

Camping in Public Places Bylaw

consultation feedback

Purpose of this briefing

- Report back on submitter feedback
- Overview of further recommended changes to the bylaw

Consultation activities

- Submissions period 28 October – 27 November
- 2x notices in Council News
- 2x Facebook posts
- Direct email notification of consultation to stakeholders:
 - previous submitters
 - commercial campgrounds
 - resident and ratepayer associations
 - Maori partners
- **207 submissions**
- one submission was supported by a petition with 13 signatures
- 23 people spoke at the Hearing

Feedback summary

- **Support for seasonal restrictions**
 - 14 submissions in support of seasonal restrictions
 - 8 opposed
 - 8 submitters asking for seasonal restrictions on all beaches
 - *Staff recommendation to continue with proposal as consulted on. See Attachment 1.*
- **Self-containment a dividing issue**
 - 21 submissions requesting that only self-contained vehicles be allowed
 - 17 submissions opposing the use of the self-containment standard
 - *The self-containment Standard is best practice and is widely used by councils throughout New Zealand. Staff advice is to retain the self-containment standard as per SOP.*
- **Numerous out of scope requests**
 - 15x submitters requesting provision of facilities
 - 13x operational matters including enforcement and signage
 - 5x requesting parking for large motorhomes
 - 7x other, including concerns about cost to ratepayers
 - *Relevant operational matters have been referred by staff to the Health and Bylaws department and to Parks*

Area-specific feedback

- **Attachment 1**
 - 85 areas
 - 168 feedback points made by submitters
 - analysis of submissions received against the requirements of the legislation
 - draft staff recommendations for each area
- **Any other matters/locations to discuss today?**
- **Top feedback area – Whananaki North**

Whananaki North

20 submissions requesting further restrictions or prohibitions

- **11x oppose amendment and seek prohibition**
 - prohibit FC to protect area and health and safety from rubbish and toileting, hygiene concerns, human waste on reserve, complaints of urinating in sea, nudity
 - protect estuarine environment
 - prohibit as overcrowded
 - prohibit FC to protect access to boat ramp
 - prohibit FC to protect campgrounds
- **7x seeking seasonal restrictions**
 - seasonal restrictions to protect health. Hygiene concerns, human waste on the estuary, toilets already busy and then used by campers for washing and dishes, people urinating in the estuary when toilet is busy;
 - restrict to outside the peak season. Many vehicles are not truly self-contained. overcrowding
 - in peak season, campers intimidating and consume alcohol
- **2x position unclear, but implies greater restrictions**
 - limit camper numbers to 3 to reduce pressure on effluent field
 - protect whenua from environmental damage

Whananaki North

- Current



Other options:

- Seasonal restrictions
- Full prohibition
- Taking the site off the map

- Statement of Proposal



Whananaki North

- Option of closing the designated site at Whananaki North and removing the area from Schedule 4.
 - general rule would apply – clause 6 of the bylaw - self-contained vehicles can still camp **up to 3 nights**
 - response to consultation feedback that there has been human waste in the reserve and estuary.
 - site is no longer “advertised” on the maps – same regulation as for the nearby boat launching layby area and the reserve by the school
 - vehicles must be legally parked
 - no tents, but affordable tent camping options are available at the nearby DOC campsite.

Otamure Bay

- Statement of Proposal



- Updated map



Ocean Beach

- Statement of Proposal



- Updated map



Next steps

- Deliberations 16 February 2021
- Adoption – February or March 2021
 - ❖ *(depending on outcome of deliberations)*
- New bylaw in force 1 October 2021
 - changes in place by Labour Day weekend
 - budget for signage
 - earlier implementation not feasible due to human resourcing (dog registrations workstream)