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Hi, please find 2 x attachments for my camping in public places submission.

Warm regards
Vanessa Faye Mack

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?

I feel this is not fair on the rate-payers who have had to fund all 3 illegal Freedom Camping Bylaw. It is not fair on local Vehicle Dwellers who desperately need a legal bylaw to manage the issues associated with our growing group. And remember most of these people have no alternative housing and some very complex issues. 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.

AND from what I see homelessness is rising at an increasing rate which is sad to see. Especially when regional councils are pushing though more illegal bylaws rather than spending those resources you have spent tax payers money on than looking at how we improve a growing situation.

I also ask Your Worship, Mayor Sheryl Mai and Councillors where do you think these most of these people can go?

I also ask Your Worship, Mayor Sheryl Mai and Councillors what kind of extensive health, mentle health, addiction and or income issues do you thing these people have?

I also ask Your Worship, Mayor Sheryl Mai and Councillors what are you doing to currently and in the future address these issues?

OR

I also ask Your Worship, Mayor Sheryl Mai and Councillors do you think these people will simply disappear?

Many vehicle dwelliers seem to be good people and even those won't have a place to go.

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..

Whangarei District Council conceded it 'got it wrong' and publicly stated it was a 'legal shambles in regards to self containment. 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. Which I always feel safe enough to sleep and stay if I am not earning enough income through self

employment, part time work and health issues to stay at central holiday park.

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.

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 the document 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 favors 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.

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! Having to go to the toilet should not be a financial issue.

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

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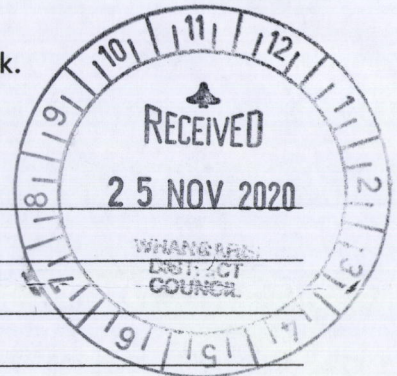
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Schedule 1. P5 Prohibited areas

I submit my support for making McAuslin Road Matapouri a "prohibited area"

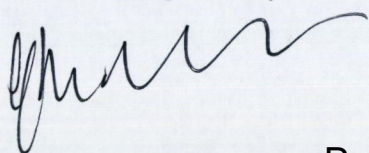
I further submit that the sealed car park in Matapouri road Sandy Bay be a prohibited area.

I further submit that the vehicle length limit for Sandy Bay reserve be increased to 6meters.

I further submit that the Sandy Bay Reserve permitted area be leveled and metalled, providing a firm surface, grass will regrow. ditto Woolley's Bay Eastern car park.

I further submit that the Council Contractor (presently Armor Guard) be instructed to fully apply the penalties contained in the by law with no exceptions.

Feel free to add additional pages if required.



From: Hilary MacRae
Sent: 1 Nov 2020 23:04:14 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: Camping in public places

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I would like to make the following observations about Freedom Camping in Onerahi as I understand the by-laws are to be reviewed.

1. The situation has definitely improved in the last couple of years, in that there are no longer tents pitched all along the foreshore and fewer overnighting vehicles parked outside the designated area.

2 I believe that the plan provided for 3 bays for self contained vehicles in the designated area opposite the toilet block. This is not observed, both as far as the majority of vehicles, whilst having a self contained sticker are clearly not self contained, and the number of vehicles, sometimes as many as eight. The signage is often removed to the next post over, so that people park overnight in the adjacent division which was not designated, in which case there can be as many as twelve vehicles. I don't know if the signage is not clear. Vehicles will often park in the parking area opposite if there is not room in the designated area.

3 I don't think the Freedom Campers are responsible for littering any more than local people, but they do leave a lot of unsorted rubbish by the bins. I can't believe they can generate a whole bag full overnight, so assume they have saved it up. There should be a recycling bin at least for glass. The bins are always full to overflowing and it looks unsightly and I don't feel we should pay for our rubbish bags and yet people who are staying for free don't pay anything. Items which we would not have taken away are left too, such as broken chairs, broken and redundant water sports equipment or just old worn out stuff left beside the bins.

4 I don't personally feel the average freedom campers bring any benefit to our location, and there are so many people who want to come out to enjoy the waterfront, who probably don't want to come across people doing full body washes in the toilets, and washing their clothes and dishes under the tap. I don't have any objection to the camper vans that actually are self contained with water, showers and toilets.

5 I think there should be more enforcement of breaches and fines for them and certainly don't agree with any extension of FC permissions, as I think there is too much of it anyway.

Yours sincerely
Hilary Macrae
Sent from my iPad

From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 18 Nov 2020 18:21:37 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Soraya Makiri - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-77

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Soraya Makiri - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-77

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-77

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:	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: 25 Nov 2020 21:37:25 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Catherine McColl - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-180

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Catherine McColl - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-180

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-180

Your details:

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Daytime phone number:	021344200
Email address:	hogsnwine@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>No Temporary / seasonal restrictions during peak season at any sites</p> <p>This will cause chaos!</p> <p>Do not prohibit Finlayson St car park to freedom campers</p> <p>Very few issues at this site if any, lovely popular spot for CSC FCs</p> <p>Do not prohibit the far eastern end of the reserve at Wellingtons bay, perfectly suitable site for fully SC vehicles to stay</p> <p>More enforcement over peak season</p> <p>All other changes look good well done!</p>

Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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From: Nina Darling
Sent: 29 Nov 2020 19:39:47 +0000
To: Vita Strohush
Cc: Susan Halliwell;Reiner Mussle;Karyn Pilcher
Subject: BYL044017

Hi Vita,

I think this is possibly more a submission about how self containment is defined under our bylaw. Could you please review and see what you think?

From: provider@xtra.co.nz <provider@xtra.co.nz>
Sent: Friday, 27 November 2020 3:04 PM
To: Mail Room <mailroom@wdc.govt.nz>
Subject: Whangarei vehicle dweller

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Hi,

I am a whangarei permanent vehicle dweller in Whangarei for the last 12 years , and have endless frustrations about where to park a little longer than 3 days , am a 81 year old and have difficulty with this continuos packing up and moving around,

I just cannot afford to buy a home of any nature , just far to expensive for a pensioner like me, so I have no alternative but to be a vehicle dweller that is fully self contained and takes all my waste to the designated dump station,. 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 organization..

But what I fully agree with , is that any freedom camper should have a porty potty on board as well as a outhouse tent for privacy at all times to have that facility in time of a need . But not to the high standards of Certified self contained, as needed for the NZMCA camp grounds

Yours truly
Gerhardus J Meintjies
Permanent Vehicle dweller in Whangarei



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From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 29 Oct 2020 02:57:52 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Dean Miller - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-20

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Dean Miller - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-20

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-20

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>Bland Bay Reserve, Map ref: S1-01</p> <p>On this map you don't show the reserve at the end of the road leading onto Bland Bay beach. This area has always been prohibited from any camping. In the last year or so more and more often people have been camping there. This restricts access for other beach users and day trippers. There are BBQ tables there for people to stop and have a meal but not if people are camping there.</p> <p>This area is also used as a carpark for people visiting.</p> <p>This area should be included in the prohibited areas.</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 22:27:44 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Rhonda Moir - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-111

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Rhonda Moir - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-111

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-111

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>6. Provisions for camping pg 4</p> <p>6.2 Self contained vehicles are often just a car with a portable toilet stashed somewhere. It cant be used in the car so has to be out in full view of the public. Yuck!</p> <p>6.4 I often walk past this area and see people's washing hanging on the fencing to dry. A terrible look to our beautiful beach environment. There is a public camp ground about 200 m away they should be staying in .</p>

Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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From: Kiwionwing morton
Sent: 24 Nov 2020 09:43:09 +1300
To: Mail Room
Subject: I am sharing 'Submission Letter' with you
Attachments: Submission Letter.docx

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I agree with jimi Harts submission below.

Whangarei Council

I have spent a large amount of time camping in whangarei. I live non self-contained. Whangarei has generally the most compassionate attitude as my view.

Security just said please don't cause problems. So I have always taken their advice and directions.

I went to Northtec for up skills training.

And enjoy Whangarei community and between housesitting I return.

Please not make me break bylaws just to live.

I am full time working house-less. If I had to rent a home I would probably slip into poverty and need government handouts.

My spending is approximately \$3000 per month excluding vehicle expenses. Just bought upgraded car, I have bought 3 since being in whangarei.

If needed maybe able to come to discuss though between work schedule. Busy season.

David Thomas MORTON (Tom)

0226749960.

From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 19 Nov 2020 19:19:29 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Andy Mouat - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-106

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Andy Mouat - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-106

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-106

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:	I am concerned that we have wonderful campgrounds around Whangārei. The owners of these facilities struggle to pay bills while freedom campers are allowed to camp nearby. Our rates go to pay for people staying for free.

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 07:38:43 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Kim Munro - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-6

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Kim Munro - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-6

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-6

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 wish to formalise my disagreement with regards to Freedom camping at Whananaki North. There are plenty of camping grounds already available without the need for campers to be camping in public places. These campers add no value to the area and instead cause disturbances, leave rubbish and do not abide by laws. The freedom camping area is next to a busy boat ramp ... is this not a health and safety concern? They should not be allowed to camp there - make them use the camping grounds in the area.

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 20:40:11 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Stuart Munro - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-70

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Stuart Munro - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-70

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-70

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>The freedom camping area along the estuary at Whananaki is my concern.</p> <p>My main reasons for this are :-</p> <p>That the area joins next to the public boat ramping area. I have a health and safety concern for the users of the boating ramp and campers themselves with the backing of trailers and vehicle access in the area.</p> <p>I also have an issue that freedom campers are allowed in an area that within 1-3 kilometers there are two camping grounds at Barrons farm, one of the largest in Northland and also the Department of Conservation camp at Otamure Bay.</p> <p>In addition to the the above two issues there is also the hygiene and sanitary issues as the freedom campers over utilise the facilities of toilets allowed for general picnic goers to the estuary area. Often with the toilets left in an overused and unhygienic state.</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 03:53:46 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Dawn Murphy - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-189

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Dawn Murphy - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-189

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-189

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:	Firstly if I search for both of the Bylaws above on your website, all I can find is "Camping in Public Places Bylaw" so I will respond to the 4 points that you are seeking feedback on.

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 18:12:18 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Dawn Murphy - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-200

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Dawn Murphy - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-200

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-200

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>Firstly I cannot local the two Bylaws stated above on your website, only "Camping in Public Places Bylaw" that you are seeking feedback on.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Are there any areas which should be added to the prohibited and/or restricted areas? <p>No Freedom Camping areas should be located in front of resident's homes, or within say a 300m radius which is the case at Marsden Bay Reserve. It's not right that residents, who were here long before a Reserve Carpark was destined to be turned into a campground!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Should Council impose seasonal restrictions for freedom camping at all, some, or none of the proposed key destination beaches? <p>Absolutely. During peak summer when car parks should be full of locals, and visitors to the area, day trippers, they often cannot park up as it's full of campervans. Additionally when people want to use the toilets and then wash their hands, they have trouble doing so because campers are washing their clothes and dishes in the sinks! That is not what Public Toilet facilities were intended for.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Should Council designate peak-season overflow freedom camping sites at specified sportsparks? <p>No way, the Council shouldn't have to spend money (on people who bring very little money to the local economy) in arranging, providing and then policing such areas, if there is no room, they could go to a Commercial campground, that's what they are</p>

there for! With all the facilities you'd ever need such as water, showers, toilets and rubbish bins!

- Any other feedback on the proposal, both generally or for specific areas?

We should only be allowing people in "true" self contained vehicles (forget the ones with the bought stickers just slapped on them!), we get people sleeping in cars, we're constantly picking up rubbish, hammocks strapped to the pohutakawa trees (not in the designated carpark!) clothes hanging on clothes racks, and rubbish strewn everywhere, this is really not a good look for residents OR for visitors from outside the region.

It's costing the Council additional money to send armouguard to patrol all these areas, they should be issuing instant fines rather than warnings.

If nothing else, there should be a limit to the amount of people allowed to camp. The number of campers has increased ten fold in recent years, some are absolutely huge. They don't leave any room on the car park for locals or day visitors who want to park up and have a picnic or go for a swim.

Bins need to be installed to encourage campers to not throw their rubbish anywhere is hide in the bushes, and if that fails at least residents have somewhere to place the rubbish they pick up.

Patrol officers need to be out more often than just the peak season, the campers know and park anywhere as they know they won't be caught.

On schedule 3 – re the Restricted Areas, at Marsden Bay Reserve we frequently get people sleeping in cars and other such vehicles not equipped or designed to sleep in, not

	forgetting the occasional tent or hammocks, as stated previously only true Self Contained Vehicles should be allowed to camp and a designated number to leave the Reserve car park available for visitors who wish to enjoy the Reserve.
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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 05:02:43 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Michele Neckelson - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-3

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Michele Neckelson - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-3

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-3

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>camping overflows</p> <p>Given the economic climate the WDC needs to be supporting local businesses. by opening up sports fields as "camp grounds" you are cheating them out of potential income.</p> <p>Restritctions on areas. I do not believe that water front public space should be opened up for freedom camping during peak holiday times. ie Dec-Mar, these areas are designed for day trippers and visitors to come for the day and enjoy the beautiful beaches.</p> <p>Freedom parking and camping should be in an out of the way area away from the general publics eye. I detest driving past and seeing campers knickers and washing etc hanging up detracting from our beautiful landscapes.</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 00:08:45 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Kenneth Richard Nelson - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-81

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Kenneth Richard Nelson - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-81

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-81

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 wish to add my comments to the debate.</p> <p>Freedom camping spots should be located near public toilets with rubbish bins provided.</p> <p>To fully provide for these campers,council could include cold showers as some councils have done elsewhere. I have come across these in Australia.</p> <p>Rubbish,from my observations as a motorhomer,is created by locals in the main. I have witnessed this. I have also checked area after freedom campers have left and little evidence of them being there at all is present.</p> <p>We need to be welcoming this category of camper. They spend money like anyone else. They are often on a limited budget and cannot afford a camping ground fee every nite.</p> <p>If freedom camping is designated where there is no public toilet,then they must be self contained.</p>

Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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PRIORITY CAMPING PROPOSAL

Presented by Chris Gaelic and Miles Brown, Netlist Ltd, November, 2020

FREEDOM CAMPING CHALLENGES

Motor caravanning and freedom camping is a high growth sector for New Zealand tourism that also presents some challenging problems for councils, the general public, and motor caravanners alike.

The accelerating growth of motor caravanning makes the current situation unsustainable. For example, the NZMCA membership took 50 years to grow to 44,000 members. It has grown to 100,000 in the last 8 years. Thanks to the Covid lockdown, Kiwis are now renting and buying motorhomes faster than ever before.

This will inevitably result in much greater pressure on our freedom camping locations by both self-contained and non-self-contained vehicles, and this impacts motor caravanners as well as the councils struggling to manage motor caravanners staying at these locations.

OUR PROPOSED SOLUTION

Priority Camping is an online booking service that offers a very effective low cost way to address these problems. Each council registers the appropriate rules for their freedom camping locations using the priority camping console, and these rules are applied when motor caravanners book to stay in these locations.

This service is already set up and ready to be used nationwide.

FOR COUNCILS - prioritycamping.nz/console

Using the Priority Camping Console, council staff can identify any locations where they need to control freedom camping, and can specify appropriate rules for freedom campers who want to stay there.

These rules can include:

- Whether or not certified self-containment is required
- The maximum length of the vehicle that is allowed to stay
- How many vehicles can stay during the day
- How many vehicles can stay overnight
- Set the times for day and night visits
- Set the number of days per calendar month for each visitor
- Set the days during the week that visits are allowed
- Provide for exceptions, like weekends when some community activity is planned.
- Set dates during the year when visiting is not allowed - say if the grass is too soft over winter.
- Provide for closing the location for a period of time - say for construction work etc.
- Set the policy for allowing dogs.
- Set an optional fee for staying overnight.
- Set the penalty for non-compliance.

Note that these rules can be updated at any time. Any changes will be emailed and texted to any motor caravanners who have already booked to stay at an affected location.

If a council fee is set for staying overnight, these payments will be collected when bookings are made, and automatically transferred to each council's bank account each month, including an appropriate report.

Providing effective monitoring of motor caravanner bookings avoids the need to have marked parking slots for overnight camping. In most cases, it should only be necessary to identify where motorhome parking should not be allowed – eg near boat ramps etc. This is a significant benefit for motor caravanners, and also avoids problems with local visitors parking their cars in these slots.

Each location must be signposted as a Priority Camping location in addition to the usual council rules for staying in that location. This should include a link to the prioritycamping.nz website where motor caravanners can register and make a booking if they haven't already done so.

Motor caravanners will only be able to book at Priority Camping locations when their vehicle meets the specified requirements, and where empty spaces are available. They will be prevented from double-booking multiple locations, or from booking if they have exceeded the number of nights per month.

Council officers will have online access to all the vehicle registration numbers booked into a given location. So, compliance checking becomes much easier, requiring only a drive past, and stopping for exceptions.

They will also be able to record any non-compliant or irresponsible behaviour against each vehicle registration number, including banning such motor caravanners for staying at that location. This information will be available to other council officers in different locations and should act as an effective deterrent to irresponsible behaviour. These records can be cleared if there is a change of ownership or lease-holder.

Councils will be able to access monthly reports on the number of visitors at each Priority Camping location.

FOR MOTOR CARAVANNERS – prioritycamping.nz

To make use of the online booking service, motor caravanners must first register their vehicle on the Priority Camping website, specify their vehicle registration number, their self-containment status, and the length of their vehicle. They will pay a small annual fee of \$20 for the use of the service.

The online booking service gives motor caravanners certainty that there will be a space available when they arrive at their selected location. They will also be made fully aware of the council rules for each location when they make their booking, including paying the overnight fee if that is required.

They will also be able to access the booking service from map-based services like the rvexplorer.co.nz website, and potentially by apps like Campermate, Rankers and the NZMCA app.

With permission from the NZ Motor Caravanners Association, it is also possible to automatically validate their certified self-containment status, eliminating the problem of bogus self-containment stickers. This is a major problem at the moment, with some campers printing their own self-containment stickers.

As part of the service, a phone helpdesk will be maintained for motor caravanners who aren't confident with registering and making internet bookings.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

1. Priority camping might initially be used for just a limited number of premium locations where an overnight charge could be justified and used for providing / maintaining facilities. Changes to the Freedom Camping act might be required for doing this. Longer term, freedom camping has to become a sustainable activity for councils. Not all freedom camping locations need motor caravanners to contribute, but motor caravanners should contribute to those locations that do. We've noticed that the Hastings district council already requests voluntary contributions at some of their freedom camping sites.
2. It may be viable for councils to contract local residents as Ambassadors to monitor freedom camping in their area. They can be given a restricted login to the priority camping console to check motorhome registration numbers, which would help keep their interactions with campers objective. The community would feel more empowered, and it would be more cost effective and long-term sustainable for the council.
3. Motor caravanners using the priority camping booking service automatically get access to the latest council information on freedom camping at each location. This could include education on how we expect freedom campers to value each environment as I suspect that very few motor caravanners go to council websites.

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): Chris

Last name: Gaelic

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Katikati, 3178

Best daytime phone number: _____

Mobile: 0212212277

Email: chris@netlist.co.nz

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

Organisation name: Netlist Ltd

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This submission describes a new Priority Camping service that allows councils to effectively manage their freedom camping locations. This is detailed in the attached document.

Feel free to add additional pages if required.

From: Chris Gaelic
Sent: 26 Nov 2020 11:54:11 +1300
To: Mail Room
Cc: Miles and Lynda Brown
Subject: Netlist submission on the proposed changes to the Camping in Publics Places bylaw
Attachments: Submission for to the whangarei District Council.pdf, PRIORITY CAMPING PROPOSAL.pdf

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Hi there,

I've enclosed two pdf documents detailing our submission on the proposed changes to the Camping in Publics Places bylaw.

Kind regards,
Chris

Chris Gaelic
Netlist Limited
Mobile: 021 221-2277

From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 26 Nov 2020 20:33:14 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - James Imlach - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-201

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - James Imlach - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-201

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-201

Your details:

Full name:	James Imlach
Postal address	PO Box 72147, Papakura 2244
Daytime phone number:	0272985648
Email address:	james@nzmca.org.nz
I am making this submission:	On behalf of an organisation
Organisation name:	New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Inc.

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>Please note, this submission does not derogate from the views and recommendations made by individual NZMCA members and their respective Area Committees. Local members with local acknowledge are usually best placed to comment on site specific issues.</p> <p>The NZMCA generally supports the proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 and the Public Places Bylaw 2014. We commend the Council for continuing to manage the activity wholly under the Freedom Camping Bylaw, by exercising its delegated authority under the Reserves Act 1977. This approach provides a greater level of certainty for the community and visitors who, in the main, rely on the bylaw to determine where the activity can lawfully take place.</p> <p>We have no suggestions on any areas that should be added to the list of prohibited or restricted areas; however, we urge the Council to continue to make rational, objective and evidenced-based decisions, in line with s 11 of the Act, before considering whether any further areas should be added to the bylaw. We also request the Council re-consults on a new proposal if it determines the need to add several more areas to the bylaw and/or make any fundamental changes to the overall premise of the bylaw.</p> <p>We generally support seasonal restrictions in particular areas</p>

	<p>where this is both necessary and appropriate, particularly if this restriction avoids the need to prohibit camping outright.</p> <p>We fully support designating peak-season overflow freedom camping sites in specific areas (including sports parks), when necessary.</p> <p>The Statement of Proposal notes the number of recorded freedom camping vehicles in Whangarei has doubled since the 2017 Freedom Camping Bylaw came into force, and this increase has placed additional pressure on local authority areas shared by multiple recreational users. While the Council may see this is a burden, we believe the outcome is (at least in part) a result of the Council's successful efforts to provide a simple policy framework and promote Whangarei as a friendly holiday destination to motorhomers and other visitors. Whangarei is in a very fortunate and enviable position. Domestic visitors want to visit and explore the district, and will continue to do so provided the Council adopts a permissive bylaw, at time when other districts are becoming more and more anxious about their dwindling visitor numbers.</p>
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Hearing:

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From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 29 Oct 2020 21:17:38 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Conor Pullman - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-26

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Conor Pullman - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-26

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-26

Your details:

Full name:	Conor Pullman
Postal address	1379 Matapouri Road Sandy Bay RD3
Daytime phone number:	02102215362
Email address:	cpullman434@gmail.com
I am making this submission:	On behalf of an organisation

Organisation name:	North Coast Boardriders Club
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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>Recently there has been larger numbers of users at Sandy Bay. They are often spilling out into the main carpark.</p> <p>Additionally we have noticed significant vandalism of fences, rubbish dumped behind clubrooms and inappropriate use of the camping areas for loud parties often leaving behind broken glass bottles and fire pits with other dangerous goods. The fire pits are often supplied from wood ripped off the trees around the camping area, which has resulted in the degradation of the planting surrounding the site.</p> <p>The majority of the rubbish appears to be left by campervans who do not want to travel with their smelly food scraps etc so simply dump them along the side of the camping area.</p> <p>We do not support the camping area at Sandy Bay, there has been limited enforcement of people staying multiple nights and no enforcement of campers who have been causing issues.</p> <p>We are severely concerned about campers which have been repeatedly seen washing clothes and dishes in the toilet blocks sink.</p> <p>In short we consider that Sandy Bay is not a suitable location</p>

	<p>for freedom camping. We do consider that non-van vehicles such as buses and full size camper vans with entirely self sustainable facilities would be suitable as these vehicles do tend to respect the site and area more and are typically families and do not have loud parties, create fire pits and leave rubbish piles for other to clean up.</p>
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Hearing:

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From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 17 Nov 2020 02:35:08 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - MR J C GREEN - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-74

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - MR J C GREEN - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-74

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-74

Your details:

Full name:	MR J C GREEN
Postal address	341 Ocean Beach Road Whangarei Heads
Daytime phone number:	0212208896
Email address:	annandjohng@gmail.com
I am making this submission:	On behalf of an organisation

Organisation name:	Ocean Beach Resident's Association
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Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>Draft response to Review of Camping in Public Places Bylaw 2017</p> <p>The Ocean Beach Resident's Association would firstly like to thank the Council for taking note of its concerns about the need to clarify the status of the overflow car parking area at the beach with regard to freedom camping.</p> <p>With regard to the recently published Statement of Proposal the Association would like to make the following points:</p> <p>1. The line on the south-eastern border omits an area of public land, approximately indicated by the blue triangle in the picture below, that people have camped on in the past. We feel that the proposals should cover all of the public land with the marked boundaries being moved to the edge of private property.</p> <p>[Note - I found I was unable to paste the picture into this document, so to over come this, I will also send our submission as an e-mail]</p> <p>2. We have no objection to Council's recommendation to increase (double) the area made available to freedom campers on the provision that within this area 5 marked parking spaces</p>

are identified as this would afford greater privacy for campers and reduce the risk of any fires spreading between vehicles. Maintaining this would require a change in the current signage to specify the number of vehicles permitted rather than limiting it by the parking area. Our concern in this regard stems from the ability of the toilet and shower provisions being able to cope with any increase in pressure (they proved inadequate last summer even at current levels), the demand for existing car parks by day users due to increase popularity of Ocean Beach and Bream Head Scenic Reserve, and the availability of other resources, such as picnic tables, for day visitors.

3. With regard to the toilet and shower provision, which is an integral part of the proposal, we would like the Council to undertake regular monitoring to ensure that it does not pose any risk to users or to the environment. In particular we would like:

- the levels of pathogens in the water supply to be monitored to establish its safety for showering, dishwashing etc., especially in times of drought
- the impact of waste water from the shower and any overflow from the septic system (what is its capacity?) on the adjacent stream to be assessed, especially as freedom campers use soaps, shampoos, detergents in the washing of clothes etc.

4. There is a need for some provision of safe drinking water at Ocean Beach because, as well as day and freedom campers, there are increasing numbers of Te Araroa walkers who have often consumed all their supply on the long walk down the beach and currently have to seek refills from local residents.

5. To erect a 'no camping' sign at the entrance of the overflow

	<p>car park to reduce infringements and arrangements for the unlocking of this area need clarification.</p> <p>6. Changes in regulations will have no effect unless there is adequate policing of them and stated penalties for transgressions are invoked. In the past both have been inadequate and we have received confirmation from Council that complaints were received but that no infringement notices were issued.</p> <p>7. We would ask that Council lists of all camping options, including private camping facilities, on the Council website and other promotional material, so that visitors are aware of all the possibilities.</p> <p>8. There is a need to provide a user pays, reasonably priced, properly staffed and resourced small camping facility in the Whangarei Heads area and would ask Council and the DOC to investigate all the available options in consultation with community.</p>
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Hearing:

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From: Ann and John Green
Sent: 17 Nov 2020 15:49:26 +1300
To: Mail Room
Cc: Melissa Arseneault; Lew Hart
Subject: Submission on Review of camping in public places byelaw 2017
Attachments: Submitted response to review.docx

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I have just uploaded the response of the Ocean Beach Resident's Association via the online form (receipt number 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-74), but this did not permit me to upload images. I have therefore attached the text complete with photograph, so you may include this with our submission.

Kindest regards

John Green
Secretary/Treasurer Ocean Beach Resident's Association

The response of the Ocean Beach Resident's Association to the Review of Camping in Public Places Bylaw 2017

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2. We have no objection to Council's recommendation to increase (double) the area made available to freedom campers on the provision that within this area 5 marked parking spaces are identified as this would afford greater privacy for campers and reduce the risk of any fires spreading between vehicles. Maintaining this would require a change in the current signage to specify the number of vehicles permitted rather than limiting it by the parking area. Our concern in this regard stems from the ability of the toilet and shower provisions being able to cope with any increase in pressure (they proved inadequate last summer even at current levels), the demand for existing car parks by day users due to increase popularity of Ocean Beach and Bream Head Scenic Reserve, and the availability of other resources, such as picnic tables, for day visitors.

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From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 24 Nov 2020 20:40:45 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Dene O'Loughlin - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-154

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Dene O'Loughlin - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-154

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-154

Your details:

Full name:	Dene O'Loughlin
Postal address	14 Morton Road RD4 Katikati
Daytime phone number:	0274745854
Email address:	mstl@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:	General comment on enforcement and numbers. My belief is that excessive numbers of freedom campers cause community dissatisfaction and also angst over ratepayers subsidising it. I would like to see donation boxes, or a system similar to Gisborne's system where freedom campers pay for their camping. This should be set at a level that reimburses Council for freedom camping costs. I am not against seasonal restrictions for peak periods.

Hearing:

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From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 24 Nov 2020 09:18:16 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Maree O'Neill - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-134

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Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-134

Your details:

Full name:	Maree O'Neill
Postal address	34 Rawalpindi St Mt Albert Auckland 1025
Daytime phone number:	0211752955
Email address:	maree.oneill@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:	General comment

Hearing:

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From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 24 Nov 2020 09:38:22 +0000
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Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-136

Your details:

Full name:	Maree O'Neill
Postal address	34 Rawalpindi St Mt Albert Auckland 1025
Daytime phone number:	0211752955
Email address:	maree.oneill@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>As a New Zealander who enjoys campervanning I am disheartened by the added restrictions of freedom camping. Whangarei District is the most progressive in these regards and it would be a shame for this to disappear under tighter restrictions and become as undesirable as their neighbours. I am all for tighter enforcement on actual self containment in a campervan. Most of the rental vans are not self contained. I would rather see enforcement officers checking actual self containment and fining those in breach. A "self contained" sticker should not be used as the benchmark as this is widely abused. A van does not equal self contained.</p> <p>Issues with campers dumping chemical waste in toilets - a more widespread distribution of dump stations would significantly reduce this. Most campers want to do the right thing - but if you dont provide the facilities, even remotely handy then dumping behaviour will continue.</p> <p>Rubbish is an issue - your trucks pick up waste on their route - why you couldn't have rubbish bins at beaches which are collected is bizarre to me. People generally use rubbish bins if they are provided - however often they are not. So beach goers dump their rubbish and freedom campers are blamed.</p> <p>Rather than restricting popular beaches why dont you enforce</p>

	<p>self containment only - they don't use council facilities because they have their own.</p> <p>When campervanning I go out for dinner, support local dairies, attractions and supermarkets- I spend money in the area. Take away freedom camping spots and that money goes away and so does my desire to support Whanagrei District.</p> <p>Be smarter about enforcement rather than restriction.</p>
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Hearing:

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From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 26 Nov 2020 10:19:44 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Deane and Louise Orford - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-196

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Deane and Louise Orford - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-196

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-196

Your details:

Full name:	Deane and Louise Orford
Postal address	PO Box 4324
Daytime phone number:	0273617612
Email address:	glodog@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>Schedule 1 - McAuslin Rd, Matapouri SUPPORT ban in this area.</p> <p>Schedule 3 - Kowharewa Bay SUPPORT ban in this area over the peak. DO NOT SUPPORT allowing non self-contained camping in a family picnic and beach area.</p> <p>Schedule 3 - Matapouri Wehiwehi Rd carpark SUPPORT ban in this area over the peak. DO NOT SUPPORT allowing non self-contained camping in a carpark frequented by families.</p> <p>Schedule 3 - Ngunguru library The proposal sounds great on paper - but why do I see tents there at least twice a week - an area where no tenting is allowed???</p> <p>Proposals are meaningless without enforcement.</p> <p>Schedule 3 - Whangaumu Bay - main reserve SUPPORT ban in this area over the peak. DO NOT SUPPORT allowing ANY non self-contained camping in this beautiful bay. One of the most beautiful bays in Northland, and I have to look at freedom campers washing their underwear in basins on the public picnic tables, then hanging up them on a line tied to their car. Wow, what a fantastic look for clean green New Zealand - congratulations WDC on an</p>

	<p>outstanding piece of bylaw.</p> <p>Schedule 4 - Sandy Bay Toilet block carpark SUPPORT ban in this area over the peak. DO NOT SUPPORT any sort of non self-contained camping in this small bay with restricted access and parking. Also think the map should be extended to the whole of the Sandy Bay carpark. Currently vans who are "self-contained" park on the bitumen and say they can stay there for 3 days because the carpark is not on a map. Is this what WDC intended? If so, how is this justified? One of the busiest carparks on the coast ALL YEAR ROUND open up for 3 day stays??? Do not agree.</p> <p>Schedule 4 - Woolley's Bay western carpark SUPPORT ban in this area over the peak. DO NOT SUPPORT any sort of non self-contained camping in this area at any time. It is amazing how defiled and disgusting this beautiful bay has become since the introduction of freedom camping. Now I can walk over the disintegrating steps over the sand dunes (overuse has wrecked the steps in a very short time) and step carefully to avoid the used sanitary pads and tampons. You have to wait to get into the toilet block in the evening - it is full of campers doing their dishes and laundry. You can watch campers emerge from their tents and wander around the carpark in their underwear - wonderful, just what you want in a public carpark when you are taking your children to the beach. Clean green New Zealand - yeah, right...</p>
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28 October-27 November 2020

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Please enter your details below

First name(s): Deane, Brian

Last name: O'Ford

Postal address: P.O. Box 4324
Kamo 0141 Whangarei

Best daytime phone number: (09) 4595666

Mobile: _____

Email: glo dog @ xtra . Co . NZ

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

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Camping in Public Places Bylaw
Whangārei District Council
Private Bag 9023
Whangārei 0148

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*I support the bans in various areas over the peak times.
However this needs to be enforced.*

*Q. How does 1 Amalgamated, security person move on 15
illegally parked camping vehicles at 2200 hrs? How do they
deliver enforcement?*

*Some campers have been coming to these spots for 3 yrs. "it where
we go" - where do they move onto when told to move?*

*Re Health and Safety.. The council's idea of allowing freedom
camping anywhere there is a public toilet is suspect. Washing
potatoes & carrots and washing dishes in the hand basin of a
public toilet is simply unhygienic and a danger to public health.*

*As a rate payer & resident I disagree with any proposal to
encourage camping in public car parks by providing more
facilities. It is not council core business or rate payers
role to fund the tourism industry at the expense of
our wallets or the environment.*

Feel free to add additional pages if required.

From: Tony Horton
Sent: 26 Nov 2020 20:38:50 +0000
To: Mail Room
Cc: Vita Strohush
Subject: FW: Personal Submission Freedom Camping Bylaw

Another submission for the Camping in Public Places Bylaw

Nga mihi
Tony Horton

From: bob da builder <A1HSgroup@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, 27 November 2020 9:22 AM
To: Tony Horton <tony.horton@wdc.govt.nz>
Subject: Personal Submission Freedom Camping Bylaw

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the future of Councils Freedom Camping Bylaw.

As a mobility impaired person without Freedom camping i could never afford to go on Holiday (My disability benefit is less than \$300 pw).

I own a sliding door van which was brought as a Mobility support vehicle due to issues around Chronic Fatigue often requiring me to rest for hours while travelling.

As an ex Line haul Truck driver I prefer driving by night, which avoids hold ups and makes for smoother, less fatigued travel, so can often be mistaken for a Freedom Camper if I stop for a fatigue rest - these are hours longer than the 20-30-minute rests recommended by NZTA. I can not predict when fatigue will require me to pull over and rest either.

It is not Government legislation that creates an issue for me - IMO the legislation is actually really great - the issue comes about because of non-compliant Council Bylaws.

If I was still trucking, I would be a freedom Camper while sleeping in my truck sleeper cab (non-fatigue breaks), if i was cycle touring as i did in my younger years complying with unlawful Council Bylaws like self-containment certification would be impossible but still defined as a freedom camper in legislation! Likewise, for many like cycle tourists, and others attending on a specific site at night is near impossible - again a non-compliant issue created by Councils.

When I do camp, I prefer tent camping at times when I need to use a wheelchair, due to issues of access to tents - easy, compared to access to RV's which often requires the assistance of others - both in actual access and also to bring wheelchair into RV at night.

Requiring help from others means losing my independence - a right I expect, even as a disabled person, to be upheld. More than just an expectation, it is part of the International Treaty on Disabled Rights to which New Zealand is a signatory.

I am always happy to comply with reasonable compliant requests by Councils, however neither myself (nor several hundred thousand outdoor users who camp without RV's) are likely to comply with non-compliant Council bylaws. The right to camp and remain on public land is a traditional right and one which many are happy to have upheld in a Court of Law.

Yours sincerely
Bob Osborne

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From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 18 Nov 2020 18:48:11 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Terry O'Shea - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-78

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Terry O'Shea - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-78

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-78

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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>Over the past three years, I have observed that the subject of freedom camping has become an issue for the ratepayers and public. It has been impose on ratepayers with very little thought by the government and councillors. It is an increasing problem for small beach side reserves where we have observed the campers desecrating and disposing their rubbish were ever they feel like. I am sick and tired of picking up these disgusting items, to keep our beautiful beaches clean. Freedom camping in Whananaki North, we witness people showering, spitting oral waste, washing dishes and emptying their waste into the estuary and grass and not to mention the nudity. The toilet is overloaded and smells and washing is strung around the trees. The locals and day trippers are missing out from using this area and it is about time the councillors listen to the public and address this problem immediately. Whananaki should not be a freedom camping destination as there are plenty of places within Whananaki they can stay. If the council is opening the sports grounds for freedom camping, Whananaki should banned from freedom camping over the peak seasons, if not permanently.</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: 11 Nov 2020 18:16:22 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Wendy O'Shea - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-43

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Wendy O'Shea - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-43

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-43

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Organisation name:	

Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>Whananaki is a very popular destination for the public due to its beautiful beaches and peaceful settings.</p> <p>Over the Xmas period, approximately 6 thousand people plus flock to Whananaki as a holiday destination and the facilities within the area are overloaded. The council has designated a section of reserve on the estuary as freedom camping beside the public toilets and these toilets are overloaded and cannot cope due to the volume of people using them. The smell of sewage around these toilets and in the estuary is not acceptable, therefore the council should be banning freedom camping in Whananaki or banning freedom camping within Whananaki over the peak season as implemented in Sandy Bay, Woolleys Bay as stated in the council Brochure. The council is opening sports fields for freedom campers over the peak season, so Whananaki should only be a day trip destination for freedom 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
Sent: 19 Nov 2020 05:23:09 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Nick Padfield - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-92

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Nick Padfield - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-92

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-92

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Organisation name:	

Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	There should be no freedom camping allowed by any vehicle which is not certified as self contained with waste tanks and toilets onboard.

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 18:27:14 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Joan Patterson - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-140

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Joan Patterson - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-140

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-140

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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 responsible freedom campers.</p> <p>We own a \$200,000 fully self contained motorhome.</p> <p>It even has a washing machine!</p> <p>So far this year we have spent approx 70 days freedom camping.</p> <p>We tow our small vehicle behind us so that we can visit towns and cities and tourist attractions.</p> <p>We spend money at average priced restaurants. Buy groceries, visiting tourist attractions. Having a beer or wine at local pubs. Shopping for clothes or nik naks for the house.</p> <p>We own a home in Carterton and pay \$5,000 rates. My partner is self employed and pays GST, ACC and tax.</p> <p>We think that as we are responsible, we should be allowed to freedom camp. We also bring money into the places that we stay.</p> <p>What Councils need to do is totally ban campers who are not fully self contained.</p> <p>Council staff need to check that parked up vehicles are certified self contained by asking for the proper paperwork from campers.</p> <p>A lot of smaller vehicles print off the blue self containment sticker off the internet. Council officers should not go by this alone.</p> <p>The Government needs to stop rental companies hiring out those little people mover type vans as they don't have proper facilities.</p>

	The Government also needs to approach websites like Trademe to halt the selling of vans that are not fully certified self contained.
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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: 27 Nov 2020 03:16:50 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Juliane Chetham - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-209

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Juliane Chetham - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-209

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-209

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I am making this submission:	On behalf of an organisation
Organisation name:	Patuharakeke Trust Board

Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>We do not support Freedom Camping in our rohe for the following reasons;</p> <p>We have three great campgrounds in Bream Bay so there is really no need to provide freedom camping options. The Council cannot deny freedom camping to protect a commercial operation but our three campgrounds are all on Department of Conservation land and administered primarily by volunteers who are elected by the community, in the cases of the Waipu and Ruakaka campgrounds, and the Department of Conservation at Uretiti.</p> <p>We note that freedom camping will not be allowed at Otamure Bay because there is a DOC camp nearby. This should be the same at Ruakaka/Uretiti. Very significant ecological values at the Ruakaka Wildlife Refuge and our mātaimai area at Ruakaka are being impacted by faeces, rubbish dumping and dogs which are often accompanying these freedom campers. The tiny toilet block at Ruakaka Beach is inadequate to cater for campers and particularly during the busy over summer months.</p> <p>Waipu Caves is a wāhi tapu area and is identified as a site of significance in the map overlays we have provided to Whangarei District Council. We are aware of large groups of young people from Auckland using the freedom camping area as a weekend long party venue and in April 2019 a ute slipped down the bank into the river as its owner, one of the party's</p>

	organisers, was trying to get a big speaker box set up alongside the river.
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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 01:27:43 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Peter - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-164

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Peter - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-164

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-164

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>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>

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

	<p>camp. According to the Freedom Camping Act 2011 it means to camp in 1 or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A tent or other temporary structure b. A caravan. c. A car, campervan, housetruck, or other motor vehicle. <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Human Rights Act 1993 describes</p> <p>Victimisation</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>Non-discrimination and minority rights.</p> <p>Freedom from Discrimination</p> <p>(1) Everyone has the right to freedom from discrimination on the grounds of discrimination in the Human Rights Act 1993.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>To determine whether a bylaw made under this Freedom camping Act is appropriate</p> <p>(1) A local authority must, before commencing the process for making a bylaw, determine whether a bylaw is the most</p>
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	<p>appropriate way of addressing the 'perceived problem.'</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(a) is the most appropriate form of bylaw; and</p> <p>(b) gives rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.</p> <p>(3) No bylaw may be made which is inconsistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>It is NOT proportionate in that it favours one group over another. The have's and the have-not's.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Lets look at what the intention of what an ACT is in this country. An Act in New Zealand is designed to;</p>
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(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

	<p>skates.</p> <p>In the Freedom Camping Act 2011 it states bylaws must not absolutely prohibit freedom camping</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(2) This section is for the avoidance of doubt.</p> <p>To make a Freedom Camping Bylaw</p> <p>(1) A local authority may make bylaws by;</p> <p>(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:</p> <p>(b) defining the local authority areas in its district or region where freedom camping is prohibited.</p> <p>(2) A local authority may make a bylaw under subsection (1) only if it is satisfied that</p> <p>(a) the bylaw is necessary for 1 or more of the following purposes:</p> <p>(i) to protect the area:</p> <p>(ii) to protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area:</p> <p>(iii) to protect access to the area; and</p> <p>(b) the bylaw is the most appropriate and proportionate way of addressing the perceived problem in relation to that area; and</p> <p>(c) the bylaw is not inconsistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(a) making a bylaw under this section; or</p> <p>(b) amending a bylaw made under this section; or</p> <p>(c) revoking a bylaw made under this section.</p>
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(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

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Hearing:

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From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 24 Nov 2020 20:03:01 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Ken Peters - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-152

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Ken Peters - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-152

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-152

Your details:

Full name:	Ken Peters
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Daytime phone number:	+6421890960
Email address:	kjpeters@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:	We are freedom campers, fully self contained and travel with a dog. We have travelled through your district and the most positive interaction we had was with your warden who visited us at Wellingtons Bay. He was extremely helpful and an asset to the community. His advice as to where we could stay and local things to see was great. A positive interaction with council rather than the attitude "you cant do that or I will fine you". I also see in the media "The Locals" don't like freedom campers. They forget they don't have the sole right to our beaches.

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 19:42:55 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Kevin Piper - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-108

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Kevin Piper - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-108

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-108

Your details:

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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:	Freedom camping should be restricted to Town. Keep the beaches clear for the ratepayers to use. I see no reason why my rates should be used to subsidise free holidays for people that can use campgrounds and thus contribute to the local economy

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 23:02:10 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Sheetal Prasad - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-127

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Sheetal Prasad - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-127

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-127

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>My name is Sheetal Prasad and I am part of the Whangarei vehicle dwellers. I support the follow letter from Jimi Hart.</p> <p>Submission Letter On The Proposed New Freedom Camping Bylaw</p> <p>Your Worship, Mayor Sheryl Mai and Councillors</p> <p>Whangarei District Council has now proposed it's third, in a row, illegal Freedom Camping Bylaw. How do you feel about that?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>We, your Whangarei Vehicle Dwelling Community, ask that this new proposal is revoked, at once. No-one, should be managed under illegal laws. Ever!</p> <p>Being 'self contained' means simply 'having everything you need'. It's about owning responsibility. But the certification</p>

	<p>process has been used for political gain through a nationwide takeover of public lands by a private camping organisation..</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The 'legal shambles' has come about, because this Council</p>
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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 the 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's 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

	<p>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</p> <p>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:'</p> <p>'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.'</p> <p>It was such a delight for me, to find this little add-on...</p> <p>...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."</p> <p>'May be defined'?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Here's why;</p> <p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A tent or other temporary structure A caravan. A car, campervan, housetruck, or other motor vehicle.
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	<p>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.</p> <p>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 it 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.</p> <p>The Human Rights act 1993 describes</p> <p>Victimisation</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>Non-discrimination and minority rights.</p> <p>Freedom from discrimination</p> <p>(1) Everyone has the right to freedom from discrimination on the grounds of discrimination in the Human Rights Act 1993.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>To determine whether a bylaw made under this Freedom camping Act is appropriate</p> <p>(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.'</p> <p>(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;</p>
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	<p>(a) is the most appropriate form of bylaw; and</p> <p>(b) gives rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.</p> <p>(3) No bylaw may be made which is inconsistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>It is NOT proportionate in that it favours one group over another. The have's and the have-not's.</p> <p>It is NOT consistent with the Bill of Rights because it discriminates against 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Lets look at what the intention of what an ACT is in this country. An Act in New Zealand is designed to;</p> <p>(a) affirm, protect, and promote human rights and fundamental freedoms in New Zealand; and</p> <p>(b) to affirm New Zealand's commitment to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights</p> <p>In the New Zealand sixth periodic report under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights it discusses Inequality.</p>
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	<p>'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'.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The eco-hypocrisy of CSC is incredible. I know many people with a CSC sticker who never use their own toilet. I have met literally met 100's who have the sticker, but no toilet. Some have dogs on board....which we must presume still shit 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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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	<p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>
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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 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 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.

	<p>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.</p> <p>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?</p> <p>It states that a vehicle is-</p> <p>(a) A contrivance equipped with wheels, tracks, or revolving runners on which it moves or is moved; and</p> <p>(b) includes a hovercraft, a skateboard, in-line skates, and roller skates.</p> <p>In the Freedom Camping Act 2011 it states bylaws must not absolutely prohibit freedom camping</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(2) This section is for the avoidance of doubt.</p> <p>To make a Freedom Camping Bylaw</p> <p>(1) A local authority may make bylaws by;</p> <p>(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:</p> <p>(b) defining the local authority areas in its district or region where freedom camping is prohibited.</p> <p>(2) A local authority may make a bylaw under subsection (1) only if it is satisfied that</p> <p>(a) the bylaw is necessary for 1 or more of the following purposes:</p> <p>(i) to protect the area:</p> <p>(ii) to protect the health and safety of people who may visit the</p>
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	<p>area:</p> <p>(iii) to protect access to the area; and</p> <p>(b) the bylaw is the most appropriate and proportionate way of addressing the perceived problem in relation to that area; and</p> <p>(c) the bylaw is not inconsistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(a) making a bylaw under this section; or</p> <p>(b) amending a bylaw made under this section; or</p> <p>(c) revoking a bylaw made under this section.</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(a) an existing right, interest, title, immunity, or duty of any person to whom the bylaw applies;</p> <p>(b) an existing status or capacity of any person to whom the bylaw applies.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Councils sought to have a mechanism to deal with the worst offending freedom campers, and that's when the government</p>
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	<p>introduced the Freedom Camping Act 2011.</p> <p>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"</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The NZMCA are responsible for building a fence to protect themselves against a growing tourism industry, not a bridge toward it.</p> <p>What a shambles alright! The CSC standard is not in law anywhere else in the world. And it hasn't worked here.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p>
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	<p>Rights.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>What a great opportunity we all have to correct this injustice once and for all.</p> <p>Yours truly</p> <p>Jimi Hart</p>
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Hearing:

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From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 28 Oct 2020 07:59:56 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Helen price - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-8

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Helen price - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-8

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-8

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Organisation name:	

Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	I love that we can camp in multiple places in our van. I'd be sad to see this stopped.

Hearing:

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From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 26 Nov 2020 09:40:04 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Pauline Pullman - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-195

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Pauline Pullman - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-195

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-195

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Organisation name:	

Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>Schedule 1; Prohibited Areas Page 5.....I endorse the addition of McAuslin Road</p> <p>Schedule 4; Restricted Areas for all camping Page 6..... I endorse Sandy Bay and especially the seasonal restriction</p> <p>I would like to see adequate promotion for the alternative/overflow areas, is Percy's landing/jetty (near Scow Landing) to be used for overnight camping?</p> <p>It would be great to know that people will in fact be fined and not just given a warning</p> <p>Can there be clarification on overnight parking/campng at the main beachfront carparks at Sandy Bay?</p>

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

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Sandy Bay - The 2 front beach carparks have signs up prohibiting campervans from staying overnight. Often around dinner time 1 or 2 campervans park up and other other campervans take this as a signal its OK to park there overnight. The result is the 2 carparks are often full with overnight campervans. In the morning when the surfers arrive there is very little parking. They are forced to park on the road in dangerous situations. To prevent this we would like the Council to send out a ticketing officer between the hours of 7-9pm. When Council parking signs are ignored people expect to get tickets - it should be no different ~~when~~ ~~from~~ when in this case when people ignore clearly marked signs saying no freedom camping in these 2 carparks. Perhaps the signs could be made explicit and state freedom camping in these areas will result in an instant fine and prosecution. The fines would pay for the Council inspection costs. attached are photos of overnight freedom campers using the 2 beach front carparks at Sandy Bay.

Feel free to add additional pages if required.

Fines could be a good source of revenue for the Council as the campervan companies are liable for the fines and it is up to them to get it off the hirers.





From: Trevor Purkis
Sent: 26 Nov 2020 08:40:12 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: FW: Camping in Public Places Bylaw
Attachments: CarparkCouncilSubmission.pdf, Campervans.jpg, Campervan2.jpg

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Hi

Attached is our submission and photos re Sandy Bay beach front carpark

Regards

Trevor Purkis

M: 021 920 617

A: 10 Melford St, St Marys Bay, Auckland 1011

From: Xclear netnz
Sent: 26 Nov 2020 11:36:56 +1300
To: Mail Room
Subject: Camping in Public Places

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First of all let me congratulate your staff on writing a clear and well presented article about freedom camping proposals.

My submission consists of general observations about freedom camping then a specific comment about your proposed bylaw as I perceive it.

General observations.

A

I fear that your review of the bylaw will be tainted by the comments of Mr Nash , the tourism minister.

His comments about freedom campers are both wrong and divisive. Many people in the tourism industry were quick to deride his uneducated comments. By playing to the baying crowds (so to speak) it is easy to miss the facts.

Suggesting that only non CSC campers are causing all the problems is, to use modern parlance, fake news. During 2020 with an absence of overseas visitors, there were many instances of locals causing problems that in the past have been pinned on freedom campers. We finally had proof that they were not the biggest cause of the problems.

He also suggested that non csc campers cause an unfair burden on local ratepayers, when in fact the great bulk of active freedom campers are in CSC vehicles. Whenever it is possible to use a local toilet block instead of their own in vehicle toilet, most choose to do so.

I believe your comment "" Self-containment means campers would not create added pressure on the public toilet capacity. "" needs to be reconsidered in light of real world actions. They also dump their rubbish in your local rubbish bins, and cause congestion. Your own analysis of several CSC only sites proves this. Quote "" The Water and Drainage department has advised there have been instances of motorhome users dumping effluent into public toilets.""

B

Some councils have chosen to ban normal vehicles and restrict freedom camping to CSC only vehicles.

This has the effect of limiting freedom camping to richer (well off) people. Most CSC vehicles are second vehicles, dedicated to camping. Poor people cannot afford to have a csc vehicle sitting idle for months at a time.

An unfortunate side effect of such a policy is unintentional racism. Given that Maori people make up a disproportionate percentage of poor people, banning normal vehicles will ban a large number of Maori, from Freedom Camping. As it is at the moment, it is mostly older white people who own csc vehicles.

So I would like to congratulate the WDC for being a council that has chosen to allow all types of freedom camping as defined by the Act. Your proposed by law wants to continue this and allow poorer people the chance to benefit from freedom camping.

Specific comments on bylaw.

Your proposed limit of 1 day per stay is an ideal way to ration out available spots, and to protect local access to the area. You do need to be aware that you will come under pressure to change this to allow CSC vehicles to stay for 3 days , based on the argument that they are certified to contain waste for 3 days.

However, your limit of a 1 day stay is based on providing access to the area, not based on protecting the area. Access is only guaranteed by limiting stays to one day.

I am a cycle tourist, and I have in the past ridden through your area. I did not do any freedom camping as the areas available for using a tent were not where I wanted to travel. However I do believe that continue tent use in a few areas is a sensible idea,

But.

There is a huge flaw in Clause 6 of you proposed bylaw. for example ..

All camping activities must comply with the following conditions:

a) vehicles must park within existing marked parking spaces or within identified parking areas, whichever is present. **Where marked parking spaces are present, only one vehicle per marked space is allowed**

As a cyclist I am not going to park my bicycle away from my tent.

I believe this flaw can easily be rectified by replacing the word **vehicles** with **motor vehicles**, so that bicycles can be left beside a tent. Or adding a specific mention of bicycles.

I also like the idea that you define the areas where a tent should be put up to avoid confusion, and to make it safer for tent users. It is no fun at all putting up your tent and wondering if, in the middle of the night, a car will drive into you. It is a wise safety improvement.

I also noted this comment "" but Council is considering providing consent under the Reserves Act for limited tenting in the area by Te Araroa Trail walkers. ""

Fantastic.

An ideal solution for a tiny minority who have little or no impact on the local infrastructure. They create no pollution. They contribute nothing to global warming..

I do hope that one day I will be able to return to your district and make use of the freedom camping areas for tents.

I do not wish to speak to this proposal.

Many thanks
Don Putan

From: Nina Quan
Sent: 19 Nov 2020 14:21:15 +1300
To: Vita Strohush
Subject: Re: clarification on our submission to WDC

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Hi Vita,

Yes it is. I live across the river and have witnessed freedom campers doing their toilet business in the river. They park in the carpark right under the trees, and there are always rubbish.

Another place I've seen and have picked up toilet papers is the sand dunes at Uretiti beach (Tip Rd). Several times we've not been able to park at the beach carpark because it's full of freedom campers. Last year, we volunteered to clean up the beach and within half an hour picked up 2 bags of rubbish and a lot of it was toilet paper.

Thanks
NINA

On 19/11/2020, at 1:40 PM, Vita Strohush <vita.strohush@wdc.govt.nz> wrote:

Dear Nina,

Thank you for sending in your submission on the proposed amended Camping in Public Places Bylaw.

You refer to the Waihoihoi Park – can you please clarify whether this is the same area I identified on the map below?

<image001.png>

Kind regards,

Vita Strohush

Strategic Planner (Bylaws) | Strategy Department

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From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 13 Nov 2020 20:46:11 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Nina Quan - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-62

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Nina Quan - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-62

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-62

Your details:

Full name:	Nina Quan
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Daytime phone number:	223941184
Email address:	quan.nina@yahoo.com.au
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 propose freedom camping be banned as it does not add value to our community. But if it has to exist, I propose camping areas must NOT be along waterways or beaches, specifically Waihoihoi park, uretiti beach. They should be limited to areas with public toilets and areas that are in full view of the public to stop people doing their toilet business on the river bank and sand dunes.

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 09:35:41 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Gareth Redington - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-174

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Gareth Redington - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-174

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-174

Your details:

Full name:	Gareth Redington
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Daytime phone number:	0272548602
Email address:	garethredington@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:	Camping in vehicles and tents should be permitted in on any public land, more 24hr public toilets, rubbish bins and harsher penalties for litter bugs or public dedication should be the focus.

Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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From: Phillipa Reed
Sent: 22 Nov 2020 23:04:52 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: Submission Form - Proposed amendments to the camping in Public Places Bylaw
Attachments: Submission form WDC camping bylaw - completed.pdf

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Please find attached my completed Submission form for the Proposed amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw.

I would also like to bring to your attention that the vehicle campers regularly have a sticker to say that they are self contained. They have this because they have a camping toilet cassette which they don't use. This is only to qualify them as self contained, which they are not.

Therefore, it would be appropriate to pursue having a **complete camping prohibition** at Helena Bay, including any vehicles self contained included.

This is also for the points indicated on the submission forms.

Health and Safety

- Defecating, urinating and toilet paper in area
- Build up of extensive rubbish and litter
- Small unlevel parking area
- Narrow gravel road

Security

- Campers often roam around private property

Protection of Wildlife

- Regular disturbance to nesting birds. Dotterels nests are regularly destroyed by visitors and campers.

Recommendations

I strongly believe that Helena Bay should be a strictly **Prohibited Camping area**.

- Adequate signage;
 - Informing public that Helena Bay is a Prohibited Camping Area.
 - Directing campers to nearby approved facilities that cater for campers e.g. Oakura
 - Limiting oversize vehicles access to the road and informing them of the difficulties of the small space for turning and parking.

Kind regards

Phillipa Reed
021956691

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: REED

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Best daytime phone number: 021 956691

Mobile: 021 956691

Email: phillipa-reed@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.

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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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
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Whangārei 0148



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or email us: mailroom@wdc.govt.nz

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- 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.
- 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.

HELENA BAY

This submission is in support of making Helena Bay a PROHIBITED Freedom Camping area in relation to the following points.

- HEALTH & SAFETY CONCERNS: * Freedom Campers defecating in bushes, long grass and foreshore where children play. * Small unlevel parking area and narrow gravel road, which makes it difficult for vehicles to manoeuvre - Also increasing risks to the safety of children playing in the area. * Build up of extensive rubbish and litter. * No water facilities.
- GENERAL CONCERNS: * Security of property as campers often roam around our private property. * Protection of wildlife (Dottorels) e.g. regular disturbance to nesting birds from campers and visitors.
- RECOMMENDATIONS: ADEQUATE SIGNAGE
 - * Informing public that Helena Bay is a Prohibited Camping Area.
 - * Directing campers to nearby approved facilities that cater for campers e.g. Oakura
 - * Limiting oversize vehicles access to the road and informing them of the difficulties of the small space for turning and parking.

Feel free to add additional pages if required.

From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 22 Nov 2020 20:08:47 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - CYNTHIA REMACHA - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-123

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - CYNTHIA REMACHA - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-123

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-123

Your details:

Full name:	CYNTHIA REMACHA
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Email address:	cynthia@targettravel.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>I do not have the heading and page number available.</p> <p>As a resident of Settlers View, on the Waihoihoi River where a walkway is proposed along the council reserve and esplanade strip in from of our houses, I ask on behalf of us all that FREEDOM CAMPING BE PROHIBITED along this area.</p> <p>There is no suitable access and the river bank, current planting and native bird life could be seriously endangered if campers are allowed. Considerable funds (mostly donated by your council)and energy are being put into implementation of this walkway for the good of all residents and visitors and we do not want to see this wasted.</p>

Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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From: Tony Horton
Sent: 26 Nov 2020 05:09:00 +0000
To: Mail Room
Cc: Vita Strohush
Subject: Fwd: Freedom Camping - Important information for Council for this Summer.
Attachments: NZS final Conclusion.pdf, Whangarei District Council submissions.pdf

Can the following be registered as submissions to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw review

Tony

From: Responsible campers <responsiblecampersassoc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 26, 2020 5:07:56 PM
To: Tony Horton <tony.horton@wdc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Freedom Camping - Important information for Council for this Summer.

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Good Afternoon Tony.

As requested, we attach 2 files making up our submissions on Councils Freedom Camping Policy / Bylaws.

Happy to speak to these via zoom if a mutually suitable time can be arranged.

Yours sincerely
Bob Osborne
Secretary
Responsible Campers Association Inc

(#2 attachments - unrestricted).

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On Wednesday, 18 November 2020, 02:06:40 pm NZDT, Tony Horton <tony.horton@wdc.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora,

*Thank you for getting in touch about our Camping in Public Places Bylaw. Whangarei District Council is currently undertaking public consultation on the proposed amendment of the bylaw. The consultation documents provided on our website provide information about the bylaw, the proposed amendments and the context for these amendments. The closing date for consultation is **Friday 27 November 2020**. Please refer to the consultation page for full details: <https://beta.wdc.govt.nz/Community/Have-your-say/Camping-in-Public-Places-Bylaw>*

With regards to your question about self-containment, we cannot address this at the moment outside of the formal consultation process. The best option at this time would be for you to make a formal submission on the bylaw so it can be considered by the Elected Members during deliberations. To complete the submission online please follow the link to the online form: <https://beta.wdc.govt.nz/files/assets/public/documents/community/have-your-say/camping-bylaw-2020/submission-form-camping-in-public-places-bylaw-2020-review.pdf>

If you have any other concerns in relation to freedom camping please ensure you include them in the formal submission. Anything that is not submitted through the formal consultation process we will not be able to take into consideration.

Kind regards

Tony Horton

Manager - Strategy | Strategy Department

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From: Responsible campers <responsiblecampersassoc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, 16 November 2020 9:11 AM
Subject: Freedom Camping - Important information for Council for this Summer.

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Please forward the attached important information to your Legal Department, and your Reserves Dept (or other) that deals with Freedom Camping.

Thanking You

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Understanding NZS;5465
(Self Containment for Motor-Caravans and Caravans)
Just what did we learn through it all?

Responsible Campers Association Inc, as part of its advocacy for fairer Camping rules for all responsible campers, embarked on a number of actions this year (2020).

These actions included commissioning a report into the contradictions, misrepresentations, agenda driven, and at times fraudulent nature of some representations of the NZStandard. To be clear, a party that gives any other party the impression that NZStandard;5465, has any legal status while knowing that is not true, commits fraud by omission / misrepresentation. This includes the promoters of the NZStandard lobbying Councils, as well as Council misrepresenting a legal need to meet the requirements of NZS;5465 to Freedom Campers (threats to issue Infringement notices for example) or written into Council Bylaws.

It is noted that only a very small minority group of Freedom campers as defined in the Freedom Camping Act can comply with the requirements of NZS;5465 ,(those in Motor-Caravans and Caravans - RV's) while more often than not, those that attempt to use the NZStandard as a restriction on campers enact it against all Campers regardless of mode. By default so doing also prohibits modes of camping that can not comply with NZS;5465, ie traditional camping in tents etc.

In conclusion NZS;5465 is at best suitable for use only at 'club level', it is uncited and therefore voluntary, and unenforceable in law, while also failing to comply with Bill of Rights at several levels.

At a 'club level' these issues are unimportant ie clubs can restrict members in ways that in other cases would breach Bill of Rights. At club level there is no legal requirements, it is just a club rule. Some high level suggestions have been made that the NZS;5465 would have been thrown to the trash in 2011/ 12 had it not been for the fact that a large RV club owned and/or leased a number of properties were as a condition of the resource consents that allow them to operate,(often with hardship exemptions to Camp-Grounds Regulations1985) it is required that campers are Certified Self Contained.

A very simple basic search of NZStandards own website, under the drop down menu 'regulations & standards' finds this statement "A standard is not, of itself, mandatory or legally required. A standard has to be incorporated by reference in an Act or delegated legislation in order to be mandatory. Once referenced, it becomes part of the technical regulation framework." Council Bylaws are neither an Act or Designated legislation.

Basic Timeline.

- 1990 First version NZS;5465 released (This included Boats).
- 2001 NZS;5465 rewritten and boats were removed. (new NZS called NZS;5465:2001)
- 2011 Freedom Camping Act - lobbying by NZMCA to have NZS;5465 included fails.
- 2012 Ministry of Environment (MfE) commissions amendments to allow it to step down as Administrator for the Standard.
- 2017 NZMCA commissions amendments to the NZStandard.
- 2020 Responsible Campers Association Inc (RCAi) writes report outlining ongoing concerns with the Standard, its implication and use by Private Organizations. Report forwarded to Govt Depts, MP's and others.
- 2020 RCAi has Government Departments and other stakeholders remove any suggestion from their web sites that Certified self containment is 'needed' to Freedom Camp. Such statements being misleading and breach of Consumer Law.
- 2020 RCAi publicly exposes NZS;5465 as Uncited, and therefore voluntary and unenforceable in law.

Events of each specific year.

1990 The first version of the NZStandard was released, this was due in part to lobbying by NZMCA and it included self containment provisions for both Motor-Caravans, Caravans and boats.

2001 a review of the NZStandard was undertaken. The essential change in this was to remove boats as the Marine environment was totally different to land with much different requirements (ie dumping at sea). The NZStandard at this time also became more closely aligned with what NZMCA were expecting of its own membership. During the period 1990 - 2012 NZMCA were an authorized "Issuing Authority" and could appoint its own testers under authority of Ministry of Environment.

2011 out of concern of massive increases of tourists in conjunction with the Rugby world cup, the National Government of the day, created the Freedom Camping Act. During the creation of this Act, things got very interesting from a Certified Self Containment point of view. At the time 'Ministry of the Environment' (MfE) were the administrator for the Standard responsible for oversight and approving "Issuing Authorities" and "Testers" - however it was the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association (NZMCA), who, perhaps in defiance of MfE's role, lobbied Government to include the NZStandard for self containment in the new Camping Act. It ultimately failed due in part to being exclusive to a small amount of Campers as would end up defined in the new Act, effectively creating issues of proportionality as required for compliance with Bill of Rights (BORA) and also being unable to be justified in a fair & democratic Society - there being no evidence that Campers in Certified Self Contained RV's were any more responsible than those in modes of Camping unable to be certified under the NZStandard (That is still the case in 2020).

2012 MfE commission changes to the NZStandard to effectively allow that Clubs and other interested groups could appoint themselves as 'Issuing Authorities' and appoint their own testers.

The reasoning for this was so the NZStandard could continue to be used solely at a "Club Level" as the determination that the NZStandard was not compatible with BORA and had therefore failed

to be included in the Freedom Camping Act, meant it was never likely to be able to meet the requirements to be a cited NZStandard and therefore at best, would remain voluntary & unenforceable.

However deletion of the NZStandard was not seen as being practical, as its main supporter NZMCA, had by this time a number of their own properties, which due to Resource Consent conditions made to allow the use of these properties as exempted Camp Grounds, meant that members staying at their properties, had to be Certified Self Contained under the NZStandard.

NOTE The reasons for this change was only to allow the NZStandard to be used at 'club level' not to allow its use in Council bylaws - it still remained non-complaint with BORA etc.

It should also be noted that the last time the Industry Representative, (-"Plumbers, Gas-fitters and Drain-layers Board", it is essentially a plumbing and Drainage related NZStandard) had any involvement with the NZStandard reviews, was before the Freedom Camping Bill passed through Parliament.

In an effect to make what was essentially seen as a "NZMCA standard" by much of the public, creditable - NZMCA themselves commissioned a Draft Council Bylaw that it was promoted Councils could use to limit Freedom Camping only to those meeting the NZStandard. Again this Draft Bylaw failed to consider factors such as compliance with Bill of Rights etc. It should be noted that a number of legal reviews / opinions have been made of that Draft Bylaw - and not one is seen to address the issue directly if the NZStandard complies with BORA.

When NZMCA instigated legal proceeding against Thames Coromandel District Council, NZMCA's legal team focused on the right to movement as the "right" effected by the Councils Bylaws and failed to make any mention of the right to remain on public land, a fact that the presiding Judge himself made mention of in his Judgement.

This draft Bylaw was promoted to Councils for use thru NZMCA's partnership with Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ).

2017 NZMCA, partly due to a public declared hatred of smaller campers and a un-evidenced view that small campers were contributing to Freedom Camping issues due to their toilets not being usable within the Camper vehicle- commissioned a review of the NZStandard. While some tidying up of the NZStandard was completed during this review relating to testers, and adding some more common toilets (composting), the main thrust of the amendments was to make toilets usable within a camper vehicle 'when required'. Due to the inability for the reviewers to understand even what they had worded, this amendment is usually quoted as being that -the toilet must be usable within the camper " at all times". The wording actually used would, if the NZStandard had any legal substance, be void as it requires a tester of the RV's required certification facilities, to actually determine when a camper using the 'certified' form of camper is likely to require the use the toilet therein equipped.

No person - not even a campers GP could establish that fact, which would also require every person that would use that camper in the 4 year lifespan of the certification to be assessed!!

In addition to this absurdity & so called solution, the amendment allows for the use of a toilet tent or awning to house a portable toilet once camping. The NZStandard only applies when actually Camping, as has been confirmed by both Department of Internal affairs and MBIE as over-seer of the NZStandards. Unfortunately whole the use of a toilet tent could be a very practical solution, it is a further requirement that any toilet is first able to be used inside the camper itself.

It was interesting for NZMCA's CEO to state publicly, that part of the justification for this amendment was that he and others were sick of standing in pooh left by Uncertified Self

Contained campers - the truth be known that if they knew who had left said pooh they would have known it was there and not stood in it!

Mad Campers NZ, have micro campers in the form of Nissan Cubes as Certified Self Contained and legal rental single berth campers which are a growing trend overseas. They are greener, more eco-friendly while taking up less parking and road space than the more common counterparts preferred by some RV clubs.

2020 Responsible Campers Association Inc had been involved in the Freedom camping situation for over 3 years. Partly due to becoming a default organization for complaints about the NZStandard (as well as about clubs and other issues) commissioned a Investigative Report into the NZStandard. That report when completed was forwarded to Government Departments including NZStandards, MBIE and Internal Affairs in order to have the concerns raised looked into and investigated. The report also made it way into the hands of media & MP's.

The report instantly raised major concerns within Government Departments with Dept of Internal Affairs (DIA) contacting NZStandards in order to get to the bottom of what was happening. An investigation started almost instantly with DIA at the helm, not addressing the concerns raised but to determine which Government Department had the mandate to investigate the concerns raised. Unfortunately it was to be determined that NO Government Department had the mandate to address the concerns raised in the report - not because they were factious or unwarranted but because NZStandard 5465 is Uncited therefore voluntary and unenforceable. A key element to be cited is to be compliant with BORA & to have a regulatory body overseeing it . Usually an Overseer would be an Industry Representative like Plumbers, Gas-fitters & Drain-layers board or a Government Department, such as MfE has been previously.

Meantime RCAi continues to expose many elements of the voluntary NZStandard that are inconsistent, examples are cooking facilities which by the standards definition are required in a Motor-Caravan but not in a Caravan. The total lack of the requirement for any beds in the Standard (some reclining front seats make excellent beds).

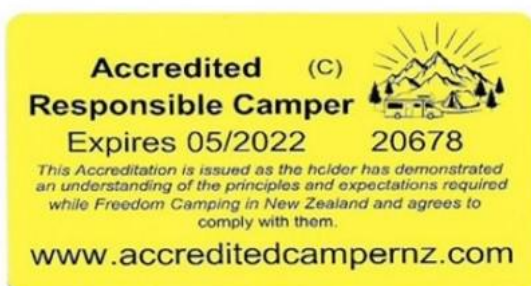
Meantime RCAi establishes without any doubt, that the NZS;5465 is only suppose to have been used at club level since 2011 - which explains why RV Clubs in the 2012 MfE commissioned amendment were given the ability to be the "Issuing Authority" and appoint their own Testers. It also explains why the need for it to comply with 'Bill of Rights'(BORA) etc has not been addressed - clubs may restrict membership in a manner which may in other circumstance may be a breach of BORA ie only allow membership to NZ Residents, while if only RV clubs (the minority of campers as defined by the Freedom Camping Act) enact the NZStandard that in itself goes some way towards addressing the issue of proportionality as required under BORA and the Freedom Camping Act.

Councils do NOT have any ability under the Freedom Camping Act to determine which modes of campers they cater to, nor do they have any ability outside of the provisions of section11 to unreasonably restrict areas where Freedom Camping may occur. In this manner all modes of camping alongside all recreational pursuits are catered for, including those that can not practically attend specific sites overnights.

Whangarei District Council

Freedom Camping Bylaw Review 26th November 2020

*Submission from
Responsible Campers Association Inc*



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Responsible Campers Association Inc (RCAi) would like to thank Council for the opportunity to make submissions on the future of your Freedom Camping Bylaw.

We should also like to congratulate Whangarei District Council for being the first Council in New Zealand to accept and recognize our own Responsible Campers Accreditation program developed in conjunction with stakeholders to provide education and competency tests of that knowledge.

Responsible Campers Association was established in January 2017, out of concern that some Councils were using Freedom camping Bylaws against Homeless people living in cars - a defined method of Freedom Camping in legislation.

From humble beginnings we have grown to become the largest advocacy group for all Freedom Campers in New Zealand.

We have established contacts throughout the industry and have the ear of many stakeholders.

We are in regular communication with over 150 outdoor recreational clubs.

This year, we commissioned reports into the NZS;5465 (Self Containment for Motor-homes & Caravans) leading to an inquiry which has been an eye-opener for many people including Department of Internal Affairs, Ministers and others.

These reports have concluded in a Summary which was completed and send to Councils and Media on 25th November 2020.

Earlier conclusions by Government Departments, and requests by RCAi have resulted in many misleading statements being removed from Government websites

- Certified Self Containment is not now, nor ever been, a legal requirement to freedom camp in New Zealand.

The 'majority' of campers as defined in legislation can not even be certified as self contained - it is only able to be complied with by a minority group in RV's (less than 20% as defined)

RCAI managed Freedom Campers Accreditation program.

Council already recognizes this program and were the first Council to do so.

The program continues to be an outstanding success with 1/4 of City & District Councils informally recognizing it in the first 12 months (By compassion only 1/3 of councils recognize or use CSC after 30 years).

Recently RCAi has held discussions with DOC around the possibility of them using the program- RCAi note they were not involved as a Department in developing the program, though several staff members personally were.

The program is able to be used in Freedom Camping Bylaws as it does not come under the same legislative requirements as a NZStandard. Because the program was developed by Stakeholders for Stakeholders and is inclusive of 'all' freedom Campers, it is legally able to be enforced and does not run into issues around compliance with Bill of Rights.

RCAi continues to be pro-active and is proud of our achievements to date;

- * Having the need for education exposed in our March 2018 report. WDC were the first to use our education as part of their Ambassador program - many have followed. Alongside Ambassador programs, we also now have Tiaki Program and many others.
- * Recommending that NZTA provides toilets alongside State Highways in 'out of town' areas as the roading authorities overseas do,. This removes the potential cost from Local Councils. NZTA as part of the Kaikoura roading rebuild are now doing this, it needs to happen nationwide. It is not just Freedom campers that use such facilities but all traveller (including locals). In fact when the bigger picture is considered Freedom campers as a group are the ones least likely to have to bush pooh..
- * Developed the Freedom Campers Accreditation Program in conjunction with other stakeholders. The program in its first year recitative informal recognition from 1/4 of City & District Councils.
- * Held, and continue to hold, other groups to account.
- * Regularly interviewed by Media including appearances on Prime time TV and live Radio.
- * Aligned with over 150 outdoor recreational groups, that freedom camp as part of those activities.
- * Considered and exposed issues with disabled persons ability to freedom camp, with many preferring tents to RV's for reasons of independence.
- * Sought to clarify issues around self containment certification, the results from were far from expected.
- * Exposed a large number of Consumer issues, including a complaints to Commerce Commission - (assessed as having merit) and others.
- * Had Government websites changed, to remove statements suggesting Campers had to have certified self containment to Freedom Camp. (a number of non Govt sites have now been changed as well).
- * Looking to affiliate with another outdoor recreational group that represents over 500,000 outdoor users, to advocate specifically on issues around Freedom Camping.

RCAi suggests that a basic requirement for campers to be responsible is all that should be required. However if more is required, than evidence that campers personally are aware of the expectations and principles of freedom Camping is not an unreasonable requirement.

Our program would meet that requirement being inclusive for all, and developed by Stakeholders for Stakeholders use.

#Certified Self Containment (NZS;5465:2001)

Whangarei District Council is looking to continue its use of Certified Self Containment (NZS;5465:2001) as a restriction on Freedom Camping.

There is a number of issues with that;

- * The NZS;5465 is uncited, and therefore voluntary and unenforceable in law.
- * It remains non-compliant with Bill of Rights, the same reasons for which inclusion in the Freedom Camping Act was denied in 2011.
- * Attempted use by Councils and threats to issue infringements for failure to comply with a voluntary NZStandard are potentially a breach of Human Rights particularly when Councils are aware of compliance issues and that it is unenforceable.
- * The NZStandard, if it was legally enforceable, would have whole sections (if not the whole NZStandard) thrown out of any Court Proceedings for a number of reasons, ie; *The amended Section 6 requires an assessment of a person toileting habits to establish when a toilet may be required, (the NZStandard does not require the toilet to be “usable at all times” as is often quoted - but “when required”), issues around security of Portable Toilets while travelling, while practical, are outside the scope of the NZStandard as it only applies when camping - as confirmed by MBIE & DIA.*

It has been noted there is no ability to “just remove a non-compliant matter” from the NZStandard, suggesting that any issue of non-compliance would render the whole NZStandard and/or certification void, if NZS;5465 was legally valid.

(For comparison look at Section 17, Bylaws Act 1910).

Also note that the sole focus of NZS;5465 is facilities in a RV, there is no education, which really makes it even more difficult to justify as the most appropriate way to address a perceived problem.

No Council has any ability ever, to undermine / contract out of, any Government legislation and/or an Act of Parliament.

What this simply means, is the Freedom Camping Act defines essentially anyone and everyone as a Freedom Camper by modes used, (Motor-vehicles, tents, bivouacs etc) - Councils can not therefore legally cater only to certain Campers, as happens by default when attempts to use the voluntary NZS;5465 are made, as this then restricts camping only to those that can be certified as self contained ie RV's. Traditional Camping in tents etc are not available under NZS;5465.

There has been, for a number of years, an element of misrepresentation of facts to Councils, while Councils have (perhaps unwittingly) passed said misinformation onto Freedom Campers. The following meaning may be beneficial;

An affirmative misstatement—saying or writing something that is not true—is the most common form of false representation.

But if there is a duty to disclose, silence may also constitute fraud.

A failure to speak is actionable if there is a “suppression of facts which one party is under a legal or equitable obligation to communicate to the other, and which the other party is entitled to have communicated to him. Failure to present all known facts can be fraud particularly when the party failing to make that disclosure will benefit from that failure”

In Summary (CSC).

NZS;5465 is at best only meant for use at “club level” for club members - not on the general public by Councils. It is ‘not fit for this use’ nor able to be legally enforced. Issues of non-compliance with

Bill of Rights etc are mostly irrelevant at 'club level', ie a club can oppose restrictions on membership which in other cases maybe a breach of BORA. Issues about the contradictory nature of the NZStandard becomes a 'club problem' not one for the general public, ie A Motor-Caravan is required to have Cooking Facilities under the Standard - a Caravan is not, while over reaching its requirement (wanting toilet secured while travelling) is also a club issue.

We also attach our 'Summary' into NZS;5465 dated 25/11/2020 which forms part of this submission.

Specific Camping Areas.

RCAi do not usually get involved in camping area prohibitions, however we note Council seeks to provide 'specific sites' for Freedom camping - again against the known intent of the Freedom Camping Act 2011.

While Councils have some very limited ability to prohibit areas from Freedom Camping, they do not have any ability to have only 'specific sites' available for Freedom Camping. Like the non-ability to cater for some Campers based solely on their mode of camping. The Act requires (sec 11,1/a&b) .. that Councils must define the areas where Camping is "prohibited or restricted".

Where Camping is prohibited as permitted by the Act, and to comply with the Act's intention any area's to be prohibited or restricted must comply with the reasons given in section 11, -Protect the area, -Protect access to area or to -Protect the health and safety of those visiting the area.

Not forgetting that section 12, which was added to remove any doubt, states that Local authorities may "NOT" make a bylaw that has the effect of prohibiting all Freedom Camping in their local authority areas.

Bill of Rights Issues.

Much has been said about Freedom Camping and Bill of Rights etc in recent times. To be certain the FC Act echoes the Bill of Rights in many ways as to the ability to restrict or prohibit Freedom Camping.

Freedom camping, particularly traditional style in Tents, bivouacs and other temporary structures is a long held "right". (Maybe not so much RV's) The ability to restrict that 'right' is very limited see the 3 P's above - Protect access, Protect health , Protect the area.

The Bill of Rights Act requires any restriction to be fair and justifiable, in a free & democratic society.

It remains to be seen, how restricting ones ability to Freedom Camp based on the mode of camping can meet these requirements. There is zero real evidence that any one mode of campers is more responsible than any other, and specifically where RV's are concerned, there is no evidence that Certified Self Contained (CSC) RV's are better or worse than non- CSC RV's. At best CSC can assist a camper to camp responsibly after they have made the personal decision to do so. That decision is the same for a person in a \$10 Kmart Pup Tent or in a \$2million RV.

This has been researched and reported on by MBIE, TNZ and others in recent years. Certainly one group seems intent to declare all littering, illegal dumping of sewage etc is all done by Non CSC RV's though the truth would suggest that being CSC is little more than a 'cover' for irresponsible behaviour. Perhaps unsurprising this group which seeks to blame non - CSC is also the biggest promoter of the voluntary NZS;5465.

Bill of Rights also requires an element of proportionality (echoed in FC ACT) where as any restriction needs to be in portion to the damage and/or perceived problem. How can restrictions against one 'mode' of campers (those in RV's) but used against all campers, be seen as proportional when we only hear complaints generally against RV users?

Where are all the complaints against Tent users, Bivoac users etc to justify the limiting of their camping experience due to complaints over RV users?

RCAi would like to make clear that Freedom Camping Act is NOT & never has been, all about the minority group in RV's, but essentially covers Cycle tourists, Trampers, Walkers, Water users that camp on shore at night as well as Hunters etc. Included also would be Truckie's sleeping in sleepers by day or night (some councils do state times for camping). For many non RV campers the ability to attend specific sites by night (or day) is impractical (if not impossible).

One interesting discovery was that many long term senior Council staff are well aware of issues around non-compliance with BORA. Most of these people were staff that held high positions in Councils during 2011 and were aware as stakeholder representatives, of the happenings and decisions around the creation of the FC Act.

#In a Dept of Internal Affairs report dated 2016 it is stated that "Much of the available evidence puts forward the point of view of one group of campers who tend to be older New Zealanders in larger self-contained vehicles, so-called 'grey nomads' . This group are part of a trend towards 'glamping' , valuing luxury as well as independence and an outdoors experience. Advocacy on behalf of this group may have skewed the debate and regulatory responses against another group of campers, so called 'vanpackers' who tend to be younger and are more likely to use smaller, non-self-contained vehicles" ([https://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/files/Freedom-Camping/\\$file/Freedom-Camping-Situational-Analysis.pdf](https://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/files/Freedom-Camping/$file/Freedom-Camping-Situational-Analysis.pdf)) This issue remains the same to this day.

#On 30th November 2012, Simpson Grierson (Law firm) wrote, "Finally, when exercising statutory powers to deal with freedom camping issues, a local authority needs to be mindful it is not exercising those powers for the purpose of defeating the effect of the FCA" (Freedom Camping Act – RCAi added for clarification) "this could raise questions as to reasonableness and repugnancy of the freedom camping Bylaw"

Whangarei Vehicle Dwellers Group.

RCAi understand this is a group of Freedom Campers who consider themselves worthy of special treatment by Council.

The issue is, anything Council enacts on behalf of this group, needs to be enacted for all freedom campers.

Again Council's ability to make rules for some Freedom campers and not others is not compatible with the FC Act.

RCAi understands that this group suggest they are happy to pay rates but not an overnight camping fee. We suggest if Council wish to do something specifically for this group, that Council charges them 'rates' so they may be separated legally from Freedom Campers?

From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 26 Nov 2020 21:00:37 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Juanita Richardson - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-202

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Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-202

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 love to freedom camp. We have a six berth motor home that is fully self contained and we are respectful everywhere we camp. We take all our rubbish with us. We use our own toilet and we are polite and mindful of locals and other people around us.</p> <p>We have travelled into Whangarei several times and would love to freedom camp more in your beautiful spots and reserves.</p> <p>We are also members of the NZMCA and are mindful of Whangarei's status as a motor home friendly town.</p> <p>Your new regulations are not motor home friendly. They certainly dont make us feel welcome and make staying in Whangarei difficult. We are in our late 50s and we love to freedom camp and spend local .</p> <p>Freedom camping does not mean lazy people who dump refuse and all sorts of other waste. There are many locals in every region who routinely dump their 'rubbish' and have toilet breaks behind a tree etc. Who drink and eat takeaways and leave a monumental mess.</p> <p>Most of us who do freedom camp are decent New Zealanders who are enjoying our country and acting responsibly.</p> <p>I would ask you to treat us with respect and continue to be a motor home friendly town where we can feel safe to travel to and where we are welcome.</p> <p>Yours faithfully Juanita Richardson</p>

Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?

No - I wish to make a written submission only

From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 11 Nov 2020 19:07:51 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Clifford James Robertson - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-44

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Clifford James Robertson - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-44

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-44

Your details:

Full name:	Clifford James Robertson
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Daytime phone number:	021615558
Email address:	cliff.j.dive@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>Hi. I simply want to let you know that my family of 3 just spent over \$3,000 on goods and services for a 10 day holiday in our caravan.</p> <p>Keep in mind if you are turning away campers and caravans you are turning away income for the local economy.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>

Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?	No - I wish to make a written submission only
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From: don
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To: Mail Room
Subject: Submission Camping in Public Places
Attachments: Scan.pdf

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Enclosed is a submission form to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw.

In addition a photo of the area which I believe should be included in the Prohibited camping area. The outline on the photo is not totally accurate

Thank you

Don Robertson



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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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Email: DL ROBERTSON @ XTRA . 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.

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



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By visiting Customer Service desks at either:

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Ruakākā

Or by phoning 09 430 4200 or 0800 932 463
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will fill out this form for you over the phone



BY MAIL

Camping in Public Places Bylaw
Whangārei District Council
Private Bag 9023
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Complete this form online: www.wdc.govt.nz
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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.
- 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.

I support the Statement of Proposal (October 2020)
Regarding OTAMURE BAY (MAP Reference S1-21B)
"Prohibit camping to protect the area."
Doc camping already available in the area"

However I believe that the area outlined in
the photo of the area (MAP S1-21B) is incorrect
and that the prohibited area should include
all the land outside the Doc Campground —
between the Doc fence and the beach.

I include a photo with this area marked.

Feel free to add additional pages if required.

From: Tony Horton
Sent: 27 Nov 2020 00:41:05 +0000
To: Mail Room
Cc: Vita Strohush
Subject: FW: Freedom camping submission ☐

Another submission for the Camping in Public Places Bylaw

Nga mihi
Tony Horton

-----Original Message-----

From: ingolf rockelrath <ingolfnz@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, 27 November 2020 1:39 PM
To: Tony Horton <tony.horton@wdc.govt.nz>
Subject: Freedom camping submission ☐

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Hi Tony,

You will be pleased to know this submission is a bit different from the other ones you got ..☐

I am one of those freedom campers and have been on the road for the last 3 years (winters) pretty much full time. I am a kiwi and have been living in Auckland for the best part of almost 40 years. Saying that, we have been traveling in a 22.6 foot caravan around Queensland for the 3 winters. Now, going camping in Australia is very different from going camping in Nz!

1) We don't need to be self contained (no requirement for it unless you visit some national parks for example
2) Gray water, goes straight onto bushes or trees or onto the lawns(even at most Commercial caravan parks like the "top 10" or big 4 unless they are in town and are hooked up on the sewage network
3) Council camping bylaws don't really exist!☐☐ so you don't have to spend your time studying 14 pages of gobeldegook Before you step foot out of your caravan, or go through the same exercise again because you are in a different shire....☐.

During the last 3 years we had not to use our onboard toilet once! Not because we did not want to make a "deposit " but simply there was no need for it.... you can travel around Australia for years ,do your freedom camping stuff, and you without ever having to poop behind a horse bush!

4) Rubbish bins, I have yet (after 35000km on the road! Find a sign saying to take my rubbish home with me! (which could be rather tricky) and that in the most remote places where the next petrol station is 560km down the road! At the same time we probably have only ever seen 2-3 rubbish bins that were full and some rubbish was placed next to it as there was nowhere else to put it

5) Local Communities (like yourself) found that after the last Mining boom finished , local shops started to close down, tourist operation struggled , and people lost their jobs and moved out of the area . So a lot of councils out here started to try to stop that Trent, and went after the (gray nomads \$\$) = local retired people traveling around Australia) by trying to get them to stop and stay in their districts for as long as possible . So, quite often we stop in smaller towns (like Childers for example) there there is free parking , toilets are provided , and plenty of rubbish bins and even taps for water... anything they can do to make people stay and spend some \$\$ at the local shops- and the funny thing is - it works , without all those rules and regulations ! The places are tidy, the toilets / showers (cold) get cleaned daily and the rubbish gets collected

I have yet to find toilet paper or "deposits" behind any bushes, or rubbish dumped - maybe it has something to do with having plenty of public facilities in place ?

Parking rules are simple , you can stay for 24/ 48/ or 72 hours at most camping places. - ignore it and you can get a \$2500.- fine! (people don't ignore it too often! ☐. It's simple and easy to understand too (and you don't need a law degree to study council bylaws first either).

Maybe you should make your district the most camper friendly district in nz? You may find unemployed is keep at a minimum and it also keeps bussiness open - I now it sounds like a rather radical idea but why not ? International tourists will take years to come back to nz, and if they do come back it won't be in the numbers we used to have (people either haven't got the money or can get better deals elsewhere)

So why not look after your people to make sure people have jobs to go too and businesses stay open ? Putting a few long drop toilets in and providing a few rubbish bins in return , will give you a good investment return -

As far as spending goes, well in our case we spend on average about \$1200 a week while we Are on the road , they did ask (on a Facebook page last year what the average spending was for your gray Norman's and most people spend between \$700 -\$1450 while touring around in there caravans (That's in Australia) As far as Comercial caravan parks go and missing out, on business they are bussy!

You see most caravan parks charge between \$ 20-\$36 a night for a unpowered site(that's all was for 2 people) and \$25-\$48 For a powerd site (it can go as high as 55 a nigh for the 2 of you (over easter or in a top location).

If they are not busy, maybe they need to have a look at there pricing structure? Even so there is plenty of free camping in Australia, some caravan parks you need to book 2 years in advance to get a spot during the winter time (funny how that works if people charge reasonable rates..

I hope this gives you another perspective on how freedom camping can work, if done properly

I would suggest you spend \$8 and down load a app called wiki camp australia , you can see what facility's those council supplied freedom camps provide and what they look like

Hope that gives you a bit of food for thought

Cheers. Ingolf
Sent from my iPhone

From: Richard Morris
Sent: 26 Nov 2020 21:54:19 +1300
To: Mail Room
Cc: Jules Flight;Armstrong, Robyn;Warren Daniel;Shelley Deeming;Ken Couper
Subject: Submission on Freedom Camping
Attachments: Freedom Camping.docx
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Please find attached the submission on proposed Freedom Camping by-law changes.

This submission is on behalf of the Ruakaka Residents and Ratepayers Association.

The Chair is currently away and the Secretary is currently incapacitated but I have coordinated the response from the Association.

Regards Richard

Proposed Freedom Camping By-Law Change

This submission is on behalf of the Ruakaka Residents and Ratepayers Association (RRRA).

Thank you for the opportunity to submit.

In general, the RRRA is supportive of the proposed changes. We note that the camp ground at Ruakaka and the DOC camp ground at Uretiti are existing valuable facilities providing for the recreational needs of tourists to the region. These businesses should be supported. Directing travelers to these facilities should be a priority over the provision of free camping sites.

Nevertheless, the need to provide facilities for freedom campers and to allow for seasonal peaks is accepted. There is also a need to limit freedom camping in those places without facilities or where it will have a deleterious effect on the environment.

In addition to the proposed changes prohibiting freedom camping from some sites we would also ask that the following sites be added:

- The Ruakaka Riverside Park. This is opposite to the existing Motor Camp. The park itself was created by locals as a recreational space. The road has fairly heavy traffic volumes, particularly during holiday periods
- The Reserve at 25 Marsh Street. The area is small, is close to surrounding houses and has no suitable facilities or adequate access from the street
- The Esplanade Reserve between 108 and 110 One Tree Point Road. There is a lack of facilities and it is in a largely residential area used by locals for recreation

While issues of rubbish and toileting can be problematic, we note the WDC generally does a good job keeping existing sites and their associated toilets clean. Having sites in good condition when campers arrive encourages them to leave them as they found them.

We do not wish to appear at the Council Hearings Process.

Regards

Richard Morris

26 November 2020

From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 15 Nov 2020 22:21:28 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Anne Rutherford - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-72

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Anne Rutherford - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-72

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-72

Your details:

Full name:	Anne Rutherford
Postal address	15 Lochalsh Drive, Waipu 0510
Daytime phone number:	021637410 but phone is often switched off.
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:	Caller is concerned about freedom campers in Nova Scotia Estate, camping on the swale drains and the reserves in the estate. There are no public toilet facilities in the estate, and there is infrastructure under some of the swale drains which could be damaged. There is risk of flooding, risk of compaction of the soil and risk to children and pedestrians.

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 02:18:02 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Sandee Ryan - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-89

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Sandee Ryan - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-89

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-89

Your details:

Full name:	Sandee Ryan
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Daytime phone number:	0274773002
Email address:	mistyseaview@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:	I am AGAINST freedom campers staying in public parks, beaches, council land etc. They should park up in designated camping 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: 24 Nov 2020 04:17:11 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Martin Schenkel - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-130

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Martin Schenkel - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-130

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-130

Your details:

Full name:	Martin Schenkel
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Daytime phone number:	020 476 2789
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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>Hi,</p> <p>I am very concerned about the Freedom camping on the reserve at Pacific Bay, Tutukaka. We have had many issues with overnight campers. Many people park at the water's edge blocking access to the boat ramp for other people using it. Some camper vans park right in the middle of the reserve blocking the play area for the neighbourhood kids who like to congregate for ball games.</p> <p>I have also seen people go to the toilet in the cover of the flax bushes on the left side of the reserve. The mess this leaves is disgusting and causes problems with small children playing on the reserve stepping in it. Campers also hold parties until late in the night and the local resident houses are right next to the reserve so the noise causes disruption.</p> <p>The Pacific bay reserve is in no way suitable for freedom campers so please could you put up signs suggest other locations that have better facilities for freedom campers and prohibit freedom camping in the receive so more people can enjoy this location and meeting spot for the community.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Martin Schenkel</p>

Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?

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From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 13 Nov 2020 02:55:00 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - mark schou - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-56

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - mark schou - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-56

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-56

Your details:

Full name:	mark schou
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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 wish to make a submissions that freedom campers are not allow over the warm summer months as there is too much pressure on the toilets. The amount of people using these toilet facilities makes it seem like the estuary is like a refugee camp. I have seen campers defecate on the estuary edge as there is not a toilet available for them! Surely WDC do not want to subject its citizens to this?</p> <p>I also think that it is very unfair of WDC to take the sea view away from the local resident who pay you high rates! Will WDC discount the rates because of this?</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 03:04:35 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Fiona Scott - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-187

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Fiona Scott - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-187

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-187

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 live in Whananki and we have 4 very good affordable camping grounds with excellent facilities. I do not think that here in Whananaki we should be made to provide a prime location for these non paying campers who seem to take advantage of our area. The location that has been provided on the Estuary In Whananaki does not have adequate facilities to cater for the increasing number of freedom campers that frequent it. The toilet facilities alone are over used and in the peak season when they should be used by day trippers they are over flowing with freedom campers. This causing pollution in our beautiful estuary.

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 20:55:28 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Christina Ann Scurr - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-155

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Christina Ann Scurr - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-155

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-155

Your details:

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Email address:	scurr12@me.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:	Responsible CSC campers are an asset to business & tourism and should not be discouraged from staying in and around Whangarei. All visitors will spend money, the longer they stay the more they will spend.

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 06:59:04 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Geoff Sharples - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-132

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Geoff Sharples - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-132

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-132

Your details:

Full name:	Geoff Sharples
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Daytime phone number:	02041883643
Email address:	geoff_sharples@yahoo.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>There is a broader perspective on Freedom campers.</p> <p>The economic contribution of freedom campers varies. Some are very wealthy and just happen to be having a camper van experience. Some are young people who are in NZ on a one year casual work visa. They serve a vital role in agriculture and tourism working unattractive jobs for low pay. Part of the benefit or "pay" is that they can travel and stay in the lovely parts of NZ relatively cheaply. If this benefit is curtailed, particularly with the reduced numbers due to Covid restrictions on travel, NZ may not have enough workers and the cost of food and other essentials could rise.</p> <p>When a New Zealander anchors their sail boat or power boat in the middle of a pristine bay overnight, they are effectively freedom camping. They are spoiling the view for others and very often, when the automatic bilge pump runs, dumping dirty water into the ocean. This is not to say that we should be outraged about sail boat or power boats for they are an integral part of New Zealand leisure culture. But so are camper vans and camper vans should have just as much right to freedom camp as wealthy yacht owners.</p> <p>For every incident where I have seen a freedom camper break a rule such as a beach fire or litter I have seen many more</p>

	rules been broken by locals. Adherence to rules and decorum is the issue at hand, rather than singling out a group that doesn't have agency.
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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: 11 Nov 2020 21:00:13 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Colleen Small - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-38

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Colleen Small - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-38

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-38

Your details:

Full name:	Colleen Small
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Daytime phone number:	0211049612
Email address:	hewittcolleen17@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>Freedom camping</p> <p>Freedom campers should pay to stay in the town. If they visit a campsite there is a charge per night per person. By not charging in the town it can mean that the campsite owners miss out which is not fair to them.</p> <p>Freedom campers should pay towards the use of the ablution block and use of water.</p> <p>They should pay for upkeep of the camping sites,, roading, reserves and cleaning of the toilet blocks.</p> <p>I don't believe that they bring lots of money to the shopping centre as these people are often frugal , travel light, and only need groceries to get them from A to B and look at the sights.</p> <p>Why should Ratepayers have to pay for freedom campers to visit or pass through our city. It is their privilege to visit our city. not our privilege to entertain them!!</p> <p>Why should ratepayers pay for freedom campers. They can afford to travel, or hire campers so to pay for stop overs in Whangarei City should be budgetted for as part of their holiday costs.</p> <p>PRIVATE DWELLERS</p> <p>Definitely should not be allowed to stay for free in any of the city carparks, reserves, camping sites etc.</p> <p>More and more of these PRIVATE dwellers are renting out their own home in this city and then choose to live in their bus for</p>

	<p>free at ratepayers expense. The buses are ugly parked in prime spots around the town especially the Pohe Island Carpark. Why should ratepayers have to pay to supply their water, ablution blocks parking facilities.</p> <p>They are already receiving rent from their homes and then choose to live in our city free of charge in a prime location because the City council do not move them off.</p> <p>If a car was parked in a city street for more than a few days it would be moved on or ticketed.</p> <p>If you allow these private dwellers to park free, what's to stop them parking outside your home on your or any street for free. They have made the choice to live in their bus, they must pay to do so the same as any ratepayer using the city's facilities. The prime dwellers should not be allowed to park in prime locations around the city.</p> <p>They must pay extra as they have chosen to " live" in the city but still asked to move on after a few days same as freedom campers.</p> <p>Refer to other cities in NZ who are having more and more problems with Private Dwellers who will not move because there is no</p> <p>by-law . More and more people are choosing to either buy a small home on wheels, or a motorhome to live in. For that reason there needs to be a law stopping these people parking anywhere they like and also they must pay a higher rate than a freedom camper. They are not to park within say a 10 to 15km radius of the city.</p> <p>It is starting to look like a commune in Whangarei.</p> <p>If someone already owns a home and rents it out and then buys a motorhome of some sort to live in, then these people are not to be allowed to park anywhere near the centre of the city, no</p>
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	<p>parks, no carparks no reserves, etc. Why should ratepayers have to pay for their keep???</p> <p>Just a thought perhaps Whangarei should set up a commune in the outskirts of town for these dwellers and charge accordingly .</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 00:24:13 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Colin Smith - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-161

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Colin Smith - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-161

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-161

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:	All designated stop-over, picnic areas, freedom camping areas should have toilets & rubbish bins which should be checked/cleaned daily, maybe issue camping permits with rubbish bags like Gisborne council does currently, with a small cash/credit card charge.

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 18:39:43 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - N J Smith - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-178

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - N J Smith - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-178

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-178

Your details:

Full name:	N J Smith
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Daytime phone number:	0211844420
Email address:	n.smith.rose@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>When considering parking for CSC campers, please remember we are larger than a car. Those of us who live on the road, do not wish to park so close we are in danger if a gas bottle explodes, nor do we wish to share our living rooms with each other, parked like sardines. If we wanted close neighbours we would still be living In the suburbs.</p> <p>We are happy to take our litter away with us, and only ask that consideration be given to travelling members of the public who spend on services and good in each community in which we park. Our presence also reduces crime, and socially undesirable behaviours by local youth.</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: 12 Nov 2020 23:52:06 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Sarah Smits - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-51

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Sarah Smits - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-51

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-51

Your details:

Full name:	Sarah Smits
Postal address	
Daytime phone number:	021341390
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:	<p>I understand that Whananaki South beach is part of this review and I would like to submit my concerns about this as a freedom camping location. Over the years that I have used this beach I have seen it becoming increasingly popular with freedom campers, and beachgoers and along with that the following observations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- fires on the beach. There has been an increase in fires on beach. When taking my family to the beach as this is our closest, I often find remnants of fires that have been lit. Warnings are being ignored and for those fires that are lit they are not properly put out or removed! This is a dangerous hazard for my children who could easily run through hot coals from the night before.- toilets. Last summer (or perhaps the previous I cannot recall) there was a portable toilet in the parking area. It became disgusting over the space of a couple of weeks. Overflowing and abhorrently smelly if downwind or near it. This is an issue - as well as used toilet paper littering the beach.- toilets - there usually aren't toilets in the parking area anyway and so with an increase in freedom campers and public use where are people going to go? I don't believe any warning signs will deter campers who don't have toilets on board.- Rubbish. The increase in use has resulted in a huge overflow of the rubbish facilities there - disgusting in the summer months.- road. The road is already significantly rutted and potholed. An

	<p>increase of use is only going to make that worse</p> <p>- designated parking area. There are now bollards to try to stop vehicles parking near the trees... why? I don't understand why this has been done and I don't think it is necessary with or without freedom campers.</p> <p>I'm not entirely against freedom campers in the Whananaki South zone however, as it stands at the moment I don't believe it is resourced to be able to cope with, not only the increase in day beach goers, but freedom campers on top of that. If there is to be ANY freedom campers in this area then the council I believe, has a social & environmental responsibility to ensure toileting, rubbish, access and safety is provided and sustainable.</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: 27 Nov 2020 01:14:39 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Margo Southwell - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-27

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Margo Southwell - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-27

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-27

Your details:

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Daytime phone number:	094337677
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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>No freedom camping in Whananaki North over the holiday season. There are numerous other camping spots to choose from.</p> <p>The freedom camping spots get so overcrowded and leave too much rubbish</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 02:56:45 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Jeremy B Steptowe - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-188

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Jeremy B Steptowe - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-188

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-188

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:	this is badly worded as both of these were illegal

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 21:25:15 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Carron Stevenson - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-156

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Carron Stevenson - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-156

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-156

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>Thanks for the opportunity to make a submission.</p> <p>While I don't live in WDC I have stayed here and will do again. Hopefully with more Kiwis taking to the road for their holidays, campers will get to enjoy staying and spending money here. My average spend is \$700pw. It gets spent in the area I'm staying in.</p> <p>I like many traveller's I meet, am a responsible camper, and leave only footprints / tyre prints. I take photos of NZ as I travel, and rave about the things I love in an area.</p> <p>Please do consider providing overflow areas if there's an influx of visitors. We've stayed in these in other places . Dunedin offered this for Elton John concert. Great idea.</p> <p>I understand the need for limits in peak season and agree with this.</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 02:30:02 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Peter Stone - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-45

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Peter Stone - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-45

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-45

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>Thank you for the opportunity to comment. My submissions cover both proposals.</p> <p>Within what the Council is able to do, there needs to be clarity about the differences between tent camping, non self contained and self contained camping because these have different implications especially to designated sites. Also there are issues which are not specifically dealt with in the by laws about the nature of self containment and more importantly how the containers are emptied. The purpose of self containment includes not having to have a local public toilet available in which to empty out the black and grey water. If there is not clarity about the type of camping, there is an implication that the Council will provide public toilets at all sites.</p> <p>Of great importance to any changes is the expected costs or budget for this. Costs to rate payers are incurred for; signage, toilet facilities, any roading-earthworks for parking etc and the real and serious costs of enforcement of the by laws. Without enforcement the by law is ineffective.</p> <p>The sections on Infringement imply enforcement and that has been a large weakness in the past where inadvertent or deliberate flouting of the by laws is apparent . (Evidence such as from the Whananaki beach Resident and ratepayers association will no doubt be submitted separately). In drafting</p>

	<p>new by laws, thought has to be given to how a regulation will be policed- ensuring safety of the officers involved, how effective the policing can be and how visible the enforcement process is. I would submit that the by laws consider developing a sign in process similar to that for Covid which would allow some form of tracking. Thus a by law could state that the Council has the right to institute a process whereby freedom campers "sign in" . This could be by Q code or other method, the exact method would not have to be in the by law.</p> <p>The current by laws have in 6.3 and 8.16, time periods (also 9.16 and 10.1a) which seem inconsistent. there does not seem to be a reason to have varying times.</p> <p>The Temporary closures in 12.3 seem to be rather restrictive on Council and it would be reasonable to amend and simplify these, leaving more to Council discretion with valid reason simply being posted for all to see.</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: 26 Nov 2020 22:50:39 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Laurel Melanie Stratford-Ellott - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-117

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Laurel Melanie Stratford-Ellott - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-117

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-117

Your details:

Full name:	Laurel Melanie Stratford-Ellott
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Email address:	laurelstratford@yahoo.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>I am very much in favour of having regulations surrounding freedom camping. We have a large campervan approximately 7mts in length and live in Northland. We visited the East Cape last year and because Gisborne Council have designated freedom camping sites, that's where we camped. It was winter so these sites were free. Over the summer months there is a charge which is bought online through the council & checked on by council rangers over this time. It was fantastic. The biggest issue was getting fresh water in their area.</p> <p>Ohope beach had a reserve which allowed freedom campers as well. It had a dump station with fresh water, along with public toilets, play ground, general parking, green space and beach access. It limited how many were allowed there and for how long. Again, brilliant.</p> <p>I read an article in the herald earlier in the year which had seen research regarding freedom camping. The results being that it brought \$500 million into the country. Freedom campers were mostly from Australia, they stayed longer and spent more money. There's a huge amount of misinformation out there regarding this.</p> <p>I believe it's also important to note that campers need to be self contained. Meaning there is a separate bathroom (shower & fixed toilet). With rental companies not giving refunds for unused toilets. This is part of the issue as well.</p> <p>Mostly we use campgrounds but it's great when we can also</p>

	<p>have freedom to camp where it's safe, leave no rubbish and enjoy our beautiful area. I would hope that the council allows this to still happen.</p> <p>Thank you Laurel Stratford-Ellott</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: 24 Nov 2020 19:28:46 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Maria subritzky - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-149

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Maria subritzky - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-149

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-149

Your details:

Full name:	Maria subritzky
Postal address	177 ngahau Bay road
Daytime phone number:	02108197463
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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:	Wishing to add Ngahau Bay to the prohibited places list for freedom camping as it is home to several endangered bird species and has no rubbish or toilet facilities.

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): Trevor & Marie-Jeanne

Last name: TALBOT

Postal address: 89 Whangaumu Street
R.D.3, Whangarei 0173

Best daytime phone number: 434 4014

Mobile: 021 0816 7598

Email: mjt@talbot@gmail.com

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

Organisation name:



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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.

With regards to Camping in Public Places Bylaw 2017,
Page 36 - Map Ref. 53-12
Wellington Bay - Main Reserve (Whangamuna Reserve)
we want the Car Parking area to the left of
the Boat Ramp to be included in the
"All Camping Prohibited Area".
The placing of the Porta Loo in this area
encouraged Freedom Campers to stay for
long periods. It is only a 200 metre walk
to the Public Toilets for the beach day trippers.

Armorguard services are required all year
round to monitor that the regulations are
being adhered to.

Kind regards
M-J & T. Talbot

Feel free to add additional pages if required.

From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 25 Nov 2020 22:47:40 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Jane Kippenberger - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-182

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Jane Kippenberger - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-182

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-182

Your details:

Full name:	Jane Kippenberger
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Daytime phone number:	09 436 2220 021463330
Email address:	janeandiankippenberger@gmail.com
I am making this submission:	On behalf of an organisation
Organisation name:	Tamaterau Hall Management Society inc.

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>Jane Kippenberger 25th November 2020</p> <p>These are my concerns and reflect the thoughts of many others. At one stage albeit in the early days there was an occasion when there were 32 vehicles parked. YES 32!!!!!!</p> <p>I live in Scott Road Tamaterau and have done so for 38 years. I am the chairperson of the Hall Management Committee Society Inc. and have looked out for and kept an eye on the area for many years. Tamaterau Beach and reserve is a very pleasant spot. It is used by many hundreds of locals and folk from Whangarei who come in the summer and during the school holidays with their families to picnic and swim. Also, the Kite surfers. Locals also put their boats in and cannot at times because of freedom campers. The beach front must be for the locals.</p> <p>The Reserve and Domain have been worked on and restored to native plantings by a group of locals This has been done by a very dedicated group with hours of work involved in clearing and planting and maintaining.</p> <p>When working in the reserve there is rubbish found from campers left as there are no rubbish bins now. Rubbish is also left behind in bags around the area. There is toilet paper and poop left from those campers not using the toilets as they park further up into the reserve away from the allocated parks. There have been candles found used and sitting on tree stumps!! This is very worrying. There was a drought last summer which as the area was tinder dry brings the threat of fire. This would be</p>

devastating, and we have another dry summer coming? There is wood and logs and garden waste which can be used for a fire. One of our members stopped a person with a saw trying to get wood from the big Pohutukawa on beachfront for firewood!!!!!! WHAT!!! Access to the reserve for work which is ongoing is also hampered by vehicles.

We know that campers have used the basin in the toilets to wash dishes and clothes.! This is a health hazard as it is for washing hands after using the toilet! The water has a sign which says it is NOT POTABLE but is no doubt used for cooking on stoves hopefully ok if boiled.

The hall committee has had to secure an outside tap on the hall with lock to stop water being taken. We had to deal with a large water bill which the council paid for us. The hall is also hired for functions which involve using the beach area and swimming such as Christmas parties and there are also weddings and other functions with cars which need to park.

Huge mess has been made of the grass and mud in the sites allocated if wet. Ruts and mud. A vehicle lately went up and got stuck quite a way up the track and had to be pulled out by a local who was there and went a got a rope and his vehicle to pull them out. Tree was chopped out to make this happen.

Campers have gone up into the reserve and knocked trees down in the past.

There is proposed development of the car park with bollards to go in to stop vehicles going up into the reserve. We NEED THIS TO HAPPEN--- This has been delayed for two years now and is still under discussion with a cultural impact report finally underway.

The allocated parks are not suitable between the toilet and the pumping station There is a Pumping Station for sewage not pleasant at times to have to park beside as we have

	<p>experienced, a smelling pumping station! With its attendant danger. No wonder they park on the beach front instead! Or go further up into the reserve. The area is too small for 4 spaces. The tenting area specifically says that their vehicles need to be in the carpark. However, they go in past the bollards at the top and park next to tents. I have never seen a big self-contained vehicle parked beside the toilet and pumping station There is not effective room there. Only the smaller ones with no toilet? The larger ones park on the beach front.</p> <p>Apparently if the folk with a self-contained toilet do not break the seal and it does not have to be cleaned then they are not charged for the toilet! Juicy vans? They quite often stay there. I do have sympathy for the situation. There is a holiday park, in Scott Road, the Blue Heron with all the facilities. If it could be cheaper? If Juicy vans are hired, then they should be able to pay for a holiday park!</p> <p>We do not want to see anymore allocations and certainly a restriction on those with no toilets. Preferably there should be no Freedom Camping at all! This is an area used a good deal by Locals and Whangarei families and the hall patrons. The reserve must be protected. Jane Kippenberger</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: Graham Cate
Sent: 24 Nov 2020 18:06:44 +1300
To: Mail Room
Subject: Submission on "Camping in Public Places-Freedom Camping" - refer Ngunguru School, WDC Map Reference S1-18
Attachments: Page 2 of 2 Signature sheet -Te Maika Road residents Submission in support of WDC proposal to extend the prohibited freedom camping area in Te Maika Road Ngunguru -ref WDC Map reference S1-18.pdf, Page 1 of 2 Te Maika Road residents Submission in support of WDC proposal to extend the prohibited freedom camping area in Te Maika Road Ngunguru -ref WDC Map reference S1-18.docx

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To Whom it may concern,

Please find attached two pages of submission in support of the WDC proposal to increase the prohibited free camping area at Ngunguru School, Map reference S1-18.

Please confirm by return email the receipt and acceptance of this submission.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me on either this email or my mobile phone number 021 21 555 86.

Kind regards

Graham Cate - on behalf of the Te Maika Road residents listed on the attached document.

23/11/20

Refer Te Maika Road Ngunguru – proposed extension of “Camping Prohibited Zone” from the Ngunguru School public carpark to number 35 Te Maika Road.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are all residents of Te Maika Road(refer the attached signed page), Ngunguru and wish to make a submission to council in support of the Councils proposal to extend the prohibited freedom camping area in Te Maika Road as per WDC reference Ngunguru School, map reference S1-18.

For many years, especially from October through to April, the residents of Te Maika Road have observed freedom campers in our street directly in front of our homes. We have seen people cooking on the roadside, stringing out washing on the roadside, setting up tables & chairs on the actual road restricting traffic flow, dumping wastewater onto the road and grass verge, and even shaving, cleaning teeth & getting dressed on the roadside and generally treating it as a camping ground.

Access to the road, grass verge & beach is restricted with this behaviour, especially when as many as eight camper vans are parked along the waterfront. This also makes access to the school difficult and at times dangerous, especially at drop off and collection times. The congestion creates parking issues, making double parking and obstruction of driveways by frustrated parents unable to find carparking common.

It also denies access for many days during this period to day trippers and locals to enjoy what is considered a family friendly beach.

At present freedom camping is prohibited in the public carpark in front of Ngunguru School (a move which we applaud) and we also support the proposed extension to prohibit freedom camping to the remainder of Te Maika Road. We would be grateful if Council would take these views into account.

Kind regards

Refer attached

23/11/20

Te Maika Road residents submission in support of prohibiting camping in Te Maika Road Ngunguru-Council proposal to extend the prohibited freedom camping area in Te Maika Road as per WDC map S1-18

Signed by the following residents

Name DENNIS & KIM
SHEPHERD

Signature



Address: 19 Te Maika Road, Ngunguru 0173, Whangarei

Name Mike & Marlene Day

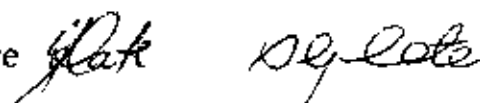
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Address: 21 Te Maika Road, Ngunguru 0173, Whangarei

Name Graham & Sherree Cate

Signature



Address: 25 Te Maika Road, Ngunguru 0173, Whangarei

Name Gary Whetton
Jane Whetton

Signature



Address: 27 Te Maika Road, Ngunguru 0173, Whangarei

Name Gary Whetton
Jane Whetton

Signature



Address: 29 Te Maika Road, Ngunguru 0173, Whangarei

Name Allan Sykes
Julie Sykes

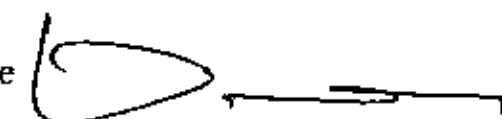
Signature



Address: 29a Te Maika Road, Ngunguru 0173, Whangarei

Name Peter Dallas

Signature



Address: 33 Te Maika Road, Ngunguru 0173, Whangarei

From: carolaarmitage@gmail.com
Sent: 29 Oct 2020 16:29:29 +1300
To: Mail Room
Subject: camping in public places
Attachments: 002.jpg, 003.jpg, 004.jpg

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Regards
Carol Armitage

President TBRRA

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): Carol
Last name: Armitage
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Teal Bay Hikurangi 0184
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Mobile: 027 220 3177
Email: carolcarmitage@gmail.com
I am writing this submission (☒ box) ☐ as an individual / ☒ on behalf of an organisation
Organisation name: Teal Bay Ratepayers & Residents Assn

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Teal Bay has heritage trees that have roots that are vulnerable to significant traffic.

The recent flooding has seen significant impact on the beachfront banks having had 6-7m of erosion make a health & safety issue if unmanaged.

Thank you on behalf of TBRRA

Carol Amidge
president 2019/20
TBRRA

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TBRRA continues to support the PROHIBITED Status to Teal Bay / Ngawai Bay as well as Helena Bay.

Thanks to WDC for their diligence and care in considering this bylaw

Both our small bays do not have the amenities or infrastructure to support freedom camping

Teal bay has significant congestion over summer with tractor trailers and day trippers as well as kayakers fishing.

The sloped area is unable to give the campers what they require for water etc

Feel free to add additional pages if required.

From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 26 Nov 2020 23:48:02 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Angela Thomson - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-148

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Angela Thomson - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-148

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-148

Your details:

Full name:	Angela Thomson
Postal address	33 collins ave Te Awamutu
Daytime phone number:	0273462030
Email address:	atat@slingshot.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 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	Love our holidays in your area if freedom camping is restricted we have to holiday in other 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 21:57:59 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Bella Thompson - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-99

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Bella Thompson - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-99

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-99

Your details:

Full name:	Bella Thompson
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Daytime phone number:	021723448
Email address:	bellar.thompson@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>Freedom camping bylaw 2017</p> <p>A. Monitoring of sites</p> <p>B. Area allocated must be specific to the sustainable use, with protocols. For parking and time of stay</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: 26 Nov 2020 06:01:37 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - John tobin - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-191

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - John tobin - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-191

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-191

Your details:

Full name:	John tobin
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Daytime phone number:	0211165045
Email address:	tobinrem@xtra.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:	Pacific Bay Tutukaka has no toilets and very narrow access. The bay needs to Prohibit Freedom Camping as it stops other users from being able to use the beach.

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 06:30:46 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Bev Tucker - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-15

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Bev Tucker - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-15

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-15

Your details:

Full name:	Bev Tucker
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Daytime phone number:	021661801
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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'm not against Freedom Campers or Permanent Vehicle Dwellers, however, these are the areas of concern I feel need to be addressed in the up coming review of the Freedom Camping Bylaw:</p> <p>1) Freedom Campers and Permanent Vehicle Dwellers should not be allowed to park their vehicles overnight within the city limits, nor should they be allowed to park in central city public car parks (ie: Reyburn St). Their vehicles are so big, it makes it difficult for locals to manoeuvre their cars past them at times, and taking up park spaces that should be for cars (hard enough to find parking spaces in this city as it is!)</p> <p>The Council should provide some designated areas just outside the city fringes for Freedom Campers and Permanent Vehicle Dwellers (as they do in Taupo).</p> <p>2) During the Summer months, all Freedom Campers and Permanent Vehicle Dwellers should be prohibited from staying at beaches in and around Whangarei. Their vehicles take up the space of 3 or 4 cars (and often they have been stopped there for 3 or 4 days/nights!) and locals don't have a chance of getting a spot to park, to have a day at the beach with their families. (Wellington's Bay is a classic example - they park all along the beach frontage, and set up camp there. BBQ's, tents, awnings, picnic tables, etc).</p> <p>The Council could provide some designated parking areas for these vehicles at the main popular beaches - away from beach frontage.</p>

	<p>3) There is also the "eyesore" factor to contend with - point in case: Te Matau A Pohe parking area. Often I drive past there and see people's washing strung all across the area. This is such a focal area for Whangarei and our visitors, it's not a pretty sight!</p> <p>4) PVD's need to be brought within the Council bylaws and manged accordingly (there is no reason why they should be a law unto themselves).</p>
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Hearing:

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From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 23 Nov 2020 23:06:59 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Nathan Tucker - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-128

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Nathan Tucker - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-128

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-128

Your details:

Full name:	Nathan Tucker
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Daytime phone number:	0279000987
Email address:	natetux@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>My name is Nathan Tucker I am part of Whangarei vehicle dwellers. I support the following letter from Jimi Hart.</p> <p>Submission Letter On The Proposed New Freedom Camping Bylaw</p> <p>Your Worship, Mayor Sheryl Mai and Councillors</p> <p>Whangarei District Council has now proposed it's third, in a row, illegal Freedom Camping Bylaw. How do you feel about that?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>We, your Whangarei Vehicle Dwelling Community, ask that this new proposal is revoked, at once. No-one, should be managed under illegal laws. Ever!</p> <p>Being 'self contained' means simply 'having everything you need'. It's about owning responsibility. But the certification</p>

	<p>process has been used for political gain through a nationwide takeover of public lands by a private camping organisation..</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The 'legal shambles' has come about, because this Council</p>
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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 the 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's 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

	<p>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</p> <p>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:'</p> <p>'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.'</p> <p>It was such a delight for me, to find this little add-on...</p> <p>...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."</p> <p>'May be defined'?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Here's why;</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A tent or other temporary structure b. A caravan. c. A car, campervan, housetruck, or other motor vehicle.
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	<p>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.</p> <p>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 it 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.</p> <p>The Human Rights act 1993 describes</p> <p>Victimisation</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>Non-discrimination and minority rights.</p> <p>Freedom from discrimination</p> <p>(1) Everyone has the right to freedom from discrimination on the grounds of discrimination in the Human Rights Act 1993.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>To determine whether a bylaw made under this Freedom camping Act is appropriate</p> <p>(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.'</p> <p>(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;</p>
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	<p>(a) is the most appropriate form of bylaw; and</p> <p>(b) gives rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.</p> <p>(3) No bylaw may be made which is inconsistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>It is NOT proportionate in that it favours one group over another. The have's and the have-not's.</p> <p>It is NOT consistent with the Bill of Rights because it discriminates against 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Lets look at what the intention of what an ACT is in this country. An Act in New Zealand is designed to;</p> <p>(a) affirm, protect, and promote human rights and fundamental freedoms in New Zealand; and</p> <p>(b) to affirm New Zealand's commitment to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights</p> <p>In the New Zealand sixth periodic report under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights it discusses Inequality.</p>
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	<p>'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'.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The eco-hypocrisy of CSC is incredible. I know many people with a CSC sticker who never use their own toilet. I have met literally met 100's who have the sticker, but no toilet. Some have dogs on board....which we must presume still shit 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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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	<p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>
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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 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 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.

	<p>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.</p> <p>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?</p> <p>It states that a vehicle is-</p> <p>(a) A contrivance equipped with wheels, tracks, or revolving runners on which it moves or is moved; and</p> <p>(b) includes a hovercraft, a skateboard, in-line skates, and roller skates.</p> <p>In the Freedom Camping Act 2011 it states bylaws must not absolutely prohibit freedom camping</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(2) This section is for the avoidance of doubt.</p> <p>To make a Freedom Camping Bylaw</p> <p>(1) A local authority may make bylaws by;</p> <p>(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:</p> <p>(b) defining the local authority areas in its district or region where freedom camping is prohibited.</p> <p>(2) A local authority may make a bylaw under subsection (1) only if it is satisfied that</p> <p>(a) the bylaw is necessary for 1 or more of the following purposes:</p> <p>(i) to protect the area:</p> <p>(ii) to protect the health and safety of people who may visit the</p>
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	<p>area:</p> <p>(iii) to protect access to the area; and</p> <p>(b) the bylaw is the most appropriate and proportionate way of addressing the perceived problem in relation to that area; and</p> <p>(c) the bylaw is not inconsistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(a) making a bylaw under this section; or</p> <p>(b) amending a bylaw made under this section; or</p> <p>(c) revoking a bylaw made under this section.</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(a) an existing right, interest, title, immunity, or duty of any person to whom the bylaw applies;</p> <p>(b) an existing status or capacity of any person to whom the bylaw applies.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Councils sought to have a mechanism to deal with the worst offending freedom campers, and that's when the government</p>
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	<p>introduced the Freedom Camping Act 2011.</p> <p>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"</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The NZMCA are responsible for building a fence to protect themselves against a growing tourism industry, not a bridge toward it.</p> <p>What a shambles alright! The CSC standard is not in law anywhere else in the world. And it hasn't worked here.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p>
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	<p>Rights.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>What a great opportunity we all have to correct this injustice once and for all.</p> <p>Yours truly</p> <p>Jimi Hart</p>
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Please find attached a submission on the Proposed (amended) Camping in Public Places Bylaw from the Tutukaka Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association Executive Committee.

Kind regards

Rebecca Williams

Secretary

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Tutukaka Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association – Executive Committee

Submission to Whangarei District Council on

Camping in Public Places Bylaw - Proposed amendments

Introduction

We thank the Whangarei District Council (WDC) for the opportunity to comment on the proposed (amended) Camping in Public Places Bylaw.

This submission has been prepared on behalf of the Tutukaka Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association Executive Committee Members. We have not consulted with our membership so do not make this submission on behalf of our wider membership base.]

We note that a number of areas on the Tutukaka Coast are impacted by the proposed (amended) bylaw. We will keep our comments to the proposals relating to these areas. We also make a number of general comments in relation to the Bylaw, largely in relation to its monitoring and enforcement.

We note that a number of concerns relating to camping in public places have been identified, including damage to facilities and the environment, loss of access to public places and facilities, inappropriate disposal of rubbish and discharge of effluent. We are aware that these concerns are shared by members of the Tutukaka Coast community.

We are aware of the District's growing population, and the increasing use of the Tutukaka Coast for rest and recreation. It is also important to note that with the continuing impact of COVID-19, an increase in the use of local facilities is to be expected as New Zealanders holiday in New Zealand.

We are aware that Freedom Camping is a permitted activity in New Zealand, and that Freedom Camping provides a cost-effective accommodation option for many travellers.

We support the WDC to manage these matters through the use of a Bylaw.

The following table summarises our response to the proposed amendments to prohibited and restricted areas on the Tutukaka Coast.

Prohibited Areas

Area	Proposed amendments	Our response
Matapouri – Morrison Rd car park	Continued prohibition	We support the continued prohibition of camping in this area
McAuslin Rd – Matapouri/Sandy Bay	Prohibit camping along WDC controlled road reserve	We support the prohibition of camping in this area. The narrow road is simply not suitable.
Ngunguru School	Continued prohibition and Extend prohibited area	We support continued prohibition, and the extension of the prohibited area.
Tutukaka Marina Reserve	Continued prohibition	We support continued

		prohibition.
Whangaumu Reserve - West	Continued prohibition	We support continued prohibition
Woolleys Bay – Eastern car park	Continued prohibition	We support continued prohibition

Restricted areas for self-contained and non self-contained vehicles

Area	Proposed amendments	Our Response
Kowharewa Bay	Continued restrictions to designated site. Restricted to outside of peak season (18 December to 8 February).	We support the proposed restriction during peak times. However, we would like to see further consideration of prohibition in this area. It is a very small beach, popular among locals and visitors alike, and used extensively for waka ama/kayak groups. We think the limited space and facilities in this area warrant prohibition of camping.
Matapouri – Wehiwehi Road car park	Continued restrictions to designated site. Restricted to outside of peak season (18 December to 8 February).	We support continued restrictions, and the restriction during peak times.
Ngunguru Library	Continued restrictions to designated site.	We support continued restrictions.
Whangaumu/Wellingtons Bay – main reserve	Continued restrictions to designated site. Restricted to outside of peak season (18 December to 8 February).	We support continued restrictions, and the restriction during peak times.

Restricted areas for all camping

Area	Proposed amendments	Our response
Sandy Bay – toilet block/car park	Continued restrictions to designated site. Restricted to outside of peak season (18 December to 8 February).	We support continued restrictions, and the restriction during peak times.
Woolleys Bay Western car park	Continued restrictions to designated site. Restricted to outside of peak season (18 December to 8 February).	We support continued restrictions, and the restriction during peak times.

General Comments and recommendations

- 1) We understand bollards are to be installed at Matapouri Beach in order to prevent vehicles from damaging fragile dune areas. We support this and believe it will assist in maintaining the integrity of our coastal environment. Ideally, this work would be completed prior to the onset of this year's summer season.
- 2) We have not proposed any additional areas for prohibition/restrictions in our submission. We recommend that the WDC give due consideration of any additional areas that are identified through submissions from residents or ratepayers on the Tutukaka Coast.
- 3) We recommend ongoing monitoring and enforcement of the bylaw. This is essential to a) understanding how the bylaw is working in practice and b) ensuring prompt response to any issues that arise.
- 4) We have concerns about the level and reach of enforcement of camping in the district. Spaces are limited in the areas where camping is permitted, and these run out quickly in peak times. Camping outside of these areas, staying longer than allowed, over use/abuse of facilities are continuing issues. Increased restrictions are likely to increase the issues.

We wonder if some thought has been given to increased co-ordination and communication in terms of availability of sites. Could there be some form of electronic availability monitoring?

- 5) We question the viability and efficacy of campers being expected to act as 'eyes and ears' surveillance in the sport park camping sites. Campers are by and large visitors to the area, and as such do not know the area or the services available. It could also lead to altercations with local residents or other campers. As an alternative we suggest that Council consider the use of ambassadors or community patrols to keep an eye on the camping locations, and offer information and support to both locals and campers.
- 6) Disposal of effluent and rubbish by campers is of particular concern to us. We would like to see a more proactive approach to monitoring and controlling this. There appears to be a need for greater facilities and better communication about the location and use of these.

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Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>.I feel WDC has bent too far backwards to accommodate freedom campers. I have not quarrel with people in properly constructed and certified self contained motorhomes but a great number (the majority I would even say) have obtained their self contained certification by "stealfh" and don't use the porta potties toilets. If in doubt just look at the online listings for the "cheap" Van's... most proudly proclaim "self contained, toilet never used". My biggest "beef" is the fact that WDC has designated some freedom camping areas within close distance of commercially operated Camp Grounds. Ruakaka Beach Holiday Pzrkms an example: freedom camping is permitted just a hundred meters from the boundary at the surf lifesaving club. Freedom campers wander into the camping ground and use the showers and toilets without payment. Same thing at Whananaki. Camp grounds have to pay rates etc yet their income is undermined by Council. Provide space by all means but do so well away from commercial Campgrounds and properly enforce the parking within these spaces.</p>

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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.

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SUBMISSION

on PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CAMPING IN PUBLIC PLACES BYLAW (W.D.C.)

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We are making this submission from our perspective as both W.D.C. residents and as motorhomers. We want to see a workable and fair bylaw for both and one that is advantageous to the district as a whole. Over the past 20 years that we have been motorhoming we have made many observations of the pros and cons of freedom camping throughout the district.

Comments and Observations:

- We ourselves enjoy staying at our own beaches, even Parua Bay which is only 10 minutes from our home, especially during the non-busy season. We have often met other fellow Whangarei people staying at these places.
- We, like most of our motorhoming friends, balance our stays at a variety of freedom camping sites, commercial camping grounds, D.O.C. camps and NZMCA camps.
- We have never seen motorhome freedom campers defecate, urinate or leave rubbish at freedom camping sites. We have, however, observed these behaviours from members of the general public and day trippers especially on the Tutukaka Coast. Back when there were no restrictions on freedom camping along the Onerahi foreshore we often saw 20+ freedom camping self-contained and non-self-contained vehicles at 6.30am in the morning but by 9.30am they would all be gone, without a spec of rubbish. However, by 7-8pm in the evening there could be rubbish everywhere from local family group BBQs and picnics.
- We have numerous motorhome friends from further south in NZ who love to spend time in Northland during the non-peak season and collectively spend a lot of money in our region. They and also the younger travelers spend money on 'tourist' activities.

Our overall suggestions are that:

- Freedom camping for self-contained vehicles continue with necessary restrictions over the busy summer season and also where necessary in coastal locations during summer weekends and public holidays so that priority is given to day beachgoers and boaties.
- Opportunities and areas for self-contained freedom camping are extended and encouraged during off-season months (eg 7th February to 20th December), especially Mondays to Fridays for motorhome travelers wishing to 'winter-over' or visit the 'winterless north'.

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Your submission:

Does your submission relate to:	The proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
Comments:	<p>We are making this submission from our perspective as both W.D.C. residents and as motorhomers. We want to see a workable and fair bylaw for both and one that is advantageous to the district as a whole. Over the past 20 years that we have been motorhoming we have made many observations of the pros and cons of freedom camping throughout the district.</p> <p>Comments and Observations:</p> <p>We ourselves enjoy staying at our own beaches, even Parua Bay which is only 10 minutes from our home, especially during the non-busy season. We have often met other fellow Whangarei people staying at these places.</p> <p>We, like most of our motorhoming friends, balance our stays at a variety of freedom camping sites, commercial camping grounds, D.O.C. camps and NZMCA camps.</p> <p>We have never seen motorhome freedom campers defecate, urinate or leave rubbish at freedom camping sites. We have, however, observed these behaviours from members of the general public and day trippers especially on the Tutukaka Coast. Back when there were no restrictions on freedom camping along the Onerahi foreshore we often saw 20+ freedom camping self-contained and non-self-contained vehicles at 6.30am in the morning but by 9.30am they would all be gone, without a spec of rubbish. However, by 7-8pm in the evening there could be rubbish everywhere from local family group BBQs and picnics.</p>

	<p>We have numerous motorhome friends from further south in NZ who love to spend time in Northland during the non-peak season and collectively spend a lot of money in our region. They and also the younger travelers spend money on 'tourist' activities.</p> <p>Our overall suggestions are that:</p> <p>Freedom camping for self-contained vehicles continue with necessary restrictions over the busy summer season and also where necessary in coastal locations during summer weekends and public holidays so that priority is given to day beachgoers and boaties.</p> <p>Opportunities and areas for self-contained freedom camping are extended and encouraged during off-season months (eg 7th February to 20th December), especially Mondays to Fridays for motorhome travelers wishing to 'winter-over' or visit the 'winterless north'.</p>
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Hearing:

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From: Whangarei District Council
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Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Gary Mathew Vaughan - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-95

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Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-95

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>Freedom camping is a right of every New Zealander and services should be provided at designated locations to provide basic sanitation for users</p> <p>Public spaces are owned by all and services should be provided free of charge or at a minimum amount affordable to those less fortunate</p>

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To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Jenny Walter - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-116

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Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-116

Your details:

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Daytime phone number:	094095567
Email address:	jennywa07@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>All tourism is valuable to Northland and New Zealand.</p> <p>Could it be a case of just putting in more toilets around the district.</p> <p>Surely the tourism money would pay for this necessity.</p>

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Sent: 29 Oct 2020 18:49:32 +0000
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Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Sean Louvell Walters - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-22

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Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-22

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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>My thoughts on the current camping in public places bylaw is positive but in reality I don't think it's working as intended. My family has been in Whananaki for 10's of generations even before colonisation. The amount of disrespect for the whenua out home is horrendous, the environmental damage has already shown as seafood is diminishing. I want to see in the future that enforcement is added to the agenda of strategic planning, as a bylaw is only as good as it's enforcement. I know we can't monitor every little thing every freedom camper does, but we can encourage our locals and empower them to call out anyone who does. I know we as locals do anyway, but we need easier platforms to communicate those issues with you. The Public Places Bylaw needs an update with better outlines of the prohibited areas for horses and such on better maps. Maybe they've already mapped them out in ARCGIS already? anyway would like a revamp on that one.</p>

Hearing:

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From: Whangarei District Council
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Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Kyle Ward - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-7

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Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-7

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:	Whananaki south reserve is not monitored as a freedom camp site and needs to be stopped. The infrastructure does not support the increase in numbers resulting in human waste and rubbish being left behind. The solution of portaloise was a horrible idea as they were not emptied and were an eye sore. The latest attempt at restricting the area by fencing it off has already been destroyed to allow vehicles to park freely.

Hearing:

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From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 25 Nov 2020 19:55:24 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Lynnette Welch - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-179

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Lynnette Welch - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-179

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-179

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:	no comment

Hearing:

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From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 22 Nov 2020 23:08:07 +0000
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Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Sue Welford - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-124

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Sue Welford - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-124

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-124

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:	We propose that all the areas along the rivers {Queen's Chain reserve] that border the Nova Scotia River Estate, Waipu be included in the prohibited free camping area.

Hearing:

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From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 28 Oct 2020 17:39:16 +0000
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Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Laura whalley - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-11

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Your details:

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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:	<p>Let them park up I say, with no international tourists it's good to get to know our fellow New Zealanders travelling around. They beaches will only become more packed with more parking.</p> <p>There's nothing wrong with parking further down the road and walking to the beach either, or drop your family off then park.</p> <p>Freedom campers should stay in my opinion even as a local I like to spend the night at the beach and enjoy a night.</p> <p>Be a shame to take that away from locals too</p>

Hearing:

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From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 26 Nov 2020 01:53:59 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Wendy O'Shea - WBRRA Secretary - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-186

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Wendy O'Shea - WBRRA Secretary - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-186

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-186

Your details:

Full name:	Wendy O'Shea - WBRRA Secretary
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I am making this submission:	On behalf of an organisation
Organisation name:	Whananaki Beach Residents and Ratepayers Assn

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 a committee of the Whananaki Beach Residents and Ratepayers Assn, (WBRRRA), we would like our submission to represent our members of the Association, that freedom camping should be banned within Whananaki. At the height of our summer season, the facilities within the area are stretched to overload due to the thousands of people that come to camp and reside in their bach's within Whananaki. There are 4 campgrounds within Whananaki in the summer that campers flock to and only two public toilets within the Whananaki Estuary area which are seriously overloaded, which brings us to the concern of health and safety. As it is WBRRRA have had to ask the council to take over the responsibility of the public toilets at the hall due to the expense of maintaining them due to the increased usage.</p> <p>Over the past years we have experienced the lack of respect of the foreshore and surrounding areas from freedom campers, washing being strung up in the trees, urinating on the foreshore due to the state of the toilets. There are no showers or sinks, just toilets, so nudity is another problem.</p> <p>Right from the beginning, WBRRRA's submission was against Freedom Camping within Whananaki but the Council failed to listen to the request, so Whananaki is inundated with Freedom Campers and not just in the designated area. Camping on the Wharf in tents and at the boat ramps and they are not self-contained. Residents are constantly cleaning up after freedom</p>

	<p>campers and after their stay they uplift and leave by putting nothing into our community except their rubbish and the bad feeling with locals.</p> <p>The council has stated in the information pack that Sandy Bay and Woolley's Bay is proposed to be restricted to outside peak times season (18th December to 8th February). Why is Whananaki not given the same consideration if the council will not ban Freedom Camping within Whananaki.</p> <p>As the council is opening the sports fields in Tikipunga for freedom camping over the peak times, the council is obviously quite aware that the influx of freedom campers within the district is a problem. This is a positive step but the council needs to agree that small communities such as Whananaki, Woolley's Bay and Sandy Bay should only be a day trip excursion, the freedom camping area should be returned to what it use to be, an area for locals and day trippers to enjoy without competing against freedom campers.</p>
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Hearing:

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Sent: 26 Nov 2020 21:47:36 +0000
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Subject: Camping in Public Places Bylaw Review
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Ngā mihi
Logan Carter
(secretary, Whangārei Heads Citizens Association Inc)
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Submission from the Whangarei Heads Citizen Association (WHCA) to the October 2020 Review of the Camping in Public Places Bylaw 2017

The WHCA would first like to thank the Council for their decision to bring the bylaw review forward from a scheduled review in 2022 and to allow for the full scope of public consultation and consideration of all areas in the District affected by demand for freedom camping.

Managing camping in our public places requires central government, local government, the tourism industry and community to work together to ensure that camping in public places has a positive economic and social impact on communities and the local environment.

The Association would like to make the following recommendations with regard to the recently published Statement of Proposal:

We support the proposed amendments to cl. 6 of the Bylaw (page 11)

Where marked parking spaces are present, only one vehicle per marked space is allowed.

We support the additional clause 6.5 proposed (page 12)

To avoid doubt, nothing in this Bylaw allows a person to take up permanent or semi-permanent residence on any local authority area.

Ocean Beach Car Park (page 22) map reference S3-08

We support the proposed amendment to prohibit camping on the grassy overflow carpark at Ocean Beach due to the increase popularity of Ocean Beach and the Bream Head Scenic Reserve and current pressures and demands for existing car parks by day users and the ability of the toilet and shower being able to cope with any increase in pressure.

We support the proposed amendment to increase the area in main car park where campers can park to afford greater privacy for campers and reduce the risk of any fires spreading between vehicles if this change does not result in an increase in the current number of campers in this area (for reasons referenced above). Therefore we request that the amendment is revised to include that within this marked area a total of 5 signs will be erected indicated one vehicle per marked space is allowed.

Reotahi (page 23) map reference S3-10

We do not support the proposed amendment to exclude a portion of the current prohibited area (next to the public toilets) to provide consent under the Reserves Act for limited tenting in the area for Te Araroa trail walkers.

We support and acknowledge that there is a need to provide suitable areas for Te Araroa trail walkers to camp. However this is not a suitable area as it is a well-used public toilet and enabling tenting in the only grassed area that is used by day visitors, families, schools and organisations such as EMR (Experiencing Marine Reserves) will have a negative impact on those users and the facility itself.

The proposed amendment excludes important and relevant information including the proposed number of tents that will be allowed, time frame when TA walkers will be allowed to tent in this area, how Council will manage/enforce limited tenting by TA walkers and exclude other campers from tenting in this area and that these toilets are already used by freedom campers who park in the main car park and what the combined impact will have on these facilities.

We propose that a special meeting is held with Council, DOC, Mark Weatherall (Chief Executive of Te Araroa Trust), the WHCA, Discover Whangarei Heads, and other interested individuals or

organisations to investigate and discuss 'other' options to support and provide camping options to Te Araroa walkers from Ocean Beach to Reotahi.

Taurikura

The parking of self-contained vehicles in this area has had a significant impact on restricting public access to this very popular and busy beach area by day users especially for those unloading kayaks, wind and kite surfers.

We propose that Taurikura is added to the prohibited areas in Schedule 1.

It is important to note that there is a large area across the road from the Taurikura public toilets on private land for self-contained vehicles to camp (a small charge applies).

Urquharts Bay & Manaia Walkway Car Park

We support Council's proposal that no changes are made to current restrictions for these areas.

Complaints & Enforcement

We would like to request that information is made publicly available on an annual basis providing a breakdown for each camping area of the total number of complaints received, infringement notices issued and fines paid.

Expenditure

We would like to request that information is made publicly available on Council's total expenditure per annum for the overall management of the camping in public places for the Whangarei District and any additional funding received from Central Government or other sources.

Alternative Camping Options

We believe it is important to provide New Zealanders and visitor's practical and cost effective camping options within the Whangarei Heads area. We recommend that existing private/commercial camping grounds and areas are included in Council's promotional material and website to encourage alternatives to freedom camping and that a meeting is held early next year with representatives from Council, DOC and the WHCA to discuss and investigate options to establish a small DOC type user pays camping area in our area

A representative from the WHCA would like to attend and speak at the hearing to be held on the 8th.

Logan Carter,
(Secretary)
Whangarei Heads Citizens Association

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Cc: Lea Rig Farms
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- I am against freedom camping in Whararua;
- There are already four campsites within the area that have great facilities
- The freedom camping site is currently in the "prime site" in the Whararua area; right outside beach houses. Council did not consult the locals before this happened.
- Freedom campers bring nothing to our area except rubbish + use the public toilets.
- At times I have found the freedom campers to be intimidating + often consume alcohol;
- Ratepayers cost to 'control' the freedom campers;
- During peak times freedom campers often overflow allocated area; causes intimidation to those wanting to use the public toilets.
- Freedom campers contribute nothing to the cleaning + up keep of the public toilets that they use.

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From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 14 Nov 2020 18:27:17 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Jane Whetton - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-67

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Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-67

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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:	I live in Te Maika Rd near the school and the council allows 3 campers to stay for 3 days along this strip of road. It is a terrible burden on residence who have these large vans parked on their street. They use the bathroom facilities and often wash out in public, just across from the school. On numerous occasions as children are going to school you see people emerging from their campers - our families are trying to get their children to school and the campers take up valuable space and cause traffic issues as well. Visually as they are so big I think they should not be allowed to camp in this street and are a hazard.

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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:

Forum North, Rust Ave, Whangārei, or

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

ONLINE/EMAIL

Complete this form online: www.wdc.govt.nz
or email us: 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.
- 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.

RE: HELENA BAY. MAP REFERENCE SI-03C.

I write in support of prohibiting camping in the above area. Freedom camping and self contained vehicles. Dotterels eggs are destroyed on a number of occasions by visitors/dogs? 2 x hatches have gone in the last 3 months. Large pohutukawa Tree beside road/parking area has roots - protect damage to tree. No toileting - people have been seen going behind bushes/trees close to parking area. Parking area is small, Camper vans take up room, so that day trippers are unable to access parking area. Erosion of land along parking/water front - prohibit heavy vehicles. Regards.

Tracey Wilkinson.

Feel free to add additional pages if required.

From: DebDeb Williams
Sent: 25 Nov 2020 18:50:48 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: Freedom camping submission
Attachments: NZS final Conclusion.pdf, NZS final Conclusion.pdf, NZS final Conclusion.pdf

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www.wdc.govt.nz/haveyoursay Im with Bob Osbourne...Your far to restrictive and profit orientated. Look after our basic camping, housing needs! We need more places to camp...not less! Besides we beleive you are breaching our god given and law protected rights. To be clear..I reject your narrative and colluding mis management of the freedom camping, made up, new laws..They are unlawful, harmful, limiting and inhumane. They are not compatible with kiwi life, finances and neither are they just and fair. I feel impinged and needlessless monitored, invaded, spyed on, controlled and unfairly targeted for being a camper...since 4 eva. I hate your new regulations and strongly object...to being objectified, limited, forced and controlled by unjustified camping limitations. I object, reject and strongly oppose the present certified self containment lies and rules...and heres why ...Please see attatchment

From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 26 Nov 2020 06:10:18 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Robert Wilson - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-192

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Robert Wilson - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-192

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-192

Your details:

Full name:	Robert Wilson
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Daytime phone number:	0274984027
Email address:	northwilson@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 and The proposed amendment to the Public Places Bylaw 2014
Comments:	<p>WDC want people in camper to visit to the area, businesses want these people to visit the area to spend money with them, but by limiting where these campers can stay makes these campers think about bypassing Whangarei. Yes there are camp grounds but some of these camper enjoy freedom camping. Whangarei did have a good amount of places to freedom camp but cutting these back means less people. You can't have it both ways and neither can the businesses. You want the money from the people in these campers then you need to give them places to stay. The places that the WDC have provided before were good but some of the people using these freedom camping sites were over staying their welcome, some even turning it into their permanence place of residence. If there was a maximum stay of somewhere like 3 night and this was then policed the sites would work well.</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 02:44:20 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - tatjana windhager - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-55

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - tatjana windhager - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-55

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-55

Your details:

Full name:	tatjana windhager
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Daytime phone number:	095560035
Email address:	andesitefolks@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>There a 3 low cost camping grounds available in Whananaki North and a 4th camping ground becomes available over the school holidays at the local school.</p> <p>I pay high rates to the WDC to then be subjected to a freedom campers urinating in the sea while going for a swim! I have heard similar stories from others in the area. I am concerned they could defecate in the sea and no longer feel comfortable swimming in the estuary, a very sad situation created by the WDC.</p> <p>I have seen 30 plus freedom campers parked around our the two public toilets in high summer while the rate payers in the area wanted to use these toilets along side with the general public visiting Whananaki also wanting to be able to use these toilets.</p> <p>WDC must be aware that this is too much pressure on these toilets by the estuary and if not they should understand that this is a disgusting unhealthy situation, and should NOT be allowed to happen!</p> <p>I would like make a submission to see at the least freedom campers not allowed over the summer period (or ever would be best) so that we can be assured to have a hygienic situation in</p>

	the estuary PLEASE.
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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 01:22:33 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Sean Woods - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-85

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Sean Woods - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-85

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-85

Your details:

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Postal address	163 school road, Netherton
Daytime phone number:	021 069 7386
Email address:	woodsey64@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:	<p>We visit Whangarei every year and bring our craft faire .</p> <p>Whangarei is sadly lacking in freedom camping places for large vechiles . We bring house trucks and house buses which spend money in town . We all have to eat and need fuel . Some get repairs done . This year alone we had one windscreen replaced , trailer draw bar repaired, gas work done , a van sign written .</p> <p>The whole faire bought fish and chips from the shop across from William Fraser Memorial Park. We stay for a week and then we are gone till next year . Would be a shame if you didn't provide areas for us as we would slowly not return to the area.</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 18:06:21 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Bruce and Marilyn Young of 2213 Whananaki North Road - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-199

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2020 Proposed Amendments to the Camping in Public Places Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw Submission - Bruce and Marilyn Young of 2213 Whananaki North Road - 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-199

Receipt Number: 2020-PUBPLC-BYLAWS-199

Your details:

Full name:	Bruce and Marilyn Young of 2213 Whananaki North Road
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Email address:	bruce@profit.net.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>Whananaki is a pristine estuarine environment and is a breeding ground for a a wide range of marine life - particularly Snapper, flounder, shellfish etc</p> <p>Whananaki does not have the facilities to cope with any camping in public areas</p> <p>The facilities that do exist barely cope with day visitors - and generally are inadequate for these demands</p> <p>Whananaki is very well served with camping grounds and consequently there are adequate facilities for any camping which the public of NZ and overseas visitors can book and enjoy - FOR VERY LOW COSTS !!</p> <p>The Government Ministers who have responsibilities for these activities (Stuart Nash etc) have stated that we are tired of people shitting and pissing in our lakes, rivers and estuaries</p> <p>I wish to have Whananaki North added to Schedule 1 of the Specific Sites Rules on Camping</p> <p>My second preference is for Whananaki North to be added to Schedule 4 of the Specific Sites Rules on Camping which restricts camping to outside the peak season which runs from 18 December to 8 February each year - except that for Whananaki the peak season for people visiting the region is actually from Labour Weekend to Easter and this period is a more appropriate closure for Whananaki as it covers the spawning season for fish breeding in the area</p>

Hearing:

Do you wish to attend the hearing?

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