toilets or just throw their trash on the ground, since there are no rubbish bins on the beach. The Woolleys have noticed a marked increase of rats at both ends of the Bay due to this trash.</p> <p>Since the Freedom Campers get to stay overnight for free, it causes the cost of all the clean-ups and toilet maintenance to fall on us ratepayers, who get nothing at all from this programme, as the campers are notoriously cheap and rarely patronize local shops and restaurants.</p> <p>Here are a couple of suggestions for your consideration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ban the renting of camper vans that are not self contained, and fine those who are found using such vehicles in a Freedom Camping site.</li> <li>2. Figure out a way to have the camper pay a modest fee on a per night basis. Maybe a parking meter type machine where a nightly pass could be purchased. Have the vans checked on a</li> </ol>

	<p>daily basis and cite those who do not have a valid ticket for the day.</p> <p>3. Consider subsidizing Motor Camps to give discounted charges to Freedom Campers.</p>
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## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 19 Nov 2020 16:57:01 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Carol dunlop - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-101

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Carol dunlop - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-101

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-101

### Your details:

Full name:	Carol dunlop
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Daytime phone number:	09 4344323
Email address:	caroldunlop@gmail.com
I am making this submission:	As an individual



Organisation name:	
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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	<p>I wish to recommend that only campers with permanent toilet systems can freedom camp at any of the designated coastal areas</p> <p>This means that the toilet is able to be used when the bed is made up.</p> <p>There should be designated areas</p> <p>Like doc camp sites where campers can go and these are monitored</p> <p>I don't think campers should use</p> <p>Beach front spaces</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 22 Nov 2020 17:24:24 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Irene Durham - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-122

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Irene Durham - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-122

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-122

### Your details:

Full name:	Irene Durham
Postal address	PO Box 1500 Whangarei 0173
Daytime phone number:	021888379
Email address:	irene@evoke.co.nz
I am making this submission:	As an individual

Organisation name:	
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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	I support the amendments -I live in Whangaumu Bay and extending the prohibited area and the Christmas ban is wise as day visitors are often blocked from using the area -overnight campers spread over quite an area and repeat campers are moving in at night under the pine trees and the eastern end of the beach for extended stays

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 19 Nov 2020 03:37:47 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Phil Edgar - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-91

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Phil Edgar - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-91

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-91

### Your details:

Full name:	Phil Edgar
Postal address	25 Wehiwehi Road Matapouri Bay
Daytime phone number:	021944032
Email address:	phil@jpribs.com
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	<p>Freedom campers have been a huge problem at matapouri bay</p> <p>Washing all over the dune fencing</p> <p>Using toilets as both bathroom and kitchen. Have actually seen plates piled up on the toilet</p> <p>Using the dunes to empty all sorts of containers</p> <p>Setting up table and chairs in the car Park and NOW using the public grassed walkway (just put in by the council) as their place to set up everything. Definitely no room for public to walk thru.</p> <p>Staying longer than 1 night</p> <p>Parking in Morrison road where the sign say NO CAMPING</p> <p>Staying on the estuary end of matapouri by first bridge</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 3 Nov 2020 06:15:26 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Sally Edgar - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-37

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Sally Edgar - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-37

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-37

### Your details:

Full name:	Sally Edgar
Postal address	25 Wehiwehi road. Matapouri Bay
Daytime phone number:	0210672318
Email address:	phil.edgar@outlook.com
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	The council made the decision to allow this freedom camping without actually thinking thru to all the consequences this has become.

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 28 Oct 2020 08:23:38 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Karlton Erceg - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-9

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Karlton Erceg - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-9

**Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-9**

### Your details:

Full name:	Karlton Erceg
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Daytime phone number:	021775776
Email address:	karltone@hotmail.com
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	



## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	Ban freedom camping from all areas

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 26 Nov 2020 00:07:11 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Trevor Fawdray - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-166

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Trevor Fawdray - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-166

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-166

### Your details:

Full name:	Trevor Fawdray
Postal address	
Daytime phone number:	0204873867
Email address:	
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	I would not like to see any existing freedom camping areas closed but would agree with some sites restricted to Certified Self Contained only.

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 27 Nov 2020 03:53:28 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Lauren Fegan - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-183

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Lauren Fegan - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-183

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-183

### Your details:

Full name:	Lauren Fegan
Postal address	
Daytime phone number:	0211991245
Email address:	caldwelllauren01@gmail.com
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	<p>I cant speak in much depth from a political standing by quoting details of injustice from the bill of rights blah blah but I sure as damn can speak from a personal perspective so I will.</p> <p>Right this minute it's my day off, I'm sat over an iced coffee and a date scone in a cafe in Whangarei town and I'm on my laptop researching the laws and bylaws surrounding this timely dispute on local freedom camping. About 15 minutes ago a friend was passing through and seen me, she asked what I was working on and I explained the pending bylaw review, to which she replied, 'of course, you're passionate because its saving you money'. Despite having already started my letter of submission, I've just scrolled back up to include this encounter in my opening statement because I find it poignant. I was truly shocked by her mistaken opinion so my response to correct her was immediate and it came from an honest place. 'Money is the opposite reason of why we choose to live in a vehicle'</p> <p>We choose to live in a vehicle as way of avoiding money and the power it can hold over you, instead we get our energy and motivation from the earth, being connected with nature. In order for us to fully stand erect each morning, I need to step out of my van, I stretch and I breath in the fresh air. Its empowering. I can imagine that that sounds surreal and probably 'hippy' like to those who don't centre their belief around their environment, frankly I would have thought the same had someone said that</p>

sentence to me a year ago but Its now something I pride myself in saying. My go to lingo is that we 'live out of a van' as apposed to 'in it'.

So thats a general why we love vehicle dwelling but specifically now to Whangarei and this bylaw change/adaption/update..

I don't want to wail on too much about who we are and what else I'm having for lunch today but a little bit of a back story is required;

My husband and I secured working holiday visas and it was our intention of living in a van while we travelled and worked around New Zealand. Day two in the country was a one way bus journey from Auckland to Whangarei to view and evidently purchase a Mitsubishi L300 we seen advertised on Trade Me.

After a few days in about Whangarei Falls/Sandy Bay we set on our travels, slowly up the east coast, up as far as Cape Reinga and began our venture down the west when all utter hell broke loose across the globe. Where to go we thought.. Whangarei was our answer!

Lockdown time spent in Whangarei was a privilege and I still talk daily about the great council workers, the great council set up and generally how well the whole situation was dealt with locally. As the world closely watched Jacinda Adhern manage the pandemic and the people across the country, BBC approached us and we were given the opportunity for the world to see an insight into Whangarei managing the pandemic and the people throughout the community.

We became part of the community, we found full time jobs, we've made friends.

We set on travelling for a 6 week period because we had yet to see anything south of Auckland Airport and after seeing

	<p>Hamilton, Whanganui, Wellington, Picton, Kīākōura, Christchurch, Queenstown, Arrowtown, Wanaka, Tekapo, Nelson and more, we wanted to come back, you guessed it.. Home. Whangarei is our home.</p> <p>Living in a van has enriched our lives and living in Whangarei has enriched our lives, but we enrich this community too. We pay taxes in the form of income tax and GST, we shop for food, we shop for clothes, we shop for hardware and tools, we eat out in fancy restaurants, we eat out from take aways, we drink from the Irish pub, we drink from the other pubs sometimes too, we attend events, we volunteer for events, we take part in events.</p> <p>Now, we are not rule breakers (my husband especially is a goody goody), we believe in reason for rules and we agree with their purpose.</p> <p>We need to find a common ground to be able to choose our way of life, to facilitate our needs for living, to emerge ourselves in the wonderful community - be that with the Whangarei community and the like minded nature loving hippy, living and loving life vehicle dwelling community. We need to find a way to keep us on this enriching way of life while adhering to the rules and regulations that the council see fit.</p> <p>Lets work at this together!</p>
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## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	Yes – I wish to speak at the Hearing in support of my submission
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**From:** Ian Ferguson  
**Sent:** 27 Nov 2020 09:12:09 +1300  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** Submission Form for Proposed amendments to Camping in Public Places Bylaw  
**Attachments:** Camping.docx

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### Submission form

28 October-27 November 2020

**Proposed amendments to the  
Camping in Public Places Bylaw;  
and amendments to the Public Places Bylaw**

Thank you for taking this opportunity to comment, we welcome your feedback.

**Please enter your details below**

First name(s): IAN + ALYSON

Last name: FERGUSON

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RD 3 SANDY BAY

Best daytime phone number: 021 986518

Mobile: 021 986518

Email: ianferg52@gmail.com

I am writing this submission (✓ box) ☒ as an individual / ☐ on behalf of an organisation

Organisation name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Tell us in writing**

Be sure to get your written comments to us by 5.00pm on 27 November 2020. Follow the instructions and provide your comments on the next page.

**Tell us in person**

A formal hearing will be held after the submissions period closes. This is an option if you are happy to address the full Council and answer any questions Councillors may have in Council Chambers.

The Hearing will be held on 8 December 2020 in Council Chambers at Forum North.

We will confirm a more exact time for you to attend closer to the date.

Information on the hearings process and what to expect if you want to attend the hearing can be found on our website in the public consultations section.

Do you wish to attend the Hearing? ☐ Yes ☐ No unsure at this stage

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Does your submission relate to: (tick as many as required):

- Please write your comments below**

Our submission attached

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My wife and I live on McAuslin Road, opposite the small piece of DOC land which has traditionally been used as a parking and picnic area for locals visiting Sandy Bay.

During Xmas and holiday periods and weekends it is becoming more of a camping site. Camper vans of all shapes and sizes race in to get the best spot and then spread out with awnings and sometimes even a second car. As there are no visible rules here, the dogs can roam free, clothes line set up, fires lit, tents spread out towards the beach, and the small hedges and bushes are always visited by the people without toilet facilities.

In fact there are often so many tents and campers that there is very little to no space for beach goers to park or picnic on the grassy reserve. We love seeing families picnic here and spending the day at the beach.

Young people regularly turn up at all hours and have parties around open fires on the grass picnic area or the sandy walk way to the beach and often sleep in their cars overnight. Regrettably they usually leave without cleaning up the fire remains or taking their broken burnt out bottles away.

So yes we would love no camping on the whole area along McAuslin road including the small reserve. According to DOC rules, you cannot camp in a conservation area where freedom camping is prohibited. Prohibited areas are normally near roads where there has been a history of problems caused by inappropriate freedom camping. This would be the case for McAuslin Road.

It would mostly self-regulate if there were 'No Camping' and 'No Fires' signs erected as well as a sign showing the legal rules for dog owners.

When people see no signs they take that as, you can do whatever you like.

And one last thing that would make it a much safer area is to have a speed limit of 30 kmph, to slow down the speed racers sliding around the corners as well as into the car park.

Thank you for taking the time to care about this little piece of paradise that we can all share.

**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 20 Nov 2020 04:46:57 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Leah Fiona Fisher - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-113

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Leah Fiona Fisher - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-113

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-113

### Your details:

Full name:	Leah Fiona Fisher
Postal address	1085 Matapouri Road Matapouri 0173 RD3
Daytime phone number:	021304123
Email address:	leahm@onbrandpartners.com
I am making this submission:	As an individual

Organisation name:	
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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	We need to be encouraging people to visit and make use of our beautiful coast. I agree to having some number limits but not to ban altogether.

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 15 Nov 2020 21:59:57 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Rob Fisher - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-71

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Rob Fisher - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-71

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-71

### Your details:

Full name:	Rob Fisher
Postal address	9-11 Hewlett St Port Whangarei
Daytime phone number:	021374718
Email address:	rob.fisher@npmltd.co.nz
I am making this submission:	As an individual

Organisation name:	
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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	Yes

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 18 Nov 2020 04:42:29 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - rob fisher - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-76

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - rob fisher - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-76

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-76

### Your details:

Full name:	rob fisher
Postal address	40 dolphin pl, tutukaka
Daytime phone number:	021374718
Email address:	rob.fisher@npmltd.co.nz
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	



## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>Seasonal Restrictions.</p> <p>Yea agree to ban freedom camping at all high use areas during the xmas break from December 20th until late January, public holidays and weekends for locals to enjoy. Include bans on campers , caravans and Van's parking in popular places taking up valuable car parking spaces through the faucet all times,</p> <p>Self Containment</p> <p>Suggest that inspections be made on all vehicles that display Self Containment stickers to ensure they are in fact self contained , these stickers can be bought online freely.</p> <p>Additional Capacity</p> <p>Not sure that add capacity is required if it comes to that then they should stay in a camp ground with all facilities, why should rate payers wear the cost for freedom camping facilities?</p>

## Hearing:

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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 19 Nov 2020 17:02:55 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Lynn freeman - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-102

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Lynn freeman - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-102

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-102

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I am making this submission:	As an individual

Organisation name:	
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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	I walk along the Onerahi foreshore and love chatting to the freedom campers. They are always clean and friendly.

## Hearing:

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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 27 Nov 2020 04:50:30 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Gaye Ellen Fullerton - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-58

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Gaye Ellen Fullerton - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-58

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-58

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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	<p>Whananaki North Map ref S4-05 illustrates the problem with the location of the designated area for camping in Public Places Bylaw allowed by the Whangarei District Council.</p> <p>This area is extremely popular with day trippers who park on the edges of the Whananaki Estuary over the summer months particularly Labour Weekend to Easter. The provision of one public toilet in this designated area now deals with not only the hundreds of day trippers it has the freedom campers who use this area for their hygiene needs including washing clothes, dishes and themselves. The estuary is under huge pressure to deal with this load and visitors can be seen urinating on the foreshore as the toilet area becomes overloaded.</p> <p>I would suggest that if the WDC continues to designate this area for freedom camping the camping should be restricted to less peak periods especially between Labour Weekend and Easter.</p>

## Hearing:

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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 28 Oct 2020 19:20:40 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Silvia Garcia - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-12

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Silvia Garcia - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-12

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-12

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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	<p>Freedom camping worked when it was low numbers. The situation is now out of control with lots of people coming to our beaches, expecting services and leaving no money in our communities. The vast majority of "self contained" vehicles do not wish to use their own toilet and they use the council toilets. I'd like to suggest to ban freedom camping from all our beaches, leaving a few controlled places like the area in Tikipunga the council is suggesting, so they'll come daily to the beach but stay some where else.</p> <p>Definitely the council should ban freedom camping during all school holidays and long weekends as our beaches are busy enough with our local people.</p>

## Hearing:

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## Bethnee Sirett

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**From:** John Gardiner <kiwikeyhole@xtra.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Friday, 30 October 2020 5:26 PM  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** camping in public places  
**Attachments:** Responsible Camping within the WDC.docx

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Hi

Please find the attached submission from me.

Thanks

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## **Submission to Whangarei District Council on Freedom Camping.**

If the length of this submission is a deterrent to the reader then I urge a read of the first few pages before turning to the specific comment on the Bylaw draft at the end of the submission.

I lodge this submission to the Whangarei District Council because of my qualifications and background in this field of recreation and tourism management

I have held a long interest in recreation and tourism, including a 47year career with the Dept of Conservation where I specialised in Recreation Management.

I observed the Ambassador program over the past two summers reasonably closely and whilst I believe it was successful for what it was set up to do, I do not believe Councils approach to Freedom Camping is sustainable in its present form.

As a result of this summer's past trial and assessing what changes are needed going forward, it is suggested that the WDC begin their Bylaw review by asking the simple question "What do we want freedom camping\* to look like in, say 5 or 10years' time?"

A scenario well worth while considering could be;

- Tourism is a thriving and well managed industry in Northland
- "Responsible Camping" has replaced the misleading term of "Freedom Camping" to best describe those who travel to Northland requiring toilets and a place to park up free for the night.
- Nationally, the distinction between "responsible camping" and "self-contained camping" is a well-established and understood.
- Central Government has modified the Freedom Camping Act to include the tightening up of specifications/facilities required to be certified as a "Self-contained" vehicle.
- Local ratepayers and day visitors are not competing for space with "responsible campers" at destinations and popular recreational sites within the District – especially along the Districts coastline.
- Convenient locations and facilities have been set aside for "responsible campers" but are not on popular beaches, or at other popular day visitor sites, nor near existing camping grounds.
- Potential campers are well serviced with digital, easily accessible, up to date and well-presented information on the WDC Responsible Campers sites and associated conditions and expectations in advance of arriving to the District.
- Conflicts between "responsible campers", self-contained vehicles, visitors and ratepayers are minimal and manageable.
- Commercial campground owners are happy and feel supported by Council rather than in competition with as a direct result of their approach to "responsible camping" sites.

If the above outcomes are roughly those sought by Council, then this submission suggests a path for Council to follow to achieve them.

**Tourism is a thriving and well managed industry in Northland**

“Responsible camping” and “self-contained camping” are a significant component of the tourism industry in Northland. Nevertheless, throughout NZ it is an evolving industry that is currently messy and confusing. Both Central and Local Government need to take the lead to sort out a robust and consistent system that campers and operators are willing to conform to. Only when a well-designed system is fully understood, promoted, monitored, enforced and seen to be consistently working through-out NZ, will Northland’s own tourism industry thrive and reach its full potential.

**“Responsible Camping” has replaced the misleading term of “Freedom Camping” to best describe those who travel to Northland requiring toilets and a place to park up free for the night.**

In the national discussion, the move towards replacing “Freedom Camping” with “Responsible Camping” needs to be completed and embedded nationally. The mind-set developed over the years that one can camp anywhere in NZ without being self-contained has to stop. This needs to be led nationally by both Government and the tourism industry but also supported and promoted by local government. The connotations around the word “freedom” has morphed into “freedoms of choice” to move around and camp anywhere in NZ free of charge.

**Nationally, the distinction between “responsible camping” and “self-contained camping” is a well-established and understood.**

Currently, in the conversations of most New Zealanders there is a lack of distinction made between freedom camping and self-contained camping and yet, the difference is huge.

The obvious difference is that there is a robust system established for the certification of self-contained vehicles to ensure that the environmental footprint arising from their use is minimal.

Most owners, apart from the certified motorhome rental companies, are members of the NZMCA who are generally older and have invested considerably in their rig. The NZMCA is a highly responsible organisation and promote a code of conduct that is based on “respect” - respect for others and respect for the environment. Of significance, the NZMCA have established for its members 43 owned or leased Camping Parks scattered around NZ’s hotspots. These Parks lessen the impacts on space and facilities provided by councils.

On the other hand, freedom camping ranges from sleeping in cars, tents, vans with minimum facilities through to campervans that purport to be self-contained but are not.

**Central Government has modified the Freedom Camping Act to include the tightening up of regulations/facilities required of a “Self-contained” vehicle to be certified.**

Arguably the most important step is for central government to regulate the campervan hire industry. The well-established companies who hire out modern, fit-for-purpose and certified motor homes are not the problem. It is the cheap and modified vans that have poured on to the market in recent years which do not contain adequate facilities and are not legally certified. Horror stories abound at the state of some vehicles, how they are fitted out and some of the condition's campers, especially those from overseas, sign-up to.

If all hire vans had to meet appropriate standards and certified annually many of the current issues e.g. toilet waste, would be resolved. The same standards and conditions need to apply to campers with their own vans as well. If vans cannot meet the standard and don't display approved certification, then they fall into the "responsible camping" group and must stay at locations where appropriate facilities are provided.

**Local ratepayers and day visitors are not competing for space with responsible campers at popular recreational sites – especially along the Districts coastline.**

"Carrying Capacity" and "Quality of Experience" are well established first principles in recreation planning. The provision of, or lack of facilities is a well-used and effective practice to manipulate increasing or reducing pressure on a site to meet carrying capacity and quality of experience goals.

The problem with Councils system that was applied during the 2018/2019 and 2019/20 seasons, is that it promoted and increased competition for space at the Districts hot spots to the point where the carrying capacity was exceeded and the quality of experience was compromised for all users. Ocean Beach was a prime example of this. Tension were created between local ratepayers, day visitors, self-contained vehicles, freedom campers and, in some locations, Te Araroa walkers. The only reason major disruption didn't occur was the success of the Council's "Ambassador" program. However, the program came at a cost to the taxpayer but, more importantly, the need for an ambassador program in the first place is entirely due to Council's approach to freedom camping and more specifically, its decisions on where freedom camping is permitted.

It is contended that "Responsible Camping" should not involve being permitted to camp at locations:

- Where day visitors and locals congregate e.g. popular beaches, river swimming holes, sites with limited parking etc. It is argued that if it is good enough for locals and day visitors to travel daily to sites of recreational value then it is good enough for responsible campers to do the same.

The bulk of the effort from the ambassadors went into sorting out these congestion issues. Competition for parking inevitably led to day visitors parking in freedom camping parks and vice versa.

Freedom campers have different needs – more space to spread out tents/gear/cooking and often evening drinking. Such activities/behaviours are often in conflict with locals and day visitors who are there specifically to enjoy the recreational opportunities that drew them to the site in the first place.

- In the vicinity of a commercial camping ground (addressed later in the submission). Nationally, complaints from commercial campground operators at falling patronage have been more frequent during the last two summer seasons due to each Council's interpretation and application of the Freedom Camping Act 2011. It stands to reason that a large part of the camping fraternity will choose a free site over sites that cost, especially if that site has water and toilet facilities.

**Convenient locations and facilities have been set aside for responsible campers but are not at popular beaches, or at other popular day visitor sites nor near existing camping grounds.**

Central to the "Responsible Camping" solution is for Councils to provide a few, well located and appropriately sized sites for "Responsible Camping". It will be important to get the balance right between these three components.

- Number – The number of sites will depend on demand and vary depending on the number and distance of the hot spots within individual Districts. Too many, and the cost of facilities and the maintenance thereof, will escalate. Too few sites, however, could lead to capacity issues. All sites will need some form of compliance regime. From all accounts the combination of the ambassador programme and Armourguard worked reasonably well in the Whangarei District. The number of sites and their location will have a large bearing on the compliance cost.
- Location – There is little point in locating responsible camping "hubs" in the more remote locations as they will be the last options to be used. They should be sited reasonable centrally and act as hubs for convenient access throughout the District. They should not be located as previously mentioned;
  - at popular recreation sites,
  - anywhere near commercial camping grounds and,
  - where appropriate facilities are lacking or in high demand from locals and day visitors.

Some existing locations that are closer to recreation outlets and have appropriate facilities may well be suitable for set numbers. A good example of this is the freedom camping site at Parua Bay. It is a pleasant open grassland area, on the coast, popular for launching boats, reasonably central but where there is no apparent clash with other recreation user groups.

Locations that could be considered for Responsible Camping Sites in the future are reserves that contain unallocated open space, winter sports grounds, schools and perhaps a confined area at Barge Park.

Minimum facilities required are water, toilets and rubbish disposal facilities.

- Size – Sites too large could produce potential ongoing management issues associated with large numbers of younger people located in the one spot, especially in the evenings. Sites too small could lead to capacity issues

which may lead to greater costs in providing for more sites and facilities going forward.

**Pending campers are well serviced with digital, easily accessible, up to date and well-presented information on the District's Responsible Campers sites and associated conditions and expectations in advance of arriving in the District.**

Providing access to all relevant information prior to campers arriving in the District is critical. Responsible campers need to know;

- Where they can stay,
- for how long,
- associated costs, if any
- the facilities provided and,
- what are the associated conditions and rules (dogs, fires, alcohol bans etc).

Several Apps currently exist that campers regularly use to seek out sites and locations. These need to be exploited to get the right, up-to-date information loaded regularly. Potentially, all the District's Responsible Camping sites and commercial camping grounds could daily load on to these Apps their information on whether they are at full capacity or have vacancies, so that campers could know this information even prior to arriving within the District.

**Conflicts between responsible campers, self-contained vehicles, visitors and ratepayers are minimal and manageable.**

Of all these user groups, Responsible Campers have the greatest potential to adversely impact on the other groupings. By separating their daytime and overnight activity away from recreational day visitor hotspots and coastal communities, conflicts are minimised and manageable.

**Due to Council's approach to Responsible Camping, commercial campground owners are happy and feel supported by Council rather than in competition with. .**

Council need to liaise closely with commercial camping ground operators to gain an appreciation of their operational needs. A strong positive relationship should lead to benefits for both parties. There is no point in having spare capacity in commercial camps due to an abundant supply of free camping at Councils responsible camping sites. Indeed, Councils management approach should be working towards filling the commercial camping grounds first and with the Council responsible camping sites picking up the over-flow. Attracting new commercial camping enterprises to the District should also be encouraged and never should ratepayers be subsidising campers' holidays and at the expense of commercial camp operators.

**In summary the application of this approach will:**

- improve the experience of all user groups due to reducing the pressure on recreational hot spots
- improve the compliance of campers

- reduce WDC compliance activity arising from the better regulated and managed responsible camping activity
- make commercial camping grounds more viable
- less complaints from ratepayers due to separating out overnight camping from inappropriate sites
- lead to more tourism growth as a result of a more attractive, regulated and organised destination.

\* "Freedom Camping" has been used when describing the current situation but "Responsible Camping" is used when describing the future situation.

**Turning now to the proposed Bylaw changes and the questions Council have requested feedback on. Where there is no comment, my general support can be assumed. The feedback given has been guided by the case made above.**

**Q1. Are there any areas which should be added to the prohibited and/or restricted areas? If yes, which ones and why should these be included?**

Based on the above rationale the changes Council are proposing, in general terms, are heading in the right direction. Specific comment;

- a) Self-Contained campers – Proposed changes are supported. Self-contained campers will be well catered for and all proposals seem workable.
- b) Prohibited Camping Areas – New prohibited camping sites are supported but further consideration should be given to prohibiting all camping at two other sites, Oceans Beach and Whananaki North.  
Ocean Beach - One of the busiest destinations within the District for both ratepayers, day visitors and the camping fraternity. It is a known hotspot throughout the summer that has had its fair share of Freedom Camping issues during the last few seasons. Ratepayers and day visitors must travel to Oceans Beach on a daily basis and there is no valid reason why this should not apply to all campers as well. The rationale provided on page 22 to retain camping is not supported (below in red and in particular, the highlighted). The limited parking spaces in such a busy location only compounds the likelihood of "unintended consequences". Campers, who have travelled to Oceans Beach with the intention of camping are more likely to push the bylaw boundaries if they find all the camping vehicle sites full. With the camp apps etc prohibiting all camping at this site would make it clear to campers that they need to make alternative camping arrangements and that they need to treat Oceans Beach as a day visitor site – like everyone else. At the very least Oceans should be closed to camping during the high season. *"High use area year-round. Demand increased drastically since 2017 due to population growth in Whangārei Heads. 'Destination' surf beach. Although Ocean Beach is very busy and popular with day users as well as freedom campers, there*

*are few alternative camping options in the area and therefore prohibiting or significantly restricting freedom camping capacity could create unintended consequences".*

Whananaki North – Known to be a camping site causing angst and given there are numerous commercial camping grounds in the near vicinity it should become a prohibited site.

- c) Provision of "Hubs" for non-self-contained campers. Rather than permitting non-self-contained camping at popular beaches where they have, and will continue to be in conflict with ratepayers and other day visitors it is proposed that a small number of "Hubs" be established at appropriate places where they would not be in conflict with other day user groups and locals. Council have identified a few of these hubs for self-contained campers (Tikipunga Ruby Club, Onerahi Bowling Club) and it is proposed that these and, or, different sites with appropriate facilities are provided for non-self-contained campers – at least during the high season.
- d) Tamaterau site. This is not suitable as a site for self-contained or non-self-contained campers. It is the closest beach to the city of Whangarei and consequently gets a lot of use by day visitors. The parking area is small and quickly gets filled. Non-self-contained vehicles compete with day visitors along the beach front rather than park in their designated spot away from the beach. Furthermore, the parking area is adjacent to a sewage pump station which often smells heavily in summer. The site for tent campers does however work well in practice, so the Tamaterau site could be kept as a tent site only.

**Q2. Should Council impose seasonal restrictions on freedom camping at all, some, or none of the proposed key destination beaches, as listed in the proposal?**

Definitely some. See also above response within previous question. This could be the game-changer to lessen the adverse impact on ratepayers and day visitors.

**Q3. Should Council designate peak-season overflow freedom camping sites at specified Sportsparks as described in the proposal?**

See 1(d) above. Yes - this is essential during the peak season as described in the proposal but needs to extend to non-self-contained campers during the high season. If it is the Councils intention to encourage non self-contained campers into commercial camping grounds then, although admirable, camping grounds will not be able to cope with the demand during the high season. This will force the non-self-contained to hide away in locations without toilets and rubbish disposal facilities. The best approach is to provide a few reasonably centrally located "hubs". These could be the same as those set aside for the self-contained campers and/or be in addition to them.

**Q4. We also want to know if you agree or disagree with anything else in the proposal, both generally or for specific areas.**

- a) Language – Although Council has referred very well to the difference between self-contained campers and non-self-contained campers within the draft bylaw, it needs to continue with this separation generally with its information/publicity.

As stated earlier in this submission, the lumping together of these two very different camping practices under the general term of “freedom camping” has been at the root of most misunderstandings, confusion and misinterpretations of the Act that has led to so much angst throughout the country. Self-contained campers could well be identified as “freedom campers” because they do not require any facilities and they leave no footprint. On the other hand, non-self-contained campers are the exact antithesis of this – they require services and facilities and potentially leave a huge foot-print if they choose to camp elsewhere. Lumping them together sends out all the wrong messages if better control and management is to be achieved.

Making the change from calling all camping “freedom camping” to “responsible camping” as promoted by Kevin Davis would also help to send the right signals to those who own, hire-out and hire non-self-contained campers.

- b) Parua Bay site – An excellent initiative to expand this site. This site is ideal for all three camping categories as it is not a destination beach site and thus, does not compete with user groups and yet it is an ideal base for campers to carry-out day trips to the beaches – like everyone else. However, endeavouring to confine non-self-contained campers to the orange restricted area will create an impossible compliance issue and, the question needs to be asked, why not allow non-self-contained campers into the expanded self-contained area? The new “overflow” area will inevitably default to an expanded area and so may as well accept it as such and move on. Further, making this extended area subject to “when ground conditions permit” is not going to work. It must be known to Council that this extension area becomes a bog after any heavy rain. This is bound to happen over summer, and it will only take one down-pour to make this site unusable for the rest of the summer as vehicles churn it up when exiting. During the off-season of 2021, the drainage issue needs to be rectified to provide a dry and firm parking platform in readiness for the 2021/22 season.
- c) Reotahi Map reference: S3-10 – Council considering providing limited tent sites for Te Araroa walkers is supported. They need somewhere to camp.
- d) Permanent or semi-permanent residence – The introduction of 6.5 clause “nothing in this Bylaw allows a person to take up permanent or semi-permanent residence on any local authority area” is strongly supported.
- e) Information- Information supplied on Apps, websites, brochures etc needs to be well structured and easily understood. There should be no room for those breaking the rules to blame the information supplied for getting it wrong. Essentially, every camping site must specify which camper type(s)



it is designated for, map identifying zones (or insitu sign) if it is closed during the high season, the number of nights available and fines imposed for breaches.

John Gardiner  
November 2020.

**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 25 Nov 2020 09:59:17 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Chris Garland - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-176

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Chris Garland - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-176

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-176

### Your details:

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I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>I am very saddened and discouraged at the lack of suitable places for "freedom campers". Why not allow some restricted to Certified Self Contained campers in places like the William Fraser carpark on Pohe Island - I go there everyday walking my dogs &amp; the place is always relatively empty... even on days such as the Gipsy Fairs held near the Skatepark you find it near empty.</p> <p>What about our colourful folk who are not freedom campers but full time residents in their vehicle?</p> <p>As for places like the Tikipunga carpark beside our beautiful Falls - this is not a safe place for anyone to park overnight.</p> <p>Why are there no one night spots available at Pataua South?</p> <p>Yes I am a NZMCA member with a fully certified vehicle &amp; I love taking off for a night or two around Whangarei - have only today returned from Parua Bay where I enjoyed two nights just clearing my head and being peaceful. met some lovely folk doing the same up from Langs beach. I am very disappointed and sadden by the negative attitude and near banning of this privilege. I cannot afford camp ground fees plus I have my dogs with me. Mine is a very humble Ford Transit which I converted over the first lockdown &amp; am very proud of even if it does not come close to some of the factory produced campers... it is fully self contained and you will never find a trace of us when we leave an area - us being myself &amp; my dogs.</p> <p>Please make more not less space available for Kiwi's who just need a break every now and then. Surely exploring our homeland should be encouraged... I love our city &amp; Northland. I</p>

	<p>want to be able to explore &amp; be peaceful in our environment.</p> <p>My reading of the Act also seems to encourage more of New Zealanders enjoying our country &amp; freedom camping as a Kiwi right.</p>
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## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 28 Oct 2020 20:18:12 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Kylie Gemmell - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-14

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Kylie Gemmell - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-14

**Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-14**

### Your details:

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I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	<p>This submission is seeking to remove freedom camping from Whananaki North for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- pollution (rubbish bins full up, rubbish littered)</li><li>- Access to the coastline by the public who are not in the freedom camping spot is obstructed.</li><li>- Because freedom campers urinate tip out their grey water Bach owners on the opposite side of road do not wish to take their families across the road to use the grass area because it disgusting</li><li>- Freedom campers obstruct views of Bach owners</li><li>- Locals frequently come and stay when there are many options for paid camping in the area at a reasonable rate.</li><li>- ruins the overall amenity of the area</li><li>- Bach owners are concerned about the security of their positions.</li><li>- It is costly to the rate payers of the district to police.</li></ul> <p>Oversell, freedom camping should be prohibited like it is in the South Island. But if this cannot be the case then it should be removed from Whananaki.</p> <p>Many thanks Kylie</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?

No - I wish to make a written submission only

**From:** Tony Horton  
**Sent:** 26 Nov 2020 19:18:02 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Cc:** Vita Strohush  
**Subject:** FW: Freedom Camping Bylaw Review

Hi

Can you please record the email below as a submission to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw

Nga mihi  
**Tony Horton**

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**From:** Adam Gilbert <adam.gilbert.1990@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, 27 November 2020 8:15 AM  
**To:** Tony Horton <tony.horton@wdc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Freedom Camping Bylaw Review

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Hello Tony,

Thank you for receiving our submission.

We are a young family of 4 living in an uncertified but fully self contained house bus. This is our home and currently the only way we see ourselves 'surviving' life, given our present position in the current economic climate. We cannot afford the luxury of even staying at a campsite, which for us is similar to the cost of renting. Instead we freedom camp perpetually, but also responsibly, respecting the same values as the freedom camping act.

Our submission is simply that we do not believe that the requirement to be certified to the self containment standard can legally be incorporated into a freedom camping bylaw. This is on two premise.

1. Through its technical details, the standard goes beyond a threshold of simply ensuring self containment. Not meeting every aspect of the standard, we are living proof that self containment and the goals of the FCA can be acheived without being certified.
2. As evidenced by the very existence of a FCA, we believe the ability to freedom camp is a right. This right should be for all kiwis to access equally. However, requiring certification makes this right inaccessible for many Kiwis either through inappropriate irrelevance to their specific reason or need to freedom camp, or more importantly through their financial means. We would suggest this is discrimination.

To draw conclusion from these two points, if there is an aspect to a bylaw which imposes excessive restriction beyond acheiving the goals of the act and which violates section 19 (let alone other sections) of the Bill of Rights, it likely violates section 2c of the FCA.

We would be prepared to explore this possibility in court should the need arise.

To supplement that line of thought, we recommend Responsible Campers Association Inc's accreditation program instead (perhaps along with the simple requirement of a portable toilet when a public toilet is



not readily at hand). This alternative has many reasons to recommend itself over CSC, as you can find on their website.

Education and responsibility should always be pursued and explored before restrictions.

We are grateful to be heard,

Adam Gilbert

**From:** Tony Gill  
**Sent:** 19 Nov 2020 22:33:18 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room;CD\_Tony Gill  
**Subject:** freedom camping bylaws

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Hello Team sadly the other forms don't work?..  
I would like to speak in person.

We need our community to say what you think. Is it the responsibility for the council to provide good services to the community if we go to parks and beaches? I think yes myself however there are just a few campers that think it there is right to park for long times in one spot. Some become our unpaid security eyes and ears which is a benefit. While some have houses that are rented out. Others choose freedom camper as a lifestyle, where some sadly have had a sad story that they don't have a place to live because of housing issues etc, I believe central government should look after these cases and it not for local council. In the past it has appeared council has made bylaws that goes against NZ standards of camping, where the bylaws must be lawful a few have challenge this like myself and some campers.

Sadly, this Freedom Camping does not really fit into one "ruling" ... I would be here to help if need, however; If someone does not have a fixed housing because of their previous personal choices or decisions and some the landlord sold the house. We cannot type case every camper into these small boxes...

We do have services like, MSD, Housing Corp, Health, and other NGO's. Who should be doing more? Some will say they have complex issues as society we need to help people otherwise the gap/issues become larger. Remembering some chose to live this way, I have a caravan who goes around NZ also, so I wouldn't want restricting rules everywhere around NZ. I do not want poorly written rules that restricts other who would come to Whangarei for a visit Like I go the Napier and other places.

We should not have to make special freedom camping bylaws for our district. We should not have WDC go interfere with commercial camping grounds. By WDC it probably reduces the private campgrounds re-investing in upgrades? As council would be in direct competition to private.

Thanks Tony Gill  
0274739543

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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 24 Nov 2020 20:03:03 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Debra Karen Good - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-153

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Debra Karen Good - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-153

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-153

### Your details:

Full name:	Debra Karen Good
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I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	No comment

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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# Submission form

28 October-27 November 2020

## Proposed amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw; and amendments to the Public Places Bylaw

Thank you for taking this opportunity to comment, we welcome your feedback.

### Please enter your details below

First name(s): REBECCA  
Last name: GORRIE  
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ONE TREE POINT  
Best daytime phone number: 021438370  
Mobile:  
Email: fivegorries@yahoo.co.nz  
I am writing this submission (✓ box) ☒ as an individual / ☐ on behalf of an organisation  
Organisation name:

### Tell us in writing

Be sure to get your written comments to us by 5.00pm on 27 November 2020. Follow the instructions and provide your comments on the next page.

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The Hearing will be held on 8 December 2020 in Council Chambers at Forum North.

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#### BY MAIL

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Whangārei District Council  
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Whangārei 0148

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### Please share your views with us by ticking the relevant boxes:

Does your submission relate to: (tick as many as required):

- ☒ The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
- ☐ The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014

### Please write your comments below

If you wish to comment on any specific clause, please include the heading and page number.

Are there areas which should be added to prohibited areas?

- I believe Marsden Bay Carpark should be a prohibited freedom camping area due to the problems it has created for local residents and visitors. Too many campervans, cars and vans now block up the whole carpark which does not allow visitors or tourists to park and enjoy the area. They also use the public toilet to wash clothes + dishes which is quite unhygienic causing Health + Safety issues.
- The local homes opposite the carpark have their view blocked by freedom campers and yet they pay high land rates to enjoy the area.
- Freedom campers bring very little money to our area yet cost our council budget in signage, upkeep of the toilet + surrounding area and armoured guard visits which are not frequent enough to enforce the campers to follow the by laws.
- For all our local visitors, NZ wide visitors and any overseas visitors
- Rakaka has a camping ground which has struggled financially and the council have encouraged their decline by allowing increasing numbers of freedom camping

Feel free to add additional pages if required.



Should Council Impose seasonal restrictions for freedom campers at all, of the proposed key destination beaches?

- Absolutely, during peak times numbers should be very restricted to allow other visitors to easily access the beaches. Families want to use the area but if all the car parks are full of campervans, caravans + cars which stay overnight then they are denied access.

Should Council designate peak season overflow camping sites?

- Definitely not because that will cost our council more out of their budget to a type of person who brings very little financial gain to our area + district. There are very good + reasonable local camping grounds that campers can go to which will boost our economy locally and not drain our resources.

Any other feedback.

- Only true legal self contained vehicles should be given limited freedom camping sites, away from local homes. Far too many people are now sleeping in their cars + leaving their rubbish behind. This is a terrible look for visitors especially overseas visitors who bring a lot of money with them to spend at a beautiful clean region to enjoy our beaches and reserves.

- We require more bins and patrol officers so that campers can't get away with breaking the by-laws.



**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 25 Nov 2020 07:44:26 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Rob Gorton - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-172

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Rob Gorton - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-172

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-172

### Your details:

Full name:	Rob Gorton
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Daytime phone number:	0211381143



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I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>Freedom parking overnight in Whangarei should be encouraged from. certified self contained vehicles. We enjoy visiting and will stay overnight, last weekend we stayed at Parua Bay and had dinner at the tavern. The following day we did the bulk of our early Xmas shopping before returning home. We will often shop at Pak n Save and purchase diesel. If we are unable to stay overnight it is unlikely that we will continue to do this.</p> <p>You may think that we should stay in motor camps, these are expensive and our vehicle is fully self contained and has everything on board that we need. All we do need is a parking space.</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 1 Nov 2020 08:48:33 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - David Richard Gould - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-34

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - David Richard Gould - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-34

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-34

### Your details:

Full name:	David Richard Gould
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Daytime phone number:	0272809743
Email address:	dgould@actrix.co.nz
I am making this submission:	As an individual

Organisation name:	
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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>Regarding the SOP Schedule 1 Prohibited areas.</p> <p>McAuslin Rd, Matapouri. Page 15 and Map ref S1-13B</p> <p>The proposal is to prohibit Freedom Camping along the length of the road reserve under council control to protect public and vehicle access to the DOC reserve.</p> <p>This proposal seems totally illogical because no one ever freedom camps on the 'road reserve'.</p> <p>Over the years, people have camped on the adjacent DOC reserve with very few problems.</p> <p>We only ever see problems with groups of youths who turn up to drink, party, and sleep in their cars before heading off the next day.</p> <p>I have picked up empty beer bottles from youths partying at the beach.</p> <p>This occurs maybe only 4 to 5 times per year.</p> <p>Freedom Campers are no problem. They set up camp, normally only spend 1 or 2 nights and leave without ever leaving a mess.</p> <p>The schedule states "Numerous complaints received for this area".</p> <p>I ask: Has there been numerous complaints from numerous different people, or, numerous complaints from the same 1 or 2 persons??? I very much suspect the latter.</p> <p>If the council prohibits freedom camping from the road reserve, will the council clearly mark with signage where the road reserve/DOC reserve boundary is?</p>

	<p>The Council cannot prohibit camping on the DOC reserve, so to prohibit camping on the road reserve without clear signage will cause confusion and prompt more calls to the Council.</p>
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## Hearing:

<p>Do you wish to attend the hearing?</p>	<p>No - I wish to make a written submission only</p>
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 2 Nov 2020 09:37:00 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - David Richard Gould - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-36

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - David Richard Gould - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-36

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I am making this submission:	As an individual

Organisation name:	
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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>Regarding Schedule 2. Sandy Bay -toilet block carpark. Page 26. Map Ref S4-02</p> <p>"Sand trap in the middle of site - vehicle safety concern"</p> <p>The proposal is to "Limit maximum length of vehicle to 4 meters due to safety issues (sand trap)"</p> <p>This so called "sand trap" is only an area of soft sand the same size as a mid sized vehicle, approx 12sq meters.</p> <p>It seems absolutely crazy that the council would consider restricting the size of vehicles in this area in preference to removing the sand trap. The sand trap could easily be eliminated by removing the sand and replacing it with some roading metal. End of problem.</p> <p>The council has allocated this area for Freedom campers to park in and bang smack in the middle of the carpark is a soft sandy area.</p> <p>It is a disgrace and should have been tidied up years ago.</p> <p>Please remove the 'sand trap' and don,t go down the troublesome path of restricting vehicle size.</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	Yes – I wish to speak at the Hearing in support of my submission
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 12 Nov 2020 07:58:35 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Dave Gould - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-48

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Dave Gould - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-48

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-48

### Your details:

Full name:	Dave Gould
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Daytime phone number:	094344019
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I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	



## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>Council asks. "Should the council impose seasonal restrictions on freedom camping at all, some, or none of the proposed key destination beaches?"</p> <p>I am the closest permanent resident to the Freedom Camping site at Sandy Bay.</p> <p>I look out over the area from my home and walk through the site every day.</p> <p>At Sandy Bay, I do not think the council needs to impose seasonal restrictions at all.</p> <p>The site is only big enough for about 8 vehicles. Even during the busiest days, with only 8 vehicles spaces allocated to freedom camping, ample other parking spots are available for other beach visitors.</p> <p>The Sandy Bay site has a limit stay of 1 night.</p> <p>Most camper vans move out each morning, leaving the site largely empty during the day until other campers start arriving mid afternoon.</p> <p>The Sandy Bay freedom camping site has been working well with very few problems.</p> <p>Why impose restrictions if they are not required?</p> <p>If the council insists on imposing peak season ban, then it should consider shortening the period from the proposed 7 weeks to 4.</p> <p>The Peak season only lasts from xmas day to the end of January.</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?

Yes – I wish to speak at the Hearing in support of my submission

**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 25 Nov 2020 01:41:00 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Desmond Wayne Green - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-162

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Desmond Wayne Green - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-162

**Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-162**

### Your details:

Full name:	Desmond Wayne Green
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Email address:	jades_mum@hotmail.com
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	<p>Definition of what actually constitutes public space needs to be clear. Assumption was under the govt legislation that a self contained motor home could overnight on any public land not specifically signposted as not available for camping. Please clarify in your rules exactly what the position is as public land seems to cover most areas not privately owned. Public land would presumably include council controlled areas.</p> <p>Motor home owners provide a lot of revenue to many business ventures through cost of ownership and cost of travel. As New Zealand citizens we have the right to travel our country and not be harassed by people who think they own an area simply because they have purchased a bit of land in that location. Their rights outside their gate are the same as anyone else. Owners of motorcamps should not be allowed to unfairly influence council. Perhaps they need to adapt to encourage motorhome owners to use their facilities without charging ridiculous fees for a selfcontained motorhome that just wants a park for the night without use of the other facilities. We just spent the last week at Matauri Bay motor camp and willingly paid for the privilege as they offered a very reasonable rate. New campsaver initiative is a great example of inovation by some camping grounds who realise that they need to adapt.</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?

No - I wish to make a written submission only

Whangarei District Council  
Private Bag 9023.  
Whangarei 0148.



Camping bylaw review submission

My submission is to cancel all Freedom Camping in Whangarei District as the existing Policy contravenes Whangarei District Council ratepaying policy of user Pays and will eliminate all the created problems.

Whangarei District has council approved and rated commercial camping grounds which include all health and safety regulations.

A.E. Greenhalgh.  
1447 Patana North Road.  
RD 5, Whangarei 0175.

# Submission form

28 October-27 November 2020

## **Proposed amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw; and amendments to the Public Places Bylaw**

Thank you for taking this opportunity to comment, we welcome your feedback.

### **Please enter your details below**

First name(s): Doug

Last name: Greig

Postal address: 4 Matuku Street, R.D4. WRE

Best daytime phone number: 027 272 8395

Mobile: " " "

Email: doug.greig.47@gmail.com

I am writing this submission (✓ box) ☒ as an individual / ☐ on behalf of an organisation

Organisation name: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Please write your comments below

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A tiered system needs to be devised to allow for

- legitimate Tourists (NZ/overseas) with large & small RV/Caravans with sticker
- People needing to stop overnight through sheer tiredness - no sticker - alongside main roads
- People who want to day visit beaches need to be able to park without competition from RV's and caravans
- RV's and caravans should not be in front of local residents paying rates for amenity such as view and clear access, clear roads
- Put RV's/caravans in separate field/location such as Jagger's field @ Taurikura
- There are many in small campers who are legitimate visitors
- There are many more who are just desperate for accommodation and need to be accommodated in some longer term facility that is also near city & transport.

Feel free to add additional pages if required.



**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 28 Oct 2020 07:19:15 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Jozefa Griffiths - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-4

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Jozefa Griffiths - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-4

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-4

### Your details:

Full name:	Jozefa Griffiths
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I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	Freedom camping should only be available if there is a support structure in place. Each spot needs to be checked daily to ensure people are not taking advantage and the areas are being maintained and cleaned. There should be a process in place to make sure people are accountable and the cost and bad behaviour is not shouldered by the local community.

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 22 Nov 2020 01:35:30 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Maggie Gross - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-120

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Maggie Gross - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-120

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-120

### Your details:

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Daytime phone number:	09 4360268 or 021 0663566
Email address:	maggie.gross@hotmail.com
I am making this submission:	As an individual

Organisation name:	
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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>I am happy with the way the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 is at the moment. I don't want any changes!</p> <p>I think that it is wonderful that it is possible to enjoy our beautiful district without being cramped in a holiday park with hundreds of other people. It gives our rate payers and other campers the chance to have a holiday with the family without paying between \$19 and \$ 29 per person ( a family of 5 would pay between \$95 and \$145 per night) staying in a crowded holiday park.</p> <p>I think people, who do not want to share their ocean view with others, are selfish. If they have a holiday home and think they also bought the sea shore with the view, they are mistaken. My husband and I were confronted by a lady at Oakura just because we stopped there along the sea shore with our caravan for the afternoon, not even staying the night. She told us that they had the holiday home for 25 years and we were blocking her view. I am of the opinion that everyone should have the right to stop for the night in a beautiful place if they have a self-contained vehicle.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion.</p> <p>Maggie Gross</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 29 Oct 2020 02:00:22 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Greta Harman - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-17

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Greta Harman - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-17

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-17

### Your details:

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I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
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I am fully aware that WDC was coerced into this illegal component of the bylaw like all the other Districts were. But that was four years ago. Now is the time to correct it. To make available this inalienable right in NZ to freedom camp again, as it always was, for every NZer, every tourist in a tent or van or station wagon or any other vehicle. (THE legal definition in the ACT.) Those that do not prescribe to self containment. .... Those who cannot, of course, afford a luxury motorhome.

I often go out of my way to meet tourists gathered in station wagons and vans. They are the most lovely, educated and charming of youth. Keen to explore our country and to get to know our people. They would all, of course, prefer to park at places where public toilets are open all night and where there are rubbish facilities. But unfortunately, they find that they are locked out of places with facilities these days. They are often gone early in the morning and there is almost never an issue with rubbish or waste. So long as facilities are provided. I know this because I often stay there with them.

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The facilities required by the CSC standard are required for a minimum period of 3 days. So locals and others wanting only a single night down the local beach are still required to meet the requirements. Surfers and fishermen sleeping in their cars while waiting for early morning surf breaks. In that respect, the self-containment standard fails to be inclusive of everyone as defined by the act.

Recently there has been a complaint made to the Commerce Commission concerning the NZMCA's authority over the amendments made to the standard. The reasoning for these amendments appears to be about removing others rights to meet the standard rather than being driven by any real problems or to make campers safer or more responsible.

One District Council is known to have signage stating that they will only accept Freedom Campers with CSC certification issued only by the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association!

Recently the issue of the possibility of a nationwide database for CSC vehicles was raised. Claims about fake stickers and questions over the legality of certification of some vans are actually the most damaging perceived issue currently facing freedom camping.

Many that question the stickers and certification have little real knowledge of the standard. At times that has not been helped by government websites where recently one stated that a shower was a requirement of self-containment certification - It is not and never has been.

A Councillor in New Plymouth has publicly claimed that any camper-van where the cooking can not be done inside, is non-compliant with the CSC standard - That is also incorrect.

Even the Department of Conservation has conceded it got it wrong and has now admitted that the back-country is actually covered by the Freedom Camping Act. This confirms determinations that there was nothing exempting the backcountry in the Freedom Camping Act. The Department of Conservation has for the past 9 years been advising the backcountry was not included and has now changed its web sites to reflect that new status.

I am fully aware that WDC was coerced into this illegal component into the bylaw like all the other Districts were. But that was four years ago. Now is the time to correct it. To make available this inalienable right in NZ to freedom camp again, as it always was, for every NZer, every tourist in a tent or van or station wagon or any other vehicle. (THE legal definition in the ACT.) Those that do not prescribe to self-containment. .... Those who cannot, of course, afford a luxury motorhome.

I often go out of my way to meet tourists gathered in station wagons and vans. They are the most lovely, educated, and charming youth. Keen to explore our country and to get to know our people. They would all, of course, prefer to park in places where public toilets are open all night and where there are rubbish facilities. But unfortunately, they find that they are locked out of places with facilities these days. They are often gone early in the morning and there is almost never an issue with rubbish or waste. So long as facilities are provided. I know this because I often stay there with them.

These are the places where they ought to park. There is no mention of these places as being an 'appropriate' place for them to park. Only a perceived problem.

There will only be a problem if we didn't provide them rubbish bins or a loo! We would create a perceived problem. It would be our own fault!

Not once, in the process of creating this new proposed bylaw, has Whangarei Council done a 'proper assessment' of the necessity to make a bylaw, nor did it give any consideration, to places where there is no trouble, where facilities are actually coping just fine.

And it will be blamed again on the type of vehicle we drive. CSC or NON-CSC.

But hang on...The Freedom Camping Act only describes the word 'Vehicle.' There is no mention, whatsoever, about a Certified Self Contained vehicle, or that it is the only recognized and acceptable 'vehicle' that is allowed to freedom camp. Or that it is an absolute requirement, to freedom camp.

The Freedom Camping Act 2011, section 2(1) says it uses the same definition as the land transport act 1998 to define what a 'Vehicle' actually is?

It states that a vehicle is-

- (a) A contrivance equipped with wheels, tracks, or revolving runners on which it moves or is moved; and
- (b) includes a hovercraft, a skateboard, in-line skates, and roller skates.

In the Freedom Camping Act 2011 it states bylaws must not absolutely prohibit freedom camping

- (1) A local authority may not make bylaws under section 11 that have the effect of prohibiting freedom camping in all the local authority areas in its district.
- (2) This section is for the avoidance of doubt.

To make a Freedom Camping Bylaw

- (1) A local authority may make bylaws by;
  - (a) defining the local authority areas in its district or region where freedom camping is restricted and the restrictions that apply to freedom camping in those areas:
  - (b) defining the local authority areas in its district or region where freedom camping is prohibited.
- (2) A local authority may make a bylaw under subsection (1) only if it is satisfied that
  - (a) the bylaw is necessary for 1 or more of the following purposes:
    - (i) to protect the area:
    - (ii) to protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area:
    - (iii) to protect access to the area; and

- (b) the bylaw is the most appropriate and proportionate way of addressing the perceived problem in relation to that area; and
  - (c) the bylaw is not inconsistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.
- (5) The local authority must use the special consultative procedure set out in section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 (as modified by section 86 of that Act) in;
- (a) making a bylaw under this section; or
  - (b) amending a bylaw made under this section; or
  - (c) revoking a bylaw made under this section.
- (6) Despite subsection (5)(b), a local authority may, by resolution publicly notified, make minor changes to, or correct errors in, a bylaw made under this section, but only if the changes or corrections do not affect;
- (a) an existing right, interest, title, immunity, or duty of any person to whom the bylaw applies;
  - (b) an existing status or capacity of any person to whom the bylaw applies.

This gives rise to the fact that Councils can only decide where freedom Camping is restricted not where it is only allowed. The Freedom Camping Act gives no right for Councils to dictate where exactly we may freedom camp. Yet this new proposal does exactly that.

In 2013 the NZMCA challenged the Westland District Council to the High Court in a bid to protect the rights of its members to freedom camp.

Councils sought to have a mechanism to deal with the worst offending freedom campers, and that's when the government introduced the Freedom Camping Act 2011.

However, the NZMCA believed the Westland District Council had gone too far when they effectively imposed a prohibition on freedom camping on all public land and roads within one kilometer of townships. The President, stated "the key priority of the NZMCA was to protect and provide for its members." (read that part again... Slowly). He said "workable bylaws strike the proper balance between protecting local authority areas and respecting the rights of freedom campers. We are looking forward to working with the Westland District Council to find a solution that works. The NZMCA would now be in touch with other councils about the impact of the legal action and would be looking to engage those whose freedom camping bylaws were unlawful and not up to scratch"

If we are to actually address and fix the issues surrounding freedom camping, the first thing that must happen is we must point out to the self-obsessed NZMCA, that their 'model' bylaw is not lawful or up-to-scratch either.

The NZMCA is responsible for building a fence to protect themselves against a growing tourism industry, not a bridge toward it.

What a shambles alright! The CSC standard is not in law anywhere else in the world. And it hasn't worked here.

Councilors, Unless you can prove me wrong about my research into the legality of CSC. Then, by all means, do. If you cannot, you must revoke this proposed bylaw on the grounds I claim

We need to remove the component that makes it illegal and re-think how to create a fair social policy that works within the Freedom Camping Act and within your obligations to the NZ Bill of Rights.

This will require an enthusiastic Council who is prepared to listen and make bold new steps by creating the necessary change for the better. I would like to be invited to this future process.

What a great opportunity we all have to correct this injustice once and for all.

Yours truly  
Jack Hedger & Maria Muzinska  
25/11/2020



**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 24 Nov 2020 00:30:02 +0000  
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**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Lodewijk Henneveld - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-129

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Lodewijk Henneveld - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-129

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-129

### Your details:

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Email address:	lodewijkhenneveld318@gmail.com
I am making this submission:	As an individual

Organisation name:	
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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	As far as it relates to the Freedom Camping

## Hearing:

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Neroli Henwood - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-150

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-150

### Your details:

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I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>I would like the council to consider the situation which we have regarding Freedom Camping prior and post Covid.</p> <p>The volume of non compliant Self Contained vehicles and campers has significantly diminished since our borders closed. Councils already have laws in place to protect people and the environment from negative impacts of non compliant freedom camping. This can be remedied by competent enforcement of campers who are non compliant.</p> <p>Council is simply taking the cheapest and easiest option to ban and discourage freedom camping by closing parking areas.</p> <p>This negatively impacts all kiwis who have invested significant money into great SC vehicles. I am one of these and we enjoy the privilege of freedom camping and we leave only foot prints. We also spend significantly in your towns. We buy food, visit restaurants, visit tourist operators, buy from local business.</p> <p>Bearing in mind that councils have also permitted campgrounds to be sold to developers over the years, where are all the tourist campers going to go when our borders open again. The existing campgrounds will be full of Kiwis who are no longer able to freedom camp?</p>

## Hearing:

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**Sent:** 13 Nov 2020 02:35:18 +0000  
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**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Sid hepi - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-54

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Sid hepi - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-54

**Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-54**

### Your details:

Full name:	Sid hepi
Postal address	
Daytime phone number:	021743251
Email address:	
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	As a essential worker I don't mind them staying But we are the company or people that have to clean there mess up eg illegal dumping; faeces

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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# Submission form

28 October-27 November 2020

## Proposed amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw; and amendments to the Public Places Bylaw

Thank you for taking this opportunity to comment, we welcome your feedback.

### Please enter your details below

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Last name: MCKS

Postal address: P.O. Box 224.

RUAKAKA, 0151.

Best daytime phone number: 09 432 7117

Mobile: n/a

Email: n/a

I am writing this submission (✓ box) ☒ as an individual / ☐ on behalf of an organisation

Organisation name:

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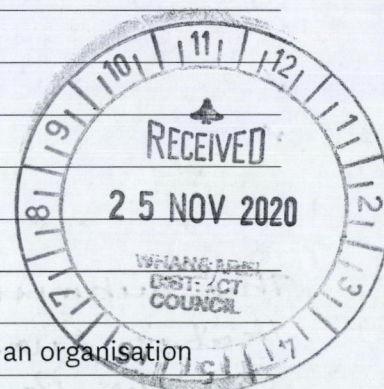
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Whangārei District Council  
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Whangārei 0148



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### Please share your views with us by ticking the relevant boxes:

Does your submission relate to: (tick as many as required):

- ☒ The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
- ☒ The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014

### Please write your comments below

If you wish to comment on any specific clause, please include the heading and page number.

This submission concerns only the Parish of Ruakaka, that is Ruakaka, Marsden Point, Marsden Bay and One Tree Point

There is only one outstanding error, namely the inappropriate designation of a "freedom camping" site on the reserve located alongside Ruakaka Beach Road and opposite the Bream Bay Beach Camp Ground.

There is NO WAY a freedom camping facility should be located in a reserve opposite an official camp ground. Refer to Schedule 2 Restricted areas for self contained vehicles Pages 83 and 84, the Ruakaka Riverside Reserve.

The Bream Bay Beach Camp Ground is but a minutes' walk away and according to the manager there, has vacancies all year round except for 3 days over Christmas. Therefore, there is no need to provide free facilities opposite a well established camp ground and so this particular site needs to be withdrawn.

In addition I support Schedule 1 - Prohibited areas

Feel free to add additional pages if required.

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Submission by M.B. Hicks continued

All camping to be banned at:-

- 1) Marsden Point Wharf including Ralph Trimmer Drive Page 69.
- 2) One Tree Point Layby - Page 72.
- 3) Ruakaka Pines Road - Page 76
- 4) Ruakaka Recreation Ground - Page 76
- 5) Marsden Bay Drive save for the hard ground opposite Finch Street Page 91

I support all the freedom camping sites provided by the Whangarei District Council in its revised Camping in Public Places Bylaw save for the one already identified in the Ruakaka Riverside Reserve, Page 86.

However, I would like to draw attention to the fact that other areas in the Parish of Ruakaka have been used for overnight camping despite that not have been identified as permitted areas as follows:-

- 1) The base land in Peter Snell Road adjoining the Catholic Church's fenced off property.
  - 2) Areas of land at the end of Gime Road including the reserve there
  - 3) The Department of Conservation car park at the end of Hair Road
  - 4) Billar Road on land adjoining the Ruakaka River
- There may well be others. All these should be prohibited areas as well.

Armourguard needs to be informed of all the banned areas as well as those where camping is permitted as they have not been sufficiently pro-active in enforcing the bylaws. Perhaps it would be prudent to have an employee permanently based in the Ruakaka area especially during Spring and Summer as the camping in public places bylaw is not the only bylaw that requires better enforcement in the Parish of Ruakaka.

As I do not have a computer and therefore no access to e-mail etc, I require notification of any relevant public hearing. Thankyou.

Signed Margaret M. Hicks



**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 23 Nov 2020 03:22:08 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Christine and Dean Hitchcock - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-125

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Christine and Dean Hitchcock - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-125

**Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-125**

### Your details:

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I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	I'm a bit confused as to what's changing. I wasn't aware that anyone could camp along the Waihoihoi river and esplanade and we would be strongly opposed to this being allowed.. its a walkway, with limited access and not appropriate for public camping in front of people's private homes.

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 14 Nov 2020 00:45:43 +0000  
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**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Amanda Hopkins - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-64

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Amanda Hopkins - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-64

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-64

### Your details:

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Email address:	amanda.hopkins@fieldporter.com
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>Bays like Pacific Bay at Tutukaka should be prohibited. There are no public toilets, limited access and camping restricts the access to the beach and use of the green.</p> <p>Freedom campers block access to other users of the beach and the reserve.</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 19 Nov 2020 00:55:08 +0000  
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**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Ant Hopkins - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-84

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Ant Hopkins - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-84

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### Your details:

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Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	Freedom camping has caused us problems at Pacific Bay Tutukaka, Wellington Bay and further north at Sandy and Wooley Bay. First, many of the "self contained" vehicles are obviously not self-contained and the campers use the reserves as toilets. It's disgusting. Many of the campers are clean and tidy but the minority dump rubbish in the limited or non-existent bins. I think WDC should construct some proper camping areas which are properly policed and chargeable. Ultimately the campers are an economic benefit but they need to be properly housed. And no more tiny vans which claim to be self-contained on reserves without public toilet facilities. And the special areas for campers don't need to be right on the beaches: there's no reason to make such an eyesore.

## Hearing:

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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 15 Nov 2020 02:51:44 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Denise Hart - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-68

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Denise Hart - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-68

**Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-68**

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I am making this submission:	On behalf of an organisation
Organisation name:	Huikau Charitable Trust

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	Where a Coastal environment is unable to be policed, rubbish removed and council unable to monitor, freedom camping should be banned. Where it adjoins private property and refuse, physical ablutions and plastic waste left to enter our waterways, freedom camping should be banned. Whananaki has constantly made complaints with no action and we are too far away for anyone to visit - and they don't venture this far out.

## Hearing:

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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 26 Nov 2020 23:35:23 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Prue Humphries - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-203

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Prue Humphries - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-203

**Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-203**

### Your details:

Full name:	Prue Humphries
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Daytime phone number:	0272624240
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I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	We have used the Reserve in Pacific Bay Tutukaka for over 60 years where the children play and people access the beach. The relatively small Reserve needs to be Prohibited to Freedom Campers as there are no toilets and no space for others to play on the reserve and access the beach.

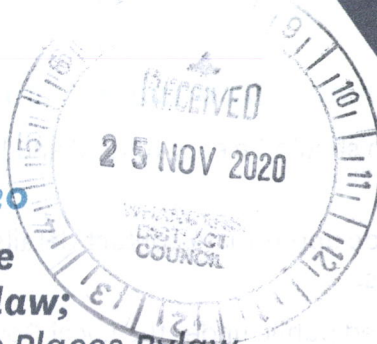
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### Please enter your details below

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Last name: HUNTER

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Best daytime phone number: 0274734393

Mobile: AS ABOVE

Email: NZ40TIE@GMAIL.COM

I am writing this submission (✓ box) ☒ as an individual / ☐ on behalf of an organisation

Organisation name: \_\_\_\_\_

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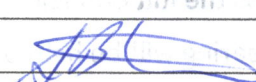
- ☒ The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
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PLEASE REVIEW THE ATTACHED COPY  
JIMI HARTS SUBMISSION ON THE  
PROPOSED NEW FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW  
I WHOLE HEARTEDLY SUPPORT JIMI'S  
SUPPORT. SUBMISSION. - ATTACHED.

IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE I WILL  
BE A LONG TERM VEHICLE DWELLER

REGARDS STEVE HUNTER 

DATE: 25/11/20.

Feel free to add additional pages if required.

## Submission Letter On The Proposed New Freedom Camping Bylaw

Your Worship, Mayor Sheryl Mai and Councillors

Whangarei District Council have now proposed it's third, in a row, illegal Freedom Camping Bylaw. How do you feel about that?

This is not fair on the rate-payers who have had to fund all 3 of them. It is not fair on local Vehicle Dwellers who desperately need a legal bylaw to manage the issues associated with our growing group. And it's certainly not fair on Armourguard's Freedom Camping Compliance officers who are required to enforce it, or those involved in the fantastic Ambassador programme who are expected to help manage it.

We, your Whangarei Vehicle Dwelling Community, ask that this new proposal is revoked, at once. No-one, should be managed under illegal laws. Ever!

Being 'self contained' means simply 'having everything you need'. It's about owning responsibility. But the certification process has been used for political gain through a nationwide takeover of public lands by a private camping organisation..

Four years ago, I personally scuppered the new proposed Freedom Camping bylaw on the grounds that it was illegal because it allowed the Certified Self Containment (CSC) Standard.

Whangarei District Council conceded it 'got it wrong' and publicly stated it was a 'legal shambles'. They removed the Certified Self Contained 'Only' Restriction throughout the district and proposed rights for those in tents and non-self contained vehicles as well.

However, they still included the CSC standard as a restriction in their newly ratified Camping in Public Places Bylaw and those campers who were able to attain the standard, were allowed far more privilege to freedom camp in the District than those without.

So, I created The Whangarei Vehicle Dwellers facebook group and together we refused to be managed under another illegal bylaw. WDC conceded it got it wrong again and without even attempting to challenge us, simply allowed their permanent vehicle dwelling community to basically 'live' full time at Cobham Oval.

Instead WDC concentrated it's 'Camping in Public Places Bylaw's efforts in ensuring compliance to the more seasonal and fluid stream of domestic and international tourists.

The 'legal shambles' has come about, because this Council took too much advice from a private camping organisation, the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association. Who have taken a self-appointed leading role with council's all around the country, shaping, advising, establishing and promoting an illegal component to Freedom Camping bylaws. Certified Self Contained Freedom Camping Only.

Since 2011, Councils around the country in their panic to come up with solutions, have been coerced into bad decision making by this private organisation. We have allowed them, as expert advisers, to help create a new law, just for themselves. And that is the reason behind the legal shambles. That, is where it has all gone pear-shaped. That, is the very reason why WDC cannot enforce the bylaw against it's own growing group of



vehicle dwellers. The bylaw has no teeth. It is useless!

Instead WDC recently admitted that Permanent Vehicle Dwellers fit "outside the scope of the bylaw". It's a big thing to admit! Because if we fit outside the scope of the bylaw, then so does every other legal person in NZ. In fact, it's an admittance that the bylaw itself fit's outside the scope of law.

So here we sit, four years later. A new proposed amended version of the same Camping in Public Places Bylaw, which still includes the CSC restriction. Amended to give even more rights and privilege than ever to those vehicles with CSC while proposing to remove even more rights to those without.

That a private Camping organisation was allowed to create law in this country beggars belief. They created for councils, their very own 'Model' Freedom Camping bylaw to assist with local Council decision making. It, of course, proposed Certified Self Contained freedom camping only. This document was prepared by the NZMCA and public law experts, Chen Palmer, and in consultation with Local Government New Zealand, Department of Conservation and Department of Internal Affairs.

And in it....they slip in the term Self Containment

They state that, 'If local authorities restrict freedom camping at a particular site to self-contained camping only, the following definition of self-contained vehicle may be useful:'

'Self-contained vehicle means a vehicle designed and built for the purpose of camping which has the capability of meeting the ablutionary and sanitary needs of occupants of that vehicle for a minimum of three days without requiring any external services or discharging any waste and complies with New Zealand Standard 5465:2001 as evidenced by the display of a current self-containment warrant issued under New Zealand Standard Self Containment of Motor Caravans and Caravans.'

**It was such a delight for me, to find this little add-on...**

...NZS 5465:2001. Note that self-contained vehicle is not defined in the Freedom Camping Act and that this is only an example as to how it may be defined."

**'May be defined'?**

It must be frustrating for those at the NZMCA, who now realise that NO. You cannot re-define the description in an ACT. You cannot just alter it and change the very philosophy and meaning of what it means too freedom camp.

**Here's why;**

THIS is THE legal description of what it means to freedom camp. According to the Freedom Camping Act 2011 it means to camp in 1 or more of the following:

- a. A tent or other temporary structure
- b. A caravan.
- c. A car, campervan, housetruck, or other motor vehicle.

No-where, not even once, does the FCA ever mention Certified Self Containment. To have this important 'fix-it-all' term left-out entirely from this document, says a great deal.

You see, if we alter and re-label what it means too freedom camp, especially when it enables one group more privilege than others. If we take this right off the poor and give it to the rich, or if you like, we take it off youth on a shoe-string budget and allow it as



only a rite of passage for those who can afford a CSC vehicle, it breaches another Act, our rights.

The Human Rights Act 1993 describes

#### Victimisation

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to treat or to threaten to treat any other person less favourably than he or she would treat other persons in the same or substantially similar circumstances.

Non-discrimination and minority rights.

#### Freedom from Discrimination

(1) Everyone has the right to freedom from discrimination on the grounds of discrimination in the Human Rights Act 1993.

(2) Measures taken in good faith for the purpose of assisting or advancing persons or groups of persons disadvantaged because of discrimination that is unlawful by virtue of Part 2 of the Human Rights Act 1993.

To determine whether a bylaw made under this Freedom camping Act is appropriate

(1) A local authority must, before commencing the process for making a bylaw, determine whether a bylaw is the most appropriate way of addressing the 'perceived problem.'

(2) If a local authority has determined that a bylaw is the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problem, it must, before making the bylaw, determine whether the proposed bylaw;

(a) is the most appropriate form of bylaw; and

(b) gives rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

(3) No bylaw may be made which is inconsistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

Making freedom camping elitist and offering more privilege for self contained luxury motor-homes IS inconsistent and goes against the very intention and purpose of what this Act is about.

These new bylaws are NOT appropriate in that we should take toilets away from Freedom campers with no toilets on board and allow these public facilities to only be used at night by vehicles that are already equipped with toilets.

It is NOT proportionate in that it favours one group over another. The have's and the have-not's.

It is NOT consistent with the Bill of Rights because it discriminates against the poor and youth in particular. Those young tourists freedom camping in vans, station wagons and tents who are unaware and ignorant of the trap set for them all around the country. Where they face penalties of up to \$200 fines.

Offering 'NON CSC' vehicles and tenters one night only and giving those with CSC more privileges is not the best way to address the perceived problem. It restricts their right to 'Freedom of Movement'. It victimizes all youth and tourists who choose to see this country on a shoe-string budget.

Lets look at what the intention of what an ACT is in this country.

An Act in New Zealand is designed to;

(a) affirm, protect, and promote human rights and fundamental freedoms in New Zealand; and

(b) to affirm New Zealand's commitment to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

In the New Zealand sixth periodic report under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights it discusses Inequality.

'New Zealand aims to ensure an adequate standard of living and provide opportunities for all to participate fully in society, regardless of ethnicity age or gender'.

For the last 4 years the Certified Self Containment Standards legality has been questioned by many individuals and groups. I personally have challenged (on behalf of other freedom campers around the country) over 200 infringement notices written against the illegal CSC standard with a 100% success rate. It seems no Council is prepared to challenge me on CSC being an illegal restriction.

CSC is a 'non-cited Government Standard', so is only voluntary and cannot be written into law as a legal restriction. A 'cited' standard on the other hand, is mandatory and is the only type of Government standard on which laws can be made. However, this has not stopped Councils using it as a restriction to freedom camping.

The eco-hypocrisy of CSC is incredible. I know many people with a CSC sticker who never use their own toilet. I have also met literally hundreds of people who have the sticker, but no toilet. Some CSC vehicles have dogs on board....which we must presume poop outside.....wouldn't they? It has been proven time and time again, that a CSC sticker does not a responsible person make. It just tries to say that the vehicle is responsible. And a vehicle should never be held responsible.

When CSC goes wrong and spills, it can be major, as you could well imagine. A traffic accident, or if the underneath plumbing is either hit or has rattled itself undone, the spillage becomes an environmental hazard. I have assisted with 3 of these types of repairs, just in the last year alone.

The CSC standard's certification is only available for a small minority of campers. Over the last few years the NZMCA have made amendments to the standard so that even less amount of these smaller vehicles are able to meet the criteria.

According to the Freedom Camping Act, camping includes hunting areas, where hunters take motor vehicles to an area where they set up camp for a week-end. As well, There are river-rafter's, fishermen, trampers, Te Arohas Trail walkers, cyclists etc

One could be forgiven for thinking freedom camping, as determined by local Councils and Government, is all about motor-homes & caravans but that is an incorrect perception. Actually motor-homes and caravans make up only a minority of campers as defined by the Act. In denying other groups are covered by the FCA, they deny those groups the ability to lobby against legislation that prevents them from fully enjoying their chosen past-times, whether that is camping, or an activity that chooses to camp as a sideline.

The facilities required by the CSC standard are required for a minimum period of 3 days. So locals and others wanting only a single night down the local beach are still required to meet the requirements. Surfers and fishermen sleeping in their cars while waiting for early morning surf breaks. In that respect, the self containment standard fails to be inclusive of everyone as defined by the Freedom Camping Act.

Recently there has been a complaint made to the Commerce Commission concerning the NZMCA's authority over the amendments made to the standard. The reasoning for



these amendments appear to be about removing others rights to meet the standard rather than being driven by any real problems or to make campers safer or more responsible.

One District Council is known to have signage stating that they will only accept Freedom Campers with CSC certification issued only by the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association!

Recently the issue of the possibility of a nationwide data base for CSC vehicles was raised. Claims about fake stickers and questions over the legality of certification of some vans, is actually the most damaging perceived issue currently facing freedom camping.

Many that question the stickers and certification, have little real knowledge of the standard. At times that has not been helped by government websites where recently one stated that a shower was a requirement of self containment certification - It is not and never has been.

A Councillor in New Plymouth has publicly claimed that any camper-van where the cooking can not be done inside, is non-compliant with the CSC standard - That is also incorrect.

Even the Department of Conservation has conceded it got it wrong and have now admitted that the back-country is actually covered by the Freedom Camping Act. This confirms determinations that there was nothing exempting the back country in the Freedom Camping Act. The Department of Conservation has for the past 9 years been advising the back country was not included and has now changed its web sites to reflect that new status.

I am fully aware that WDC was coerced into this illegal component of the bylaw like all the other Districts were. But that was four years ago. Now is the time to correct it. To make available this inalienable right in NZ to freedom camp again, as it always was, for every NZer, every tourist in a tent or van or station wagon or any other vehicle. (THE legal definition in the ACT.) Those that do not prescribe to self containment. .... Those who cannot, of course, afford a luxury motorhome.

I often go out of my way to meet tourists gathered in station wagons and vans. They are the most lovely, educated and charming of youth. Keen to explore our country and to get to know our people. They would all, of course, prefer to park at places where public toilets are open all night and where there are rubbish facilities. But unfortunately, they find that they are locked out of places with facilities these days. They are often gone early in the morning and there is almost never an issue with rubbish or waste. So long as facilities are provided. I know this because I often stay there with them.

These are the places where they ought to park. There is no mention of these places as being an 'appropriate' place for them to park. Only a perceived problem.

There will only be a problem if we didn't provide them rubbish bins or a loo! We would create the perceived problem. It would be our own fault!

Not once, in the process of creating this new proposed bylaw, has Whangarei Council done a 'proper assessment' of the necessity to make a bylaw, nor did it give any consideration, to places where there is no trouble, where facilities are actually coping just fine.

And it will be blamed again on the type of vehicle we drive. CSC or NON CSC.

But hang on...The Freedom camping Act only describes the word 'Vehicle.' There is no mention, whatsoever, about a Certified Self Contained vehicle, or that it is the only recognized and acceptable 'vehicle' that is allowed to freedom camp. Or that it is an absolute requirement, to freedom camp.

The Freedom Camping act 2011, section 2(1) says it uses the same definition as the land transport act 1998 to define what a 'Vehicle' actually is?

It states that a vehicle is-

(a) A contrivance equipped with wheels, tracks, or revolving runners on which it moves or is moved; and

(b) includes a hovercraft, a skateboard, in-line skates, and roller skates.

In the Freedom Camping Act 2011 it states bylaws must not absolutely prohibit freedom camping

(1) A local authority may not make bylaws under section 11 that have the effect of prohibiting freedom camping in all the local authority areas in its district.

(2) This section is for the avoidance of doubt.

To make a Freedom Camping Bylaw

(1) A local authority may make bylaws by;

(a) defining the local authority areas in its district or region where freedom camping is restricted and the restrictions that apply to freedom camping in those areas:

(b) defining the local authority areas in its district or region where freedom camping is prohibited.

(2) A local authority may make a bylaw under subsection (1) only if it is satisfied that

(a) the bylaw is necessary for 1 or more of the following purposes:

(i) to protect the area;

(ii) to protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area:

(iii) to protect access to the area; and

(b) the bylaw is the most appropriate and proportionate way of addressing the perceived problem in relation to that area; and

(c) the bylaw is not inconsistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

(5) The local authority must use the special consultative procedure set out in section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 (as modified by section 86 of that Act) in;

(a) making a bylaw under this section; or

(b) amending a bylaw made under this section; or

(c) revoking a bylaw made under this section.

(6) Despite subsection (5)(b), a local authority may, by resolution publicly notified, make minor changes to, or correct errors in, a bylaw made under this section, but only if the changes or corrections do not affect;

(a) an existing right, interest, title, immunity, or duty of any person to whom the bylaw applies;

(b) an existing status or capacity of any person to whom the bylaw applies.

Which gives rise to the fact that Councils can only decide where freedom Camping is restricted not where it is only allowed. The Freedom Camping Act gives no right for Councils to dictate where exactly we may freedom camp. Yet this new proposal does



exactly that.

In 2013 the NZMCA challenged the Westland District Council to the High Court in a bid to protect the rights of its members to freedom camp.

Councils sought to have a mechanism to deal with the worst offending freedom campers, and that's when the government introduced the Freedom Camping Act 2011.

However the NZMCA believed the Westland District Council had gone too far when they effectively imposed prohibition on freedom camping on all public land and roads within one kilometer of townships. The President, stated "the key priority of the NZMCA was to protect and provide for its members." (read that part again... Slowly). He said "workable bylaws strike the proper balance between protecting local authority areas and respecting the rights of freedom campers. We are looking forward to working with the Westland District Council to find a solution that works. The NZMCA would now be in touch with other councils about the impact of the legal action and would be looking to engage those whose freedom camping bylaws were unlawful and not up to scratch"

If we are to actually address and fix the issues surrounding freedom camping, the first thing that must happen, is we must point out to the self-obsessed NZMCA, that their 'model' bylaw is not lawful or up-to-scratch either.

The NZMCA are responsible for building a fence to protect themselves against a growing tourism industry, not a bridge toward it.

What a shambles alright! The CSC standard is not in law anywhere else in the world. And it hasn't worked here.

Councillors, Unless you can prove me wrong about my research into the legality of CSC. Then by all means, do. If you cannot, you must revoke this proposed bylaw on the grounds I claim

We need to remove the component that makes it illegal and re-think how to create fair social policy that works within the Freedom Camping Act and within your obligations to NZ Bill of Rights.

This will require an enthusiastic Council who is prepared to listen and make bold new steps by creating the necessary change for the better. I would like to be invited into this future process.

What a great opportunity we all have to correct this injustice once and for all.

Yours truly

Jimi Hart

**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 24 Nov 2020 09:28:37 +0000  
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**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Julie Ann Hyde - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-135

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Julie Ann Hyde - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-135

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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	I agree with freedom camping as long as self contained vans have toilets and non self contained are parked near toilets travelling for our younger generation id the only way yhe can afford a holiday as holiday parks and motels cost a lot of money

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 24 Nov 2020 21:27:11 +0000  
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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Lesley Inger - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-157

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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>Would be great if there were overflow areas in the North for busy periods. Safer park up areas.</p> <p>Better policing of vehicles that have containment stickers and are not.</p> <p>More Van's in your area means more revenue. We spend a lot of money in the areas we visit.</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 19 Nov 2020 10:43:23 +0000  
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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Carrie Irvine - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-100

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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	<p>I support the addition of Abbey Caves to the prohibited sites, have concerns that these vehicles will move around the corner to the mountain bike carpark though.</p> <p>I question why Pataua North is not included in the prohibited/restricted sites? Freedom campers are becoming an issue on our road (I live on Pataua North Rd) and we're noticing increasing numbers the carparks taking additional space around their vehicle which limits parking for visitors to the beach/estuary. While this isn't such an issue through winter during summer parking can be hard to come by! With additional restrictions I can see more people heading our way causing bigger issues in our rohe.</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 27 Nov 2020 07:23:32 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Yvonne Jackson - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-168

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Yvonne Jackson - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-168

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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	<p>I object as a ratepayer to paying for freeloader (freedom campers) holidays. The money spent paying for their cheap holiday would be better spent improving the local infrastructure.</p> <p>I object as a volunteer to cleaning up and repairing the damage done by the freedom campers. Having ambassadors, free camping area and free facilities for the freedom campers is an insult to the local ratepayers.</p> <p>As a resident of the Whangarei area I find it extremely embarrassing when taking visitors to local areas of interest and finding freedom campers have made the area into a campsite and therefore no longer a place to take visitors.</p> <p>My biggest object is the 'vans' that have no room inside but full facilities but have stickers so they can freedom camp. It's wrong people washing dish's etc in the public toilets or using the reserves as a toilet. Vehicles without a fitted toilet that is separated from the sleeping, cooking area should NOT be freedom camping and the freedom campers and the vehicle owner automatically fined.</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?

No - I wish to make a written submission only

**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 19 Nov 2020 20:46:15 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Dawn Jarman - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-110

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Dawn Jarman - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-110

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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>Freedom Camping.</p> <p>New Zealand is a place where we should be able to freedom camp almost anywhere with a fully self contained vehicle.</p> <p>It is usually the back packer type vehicles which display a CSC certificate that is normally the problem.</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 13 Nov 2020 00:05:15 +0000  
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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Nicola Jenkins - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-52

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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	I support freedom camping in these areas

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 29 Oct 2020 19:27:03 +0000  
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**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Laura Jerome - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-23

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Laura Jerome - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-23

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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	N/a

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 18 Nov 2020 06:24:40 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - evelyn johnson - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-41

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - evelyn johnson - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-41

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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	<p>I am a rate payer and a responsible Motor home owner and have a fully selfcontained vehicle and do not agree with the reducing the number of parking places in WDC for self contained campers. More parking in all areas is required for larger vehicles. I object to the removal of parking in Finlayson street their is a provision for boating why not allow motorhomes to continue to use this space. A car should have no more right than any other vehicle. Night time most parking areas are empty so you could allow restricted hours in some of theses areas. Also a crime deterrent.</p> <p>Sport grounds are seldom used all year round they could be used.</p> <p>I disagree with restricting the number of nights to one night usually after two to three nights most campers like to move on with their tour anyway.</p> <p>I agree that more sites should be available in all areas of the Whangarei district, as by restricting the number of places only puts more pressure on the parking areas. This creates a nuisance, as all are pushed in very tight cramped spaces.</p> <p>Ruakaka surf lifesaving would be a great place to open up to more campers add a paid kiwicamper facilites this solves the problem of over crowed toilets and adds washing facilites.</p> <p>Waihi beach have added this and is great for keeping the area clean and tidy.</p>

	<p>It should not matter if I come in a car or a motor home I should have the same rights to be able to park in a parking area and use the facilities.</p> <p>My submission is to increase the parking as the number of self contained vehicles coming to the region has doubled and this is great for our economy. We all spent if we are within a reasonable distance from town or local shops. If we are pushed out to the outer areas we will not stay.</p> <p>Provide more parking in Whangarei, Pohe Island would be a good location.</p> <p>I want to object to cars parked in parking areas designated for larger vehicles. If we are restricted to a hand full of parking sites, then why are cars parking there. Happens in all spots. They don't get asked to move on.</p> <p>I strongly disagree with restricting December to February, this will create a nuisance as large numbers of camper go on holiday at this time of year.</p> <p>WDC to provide more facilities not less.</p>
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## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	Yes – I wish to speak at the Hearing in support of my submission
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 1 Nov 2020 19:18:38 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Suzanne Lisbeth Jolly - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-35

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Suzanne Lisbeth Jolly - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-35

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-35

### Your details:

Full name:	Suzanne Lisbeth Jolly
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Daytime phone number:	020400797444
Email address:	jolly.perkins@gmail.scom
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	



## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>At the moment freedom campers with large vans/busses are using the Ruakaka Riverside Reserve. I object to use of this park on several grounds.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. It is directly over the road from our well run commercial camping ground</li><li>2. children and dog walkers use this park for recreation on a daily basis</li><li>3. On this sandy soil the grass is easily torn up by vehicles driving all over it</li></ol>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	Yes – I wish to speak at the Hearing in support of my submission
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 24 Nov 2020 19:52:59 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - An n Jones - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-151

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - An n Jones - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-151

**Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-151**

### Your details:

Full name:	An n Jones
Postal address	
Daytime phone number:	0224280893
Email address:	percy.jones1942@gmail.com
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>Please look to the future for parking spots for motorhome</p> <p>We want to come to your city but not enough parking will stop us</p> <p>There are now over 100,000 NZMCA members alone travelling more often</p> <p>We like Whangarei and surrounds</p> <p>Please welcome us</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 27 Nov 2020 03:06:51 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Glenn Joyce - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-208

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Glenn Joyce - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-208

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-208

### Your details:

Full name:	Glenn Joyce
Postal address	PO Box 115 Whangarei
Daytime phone number:	027 379 8727
Email address:	glenn-joyce@hotmail.com
I am making this submission:	As an individual

Organisation name:	
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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	<p>I have been a ratepayer in Whangarei since 1982 but due to circumstances I had to sell my house 3 years ago, and am now a permanent vehicle dweller in a self contained vehicle. I need to live in Whangarei because of health issues and family connections. Freedom camping in Whangarei is becoming more difficult due to the hugely increased number of people living in vehicles and tourist numbers which will increase with New Zealanders holidaying here and when the tourists are back. We need more areas where it is safe to camp. It would be disappointing to have further restrictions put on freedom campers in Whangarei and freedom camping spots removed in Whangarei and on the coast. For example bascule bridge carpark had spaces removed, Cobham Oval carpark closed and possibly Reyburn House no longer available. There needs to be areas close to town for campers who have no extra transport to enable them to support businesses in the town.</p> <p>I have noticed with concern that there are increasing numbers of homeless people living in vehicles, some with mental health issues. They have nowhere else to live and they are not being considered or helped. I understand this is not covered by the Freedom Camping bylaw but something needs to be done.</p> <p>While travelling briefly round the North Island I noticed some</p>

	<p>other districts had far better freedom camping areas which had effluent dump stations and potable water available. As we are claiming to be a motorhome friendly city, we need to supply more areas and facilities for freedom campers.</p> <p>I also fully support Jimi Hart's submission.</p>
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## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 19 Nov 2020 00:39:15 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Dan Judkins - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-83

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Dan Judkins - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-83

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-83

### Your details:

Full name:	Dan Judkins
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Daytime phone number:	0273027267
Email address:	danjudkins87@gmail.com
I am making this submission:	As an individual

Organisation name:	
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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>I want rubbish collection to be daily at any freedom camping areas.</p> <p>I want decent signage in a number of languages to explain what can and cannot be flushed down the toilets.</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 19 Nov 2020 06:42:50 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Caroline Kennedy - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-97

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Caroline Kennedy - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-97

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-97

### Your details:

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I am making this submission:	As an individual

Organisation name:	
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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	Freedom camping in more areas with access to toilets and bins

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Mere Kepa  
**Sent:** 30 Oct 2020 11:12:55 +1300  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Cc:** Mira Norris; Marina Fletcher; Opania George; Margi Kay; Paddy Walker; Heidi Pirihi; Jared Pitman; Rina Rata; Luana Pirihi; Lydia Draper; Julianne Chetham; Patrick Hilton; Tony Fenton; Craig Harding; BART & PAEA  
**Subject:** Camping in public places'.  
**Attachments:** SUBMISSION CAMPING IN PUBLIC PLACES.pdf

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Kia ora ra,  
My feedback on "camping in public places" is attached.  
Noho ora mai na Mere

Suspiro ergo sum, I sigh, therefore I am.  
A sigh isn't just a sigh. We inhale the world and breathe out our meaning.  
While we can. While we can.

## **CAMPING IN PUBLIC PLACES.**

**Feedback** to Whangarei District Council

**Re** Camping in public places.

Dr Mere Kepa, 337 Takahiwai Rd, RD1 Whangarei 0171

Ko Tunuiarangi te waka  
Ko Ngai Tahu te Iwi  
Ko Te Parawhau te hapu  
Ko Tiakiriri Kepa Kukupa toku papa  
Ko Maraea Hana Te Pou toku mama  
Ko Tangiwai Mary Appleton Kepa toku ingoa.  
Tena koutou.

**Contact:** mailroom@wdc.govt.nz with 'camping in public places'.

### **Feedback.**

Cardinal opportunities for elegance or its opposite vulgarity lie in the ways that council addresses and engages with Papatuanuku (Earth Mother), Ranginui [Sky Father], Tane Mahuta [god of the forest], Tawhirimatea [god of the winds], and Tangaroa [god of the sea], at bottom. As a Maori woman living on ancestral Maori land at Takahiwai, on the southern shore of Whangarei Te Rerenga Paraoa harbour, I am adept at guessing what will be required to safely support life as well as to esteem life that is endangered by people, especially, those seeking to camp without personal responsibility in and to public places.

There are few harsher condemnations against freedom camping in public places than the sadness citizens feel at the arrival of a vehicle at the end of a rural road, for our grief is in almost all cases fuelled more by a distaste for the detritus that will be strewn on the earth than by any hatred of the idea of camping in public space maintained by public taxes. Under the Resource Management Act, at least, councils are required to maintain and protect Indigenous or Native flora and fauna (biodiversity). There has been a serious decline in the country's native plants, animals, and habitats, and councils must do more to address the situation when considering amendments to the Public Places Bylaw. It is one thing, though, to consider amending the bylaw about the elegance of the public space and the vulgarity of freedom camping, but quite another to reconcile the 'freedom' to camp in public places with the Council's present capacity and capability to monitor and enforce the act. Therefore, groups such as the Kaitiaki Rangers and Cultural Ambassadors must be volunteers no longer! Their skills of elegant communication, for example, must be recognised as fulltime, qualified "essential services" in the dunes, on the beach and in the forest.

As housing estates creep closer and closer to the beach, forest, and farms, at Takahiwai, for instance, Council must ensure good laws that will not make the fields, the berm, forest, and the beach inferior to the public camping space. Council owes it to the worms and trees that the public spaces enjoyed by freedom campers will stand as promises of the highest and most intelligent kinds of elegance and happiness to *all* life. In considering amendments to

the bylaw, notions and practices of vulgarity must not be acceptable to the Council.

I am not available to appear in person to address my feedback.

Mere Kepa, Takahiwai.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mere Kepa', on a light blue background.

Friday, 30 October 2020.

**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 29 Oct 2020 04:04:21 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - John Keswick - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-18

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - John Keswick - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-18

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-18

### Your details:

Full name:	John Keswick
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Email address:	john.keswick@gmail.com
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	Can we please get more public toilets and rubbish bins at the beach's and carparks where freedom campers like to visit, it's becoming unhygienic. I agree with the seasonal restrictions and I'm for the overflow parking which you might want to do up with more amenities to improve public by in for those locations

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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# Submission form

28 October-27 November 2020

## **Proposed amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw; and amendments to the Public Places Bylaw**

Thank you for taking this opportunity to comment, we welcome your feedback.

### **Please enter your details below**

First name(s): Brent

Last name: KING

Postal address: 127 Mountain RD  
HIKURANGI

Best daytime phone number:

Mobile: 021464415

Email:

I am writing this submission (✓ box) ☒ as an individual / ☐ on behalf of an organisation

Organisation name:

### **Tell us in writing**

Be sure to get your written comments to us by **5.00pm on 27 November 2020**. Follow the instructions and provide your comments on the next page.

### **Tell us in person**

A formal hearing will be held after the submissions period closes. This is an option if you are happy to address the full Council and answer any questions Councillors may have in Council Chambers.

The Hearing will be held on **8 December 2020** in Council Chambers at Forum North.

We will confirm a more exact time for you to attend closer to the date.

Information on the hearings process and what to expect if you want to attend the hearing can be found on our website in the public consultations section.

Do you wish to attend the Hearing? ☐ Yes ☒ No

### **How to get this form to us**

#### **IN PERSON**

By visiting Customer Service desks at either:  
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Ruakākā Service Centre, Takutai Place,  
Ruakākā

Or by phoning 09 430 4200 or 0800 932 463  
and one of our friendly Customer Service staff  
will fill out this form for you over the phone

#### **BY MAIL**

Camping in Public Places Bylaw  
Whangarei District Council  
Private Bag 9023  
Whangārei 0148

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Complete this form online: [www.wdc.govt.nz](http://www.wdc.govt.nz)  
or email us: [mailroom@wdc.govt.nz](mailto:mailroom@wdc.govt.nz)



### Points to remember when making a submission

- Please print clearly. The form should be easy to read and be understood, and may need to be photocopied.
- Please ensure that you provide appropriate contact details so that we can respond to you following the conclusion of the process.
- All submissions are considered public under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, and may be published and made available to elected members and the public.
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### Please share your views with us by ticking the relevant boxes:

Does your submission relate to: (tick as many as required):

- ☒ The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
- ☒ The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014

### Please write your comments below

If you wish to comment on any specific clause, please include the heading and page number.

Encourage Freedom camping

Be the freedom camping capitals  
ON THE WORLD !!

Provide toilets

market days

craft markets

Kids events - ANNUAL events  
weekly  
monthly

freedom camping is Awesome

Feel free to add additional pages if required.

**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 27 Oct 2020 23:17:23 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Oliver Krollmann - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-2

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Oliver Krollmann - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-2

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-2

### Your details:

Full name:	Oliver Krollmann
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Daytime phone number:	+64210378967
Email address:	olli.krollmann@live.com
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	<p>I support both proposed changes in the One Tree Point area (prohibit at One Tree Point Road layby, extend at One Tree Point boat ramp car park).</p> <p>I support the proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014.</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Noel Davies  
**Sent:** 3 Nov 2020 22:42:27 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Cc:** 'Christine Birss'; Noel Davies  
**Subject:** WDC Review of the Camping in Public Places Bylaw  
**Attachments:** IMG\_4843 sept 2nd 5.07pm.jpg, IMG\_4845 sept 3rd 5.28pm.jpg, IMG\_4847 sept 3rd 5.28pm.jpg, IMG\_4849 sept 5th 4.41pm.jpg, IMG\_4863 sept 10th 4.14pm.jpg, IMG\_4865 sept 11th 3.16pm.jpg, IMG\_4866 sept 12th 4.56pm.jpg, IMG\_4867 sept 12th 4.56pm.jpg, IMG\_4871 sept 13th 5.43pm.jpg, IMG\_1005.JPG, WDC - Submission on behalf of LCRA Camping in Public Places Bylaw.pdf

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Please find the attached submission on the Review of the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and attached photographs showing some of the issues we face at Lang's Beach, You will note that the dates on the photographs show some of these vehicles were camped in the Lang's Beach Prohibited Area for 10 days.

Noel Davies  
On behalf of the Lang's Beach Residents Association (LCRA) Inc.

**From:** [Noel Davies](#)  
**To:** [Mail Room](#)  
**Cc:** ["Christine Birss"; Noel Davies](#)  
**Subject:** WDC Review of the Camping in Public Places Bylaw  
**Date:** Wednesday, 4 November 2020 11:42:42 AM  
**Attachments:** [WDC - Submission on behalf of LCRA Camping in Public Places Bylaw.pdf](#)

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Noel Davies

On behalf of the Lang's Beach Residents Association (LCRA) Inc.

**PROPOSED REVIEW TO THE CAMPING IN PUBLIC PLACES BYLAW 2017**

**Whangarei District Council**

**SUBMISSION BY Lang Cove Residents Association (LCRA)**

**20 Gazelle Way, Lang Beach**

**4th November 2020**

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**1. Introduction**

I am making this submission in my capacity as the Secretary of the Lang's Cove Residents Association Incorporated (LCRA). Additionally, I am a resident of Lang Cove and have a holiday home at 20 Gazelle Way which we live in frequently.

The LCRA is not opposed to Freedom Camping per se, but we do see a need for greater surveillance, enforcement, and we believe the current penalty for infringing the By Law is not a sufficient deterrent.

The LCRA wants Lang's Beach Prohibited Camping area to remain as there isn't the space nor facilities to accommodate Freedom Camping and currently there is limited parking available for visitors. Furthermore we acknowledge that there are local options, which offer places that Freedom Campers can book into. We ask the WDC at supporting these options or they may disappear, due to the high market value of the land they sit on.

**PROPOSED REVIEW TO THE CAMPING IN PUBLIC PLACES BYLAW 2017**

2. In general, the LCRA supports the intention of the Whangarei District Council (WDC) to increase the number of sites being made available for Freedom Campers, but we believe emphasis should be placed on Self Contained Vehicles rather than non-self-contained vehicles, as experience has shown that these self-contained travellers tend to be tidier, more aware of the rules, and generally take their rubbish with them.
3. The LCRA is fully supportive of the WDC proposed amendments that relate to improving Health and Safety.
4. The LCRA does not believe the current penalty for infringing the Bylaw of \$200 is a sufficient deterrent and recommends this be lifted to \$300, noting that Section 43 (a) of the Freedom Camping Act, permits a fine not exceeding \$1000.
5. The LCRA would like to see the playground parking area on Cove Road to the Western end of Lang's Beach also be included in Schedule 1 of the Bylaw as being a Prohibited Area.
6. The LCRA would also like to see a greater presence of a person permitted to enforce the Bylaw, particularly during extended public holiday periods. Recently, there were three or four vehicles parked in the Prohibited area of the Lang Beach car Park for a period of ten days plus. When approached by residents they were advised that the drivers knew their rights and that they could stay. Apart from the incredible inconvenience to visitors to the beach, they also left a considerable amount of rubbish. I attached photographs to show a typical long weekend at Lang's Beach.
7. The LCRA would also like to have the contact details of the enforcement officers so residents do not have to approach Freedom Travellers to be told they don't have the authority to move them on.
8. The Lang's Beach parking area provides toilet facilities, fresh water and a waste dump station and there is a blue sign opposite to the toilet block indicating the availability of the dump station. The LCRA believes this sign may be a source of confusion for Freedom Campers as many seem to believe it indicates they can park there. The LCRA asks that this sign be moved onto the prohibited area and it be increased in size to include "Prohibited Parking Area".

9. In summary, the LCRA supports the WDC to:
- 9.1. Increase the number of sites in the district for Self-Contained Freedom Camper Vehicles.
  - 9.2. Increase support for local campgrounds, or other areas that provide parking to Freedom Campers.
  - 9.3. Improve the Bylaw with a view to improving Health and Safety in the Camping Areas.
  - 9.4. Increase the penalty for infringing the Bylaw to \$300.
  - 9.5. Make the playground parking area to the western end of Lang's Beach on Cove Road, a Prohibited Area.
  - 9.6. See a greater presence of enforcement officers during public holidays
  - 9.7. Provide the LCRA with the contact details of these officers.
  - 9.8. Change the current sign as recommended which is located opposite the toilet block.
10. We do not wish to be heard at the forthcoming hearing.

Address for service:

Full name: Noel Llewellyn Davies  
Postal address: PO Box 128143, Remuera, Auckland 1541  
Contact telephone number: 0274 755626  
Email: noel@daviesgroup.nz

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Noel Davies', with a large circular flourish at the start and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Noel Davies  
20 Gazelle Way  
Lang Beach





































































**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 13 Nov 2020 00:57:13 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Barry Ian Lawrence - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-53

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Barry Ian Lawrence - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-53

**Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-53**

### Your details:

Full name:	Barry Ian Lawrence
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Email address:	b.lawrence@xtra.co.nz
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>Please add a prohibition on camping on the reserve adjacent the Te Wairoa River at Matapouri.</p> <p>This is particularly important where the boat launching takes place from the river beach. Two accidents took place last year where there was direct conflict between people launching and retrieving power boats from the river and freedom campers parked on the trailer park area and the road access to the river beach.</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 19 Nov 2020 18:53:41 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Jennifer Lawrence - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-104

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Jennifer Lawrence - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-104

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-104

### Your details:

Full name:	Jennifer Lawrence
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Daytime phone number:	0211649992
Email address:	lawrence.jennmarc@gmail.com
I am making this submission:	As an individual

Organisation name:	
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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>Page 22 Ocean Beach Car park - Ocean beach is popular with day users and expanding spaces here limits access for recreational users. The proposal suggests limiting use will have unintended consequences but what are these expected to be? I frequent the area and all year round, campers are not respecting the current rules and are camping in spots littered throughout the car park. This puts strain on the small toilet block and camping in this beautiful spot should be restricted. Campers, like recreational users, can still go there during the day but there is no reason they should be able to access the car park for overnight stays.</p> <p>Page 23 Reotahi - I frequent this area and the grassy area adjacent to the toilet block is used by community groups and schools who are accessing the reserve and the marine reserve. If tent camping is allowed here, I can guarantee it will be full and day visitors will not have any access to these picnic tables or toilets. It is already a problem as campers here do not have to be self contained and I often find rubbish left by freedom campers in the toilet block. Freedom campers tie up use of the toilets doing laundry and dishes in the small hand basin inside the toilet stall . The proposal that this could be used for Te Araroa walkers is not controllable and will be used by many. Like other walks and tramps, walkers need to plan there days accordingly so that they arrive in a place where camping is permissible and or transport is available. ie when walking on</p>

	the Abel Tasman, you can't just rock up any old place and set up a tent.
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## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**Subject:** FW: freedom camping submission Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-53  
**Attachments:** No Freedom Camping.JPG

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**From:** Lawrence Family <b.lawrence@xtra.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Saturday, 28 November 2020 3:48 PM  
**To:** Vita Strohush <vita.strohush@wdc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Re: freedom camping submission Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-53

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Vita.

Sorry for the slow reply. I have highlighted the area on the attached photo.

This is the area that us used by trailer boats during the summer for launching and the storage of boat trailers whilst the boats are out. The quantity of trailer traffic leads to frequent clashes with freedom campers, who do not leave any room for trailer parking.

Thanks

On 18 November 2020 at 11:07 Vita Strohush <[vita.strohush@wdc.govt.nz](mailto:vita.strohush@wdc.govt.nz)> wrote:

Dear Barry,

Thank you for sending in your submission on the proposed amendments to the Camping in Public Places bylaw. You mention Te Wairoa River at Matapouri. To help me understand exactly which area you are referring to, can you please clarify whether this is the one I indicated on the map as below?

Kind regards,

**Vita Strohush**

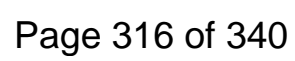
**Strategic Planner (Bylaws)** | Strategy Department

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**From:** Tony Horton  
**Sent:** 25 Nov 2020 23:32:52 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** FW: Freedom camping

Hi Suzanne

Can you please add this to the submissions for the Camping in Public Places Bylaw

Nga mihi  
**Tony Horton**

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**From:** jessica leggett <Jessleggett@outlook.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 26 November 2020 12:27 PM  
**To:** Tony Horton <tony.horton@wdc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Freedom camping

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I see you are looking for submissions about the changes to freedom camping. So far it seems unlawful what you are doing. As a responsible camper, i will not comply to non-compliant bylaws. It seems the council has no understanding on NZ law and our human rights. There are teams of people already on their way to proving this.

I thought the council was for the people, but i guess only if the people have buckets load of money

# Submission form

**28 October-27 November 2020**

## **Proposed amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw; and amendments to the Public Places Bylaw**

Thank you for taking this opportunity to comment, we welcome your feedback.

### **Please enter your details below**

First name(s):	Robin
Last name:	Lieffering
Postal address:	46 beach Rd,. Onerahi, Whangarei 0110
Best daytime phone number:	09 4340 751
Mobile:	
Email:	robinlieffering@gmail.com
I am writing this submission (✓ box) <input type="checkbox"/> as an individual / <input type="checkbox"/> on behalf of an organisation	
Organisation name:	

### **Tell us in writing**

Be sure to get your written comments to us by **5.00pm on 27 November 2020**. Follow the instructions and provide your comments on the next page.

### **Tell us in person**

A formal hearing will be held after the submissions period closes. This is an option if you are happy to address the full Council and answer any questions Councillors may have in Council Chambers.

The Hearing will be held on **8 December 2020** in Council Chambers at Forum North.

We will confirm a more exact time for you to attend closer to the date.

Information on the hearings process and what to expect if you want to attend the hearing can be found on our website in the public consultations section.

Do you wish to attend the Hearing? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Whangarei District Council  
Private Bag 9023  
Whangārei 0148

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- Please print clearly. The form should be easy to read and be understood, and may need to be photocopied.
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- All submissions are considered public under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, and may be published and made available to elected members and the public.
- Your submission will not be returned to you once it is lodged with Council. Please keep a copy for your reference.

### **Please share your views with us by ticking the relevant boxes:**

Does your submission relate to: (tick as many as required):

- ☐ The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
- ☐ The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014

### **Please write your comments below**

If you wish to comment on any specific clause, please include the heading and page number.

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I believe that the Onerahi fore-shore could absorb more than the minimal places allowed at present.  
Allow another 6. at least

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Feel free to add additional pages if required.

**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 24 Nov 2020 18:46:31 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Brent Little - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-143

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Brent Little - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-143

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-143

### Your details:

Full name:	Brent Little
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Email address:	brent@mascal.co.nz
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>Just a couple of general comments.</p> <p>Over the last few years you guys have been held up as an example of how well things can be done. You are very accomodating to all.</p> <p>You also went above and beyond during luck down, this was well received and is still talked about.</p> <p>These actions get you repeat visitors wanting to spend time (and therefore money) in your region.</p> <p>By blocking our certain time frames within the year, I believe you are working outside the scope of the Freedom Camping Act 2011.</p> <p>Banning freedom camping from certain places at certain times will do you more harm than good.</p> <p>Causing confusion by adding complexity into your bylaw manages eventually people will just give up and not visit.</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 25 Nov 2020 07:28:45 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Linda Lloyd - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-171

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Linda Lloyd - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-171

**Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-171**

### Your details:

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Daytime phone number:	0273455225
Email address:	lalloydnz@gmail.com
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	<p>There should definitely NOT be any more designated areas in Whangarei District for Freedom camping. There are far too many now.</p> <p>There should DEFINITELY be seasonal restrictions for Freedom Camping at ALL of our beaches.</p> <p>I am a ratepayer, whose money, in the form of rates, pays for all the facilities that Freedom campers use i.e. rubbish removal, public toilet cleaning, etc and which they do NOT contribute any payment to AT ALL. I FIRMLY OBJECT to subsidising other people's holidays, do not understand why I should and do not think it is fair for ratepayers.</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 25 Nov 2020 23:22:13 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - carolyn london - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-184

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - carolyn london - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-184

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-184

### Your details:

Full name:	carolyn london
Postal address	rd1 rotorua
Daytime phone number:	0211598159
Email address:	
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	



## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	<p>As owners of a bus we would love to travel up North of our New Zealand to have a look around but have heard some horror stories of freedom camping rules.</p> <p>We are not prepared to pay outrageous prices just for a patch of grass in a camping ground.</p> <p>We also do not want to be parked in the middle of town.</p> <p>Our bus is fully self contained and all we wish for is to spend 1 night at a beach or reserve somewhere.</p> <p>The freedom camping rules is out of control at the moment with alot of blame going to the vehicle instead of the person driving it.</p> <p>My own son swore he would never return to the north after his trip up there.</p> <p>yes he was moved on at 12.30 in the morning..</p> <p>It isnt the vehicle you need to be looking at but the person in it.</p> <p>They need to be educated on freedom camping. More toilets etc are needed.Get rid of the little Hitler security that get a thrill out of seeing people suffer.</p> <p>Before you judge freedom campers please look at your locals first.As that is where alot of the problems lie</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?

No - I wish to make a written submission only

**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 27 Nov 2020 04:22:28 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Sandra Ionergeran - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-96

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Sandra Ionergeran - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-96

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-96

### Your details:

Full name:	Sandra Ionergeran
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Email address:	sandralonergeran@windowslive.com
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	<p>Make whangarei RV friendly. It would be great if we had a NZMCA park north or south of town a decent sized park about the size of rotorua park would be great as did you know the nzmca has over 100000 members and no park here our only one is at manganese point and is not big enough we need one not too far from town so people can catch a bus into town and spend the day sight seeing it would be great if the council could work with the nzmca maybe you have land that they can leased these parks are what we want and you will find they are always clean and well managed as the members take a pride in the nzmca a dump station in that park would take the pressure off the dump station near the</p> <p>Treatment works it would provide safe parking for kiwis and there are alot of us that own Van's .The other thing I would like to suggest is a newcomer for Van's and truckers is CAMPER MATE this was started in blenheim and is the same they Re looking for land on the outskirts of towns what they supply in showers kitchens laundry and secure parking</p> <p>They are paid for by card and have security cameras ect brilliant for homeless people and slider Van's with rubbish bins they supply everything and the fees are reasonable we do have alot of homeless people in whangarei this would be great for them maybe our council has a couple of pieces of land they could offer to these two groups be proactive think of the wider community it's a shame that the council is cutting back on overnight stays at beaches as there are also alot of people in</p>

	<p>whangarei that have self contained Van's that enjoy going out overnight closer to home and need those free parking spaces and more at the different beaches around the coast I think self contained Van's do very little damage overnight and if we had good facilities closer to town more would stay in them if whangarei wants to be considered as part of this group and gain the benefits of the nzmca and tourist groups we need both of these options put into place asap as we are lagging behind once again we are spending alot of money on our town and 100000 people in just the nzmca not to mention all the tourist as well hiring RV s there is alot of money we are missing out on rotorua is a winning town easy to find parking for Van's close to town if you have to go right in and plenty of parking at super markets to fill the cupboards as I was suggesting buses going past aparkwill encourage them to leave the van at the park and catch a bus the other tourists will no doubt book in at the holiday park in town I know people dont like Van's but I'm afraid nzhas encouraged this style of holidays and the ball is rolling and cannot stop we either roll with it or be rolled over with covid there are more kiwis buying Van's than ever before this is why I'm saying asap is needed so please call nzmca and camper mate both would be great for our town</p>
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## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 25 Nov 2020 21:18:08 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Ashley Lowe - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-158

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Ashley Lowe - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-158

**Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-158**

### Your details:

Full name:	Ashley Lowe
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Daytime phone number:	02041137085
Email address:	lowe911@hotmail.com
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	<p>Clauses of concern</p> <p>6.2 District-wide matters Page.52</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Remove the restriction as to the frequency of temporary closures of freedom camping sites (clause 12.3 of the Bylaw)</li> <li>-only one vehicle per space</li> <li>-nothing in the by law allows a person to take up permanent or semi permanent residence on any local authority area</li> </ul> <p>6.3 Area-specific changes Page. 52</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-introduction of seasonal restrictions</li> <li>-further regulation and restriction of areas that have experienced pressure</li> </ul> <p>Key proposal statements:</p> <p>Page, 79 Whangaumu Reserve, Protect the area. "Under Reserves Act include enjoyment of the reserve by the public and protecting the beauty of the area." Proposal, "Restrict camping to outside peak season from 18 December to 08 February"</p> <p>Page, 82 Woolleys Bay, Protect the area, "high number of freedom campers" "this impacts on the beauty of the area" Proposal, "Restrict camping to outside peak season from 18 December to 08 February to maintain appropriate public</p>



	<p>access"</p> <p>Page, 76 Marsden Bay Reserve, proposal "no by law changes recommended because physical works can resolve problems."</p> <p>Page, 81 Tamaterau, proposal "Physical works and car park sealing will address the over crowding issues."</p> <p>Page, 69 Tikipunga sports park, protect the health and safety of visitors to the area.</p> <p>"freedom campers themselves could provide some passive visual surveillance"</p> <p>Page, 78 Reotahi, Proposal "limited tenting in the area by Te Araroa Trail Walkers"</p> <p>Page, 68 Onerahi sports park, protect the area "no shower facilities"</p> <p>Submission Statement:</p> <p>The above quotes are taken from the WDC Meeting Agenda 22/10/2020, I would assume as most would, that the statements presented are facts and not opinion.</p> <p>Yet when I read these statements, they would seem to me to be more evidential than factual.</p> <p>Now when I speak of evidence it is not in support or regard to the above mentioned by-law, but more to the law regarding the local governance act 2002, in particular Preliminary provisions 3 Purpose, (c)promotes the accountability of local authorities to their communities; and (d) provides for local authorities to play a broad role in promoting the social, economic, environmental,</p>
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	<p>and cultural well-being of their communities, taking a sustainable development approach.</p> <p>Subpart 1—Purpose of local government</p> <p>10. Purpose of local government</p> <p>(1)The purpose of local government is—</p> <p>(a)to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and</p> <p>(b) to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future.</p> <p>191. Local authority not authorised to create nuisance</p> <p>This subpart does not entitle a local authority—</p> <p>(a) to create a nuisance; or</p> <p>(b)to deprive the Crown or any person of any right or remedy the Crown or the person would otherwise have against the local authority or any other person in respect of any nuisance.</p> <p>Now before I go further into the legal challenges, I would like to remind you the reader of two resent strategies that failed in the last 100 years, the most recent Apartheid in South Africa, and before that was of course Nazi Germany where they rounded up Gypsy's and Jews.</p> <p>Both scenarios start with a body of over empowered decision makers believing that society or the community has a sub species of humans that does not deserve equality and is the reason why we have this beautiful New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.</p> <p>The way I see it, if you are violating any of these rights you are a practising fascist, and the way this by-law has been enforced and is proposing to enforce is quite frankly an outrage.</p> <p>So here are the laws you propose to contract a multinational security corporation to violate New Zealand Legislation upon New Zealand Citizens:</p>
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	<p>New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990</p> <p>9. Right not to be subjected to torture or cruel treatment Everyone has the right not to be subjected to torture or to cruel, degrading, or disproportionately severe treatment or punishment.</p> <p>16. Freedom of peaceful assembly Everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly.</p> <p>18. Freedom of movement (1)Everyone lawfully in New Zealand has the right to freedom of movement and residence in New Zealand.</p> <p>19. Freedom from discrimination (1)Everyone has the right to freedom from discrimination on the grounds of discrimination in the Human Rights Act 1993.</p> <p>20. Rights of minorities A person who belongs to an ethnic, religious, or linguistic minority in New Zealand shall not be denied the right, in community with other members of that minority, to enjoy the culture, to profess and practise the religion, or to use the language, of that minority.</p> <p>22. Liberty of the person Everyone has the right not to be arbitrarily arrested or detained.</p> <p>So now we have established the by-law is fascist when implemented and violates our sacred human rights law, which in turn means it's violating the local government act 2002, ouch how did we get to this situation I wonder.</p> <p>But we aren't finished paying a multinational security corporation to only violate human rights no sir they also violate the privacy act 1993 crimes act 1961 and the harassment act 1997.</p> <p>The solution to all the proposed sites are "physical works", the fascist way never works out, I hope Vita Strohush understands</p>
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	<p>that a social license is what the council operates on not freedom campers, they have rights and laws to support them in what they do.</p> <p>With tourism set to be dead in the water for the next ten years as reported by RNZ, all of this budget should be put into infrastructure at these sights to promote the cultural practice of camping in public places. The surge of Aucklanders and below is our only tourist pressure to be considering and our region needs their spending, so lets accommodate them, cater to them, and steal the nations massive baby boomer motorhome population preference for summer. "Whangarei LOVE it here" doesn't line up with human rights abuse and Stasi like behaviour in car parks.</p> <p>I appreciate you taking the time to see my point of view, I look forward to speaking with you in the near future.</p>
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## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	Yes – I wish to speak at the Hearing in support of my submission
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 27 Nov 2020 02:24:25 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Diana lubbock - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-207

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Diana lubbock - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-207

**Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-207**

### Your details:

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I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>with regard to the bylaw affecting freedom camping in Pacific Bay Tutukaka</p> <p>I do not think that the facilities are adequate in Pacific Bay to allow for Freedom camping - there are no public toilets/washing facilities so where are any freedom campers supposed to go when these facilities are required. We do not want to find human waste/toilet paper littering the reserve area.</p> <p>In addition the reserve area is used by families playing cricket etc so if the space is filled with freedom campers they will not be able to do this.</p> <p>Thank you</p>

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 13 Nov 2020 09:20:45 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Lynda - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-60

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## 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Lynda - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-60

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-60

### Your details:

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I am making this submission:	As an individual

Organisation name:	
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## Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	Ok

## Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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