

Camping in Public Places

2017/2018 report

Recap

- History
- Freedom Camping Act 2011
- Educational Approach

2017/2018 monitoring programme

- 33 sites, reduced to 19 in February
- Daily monitoring 20 Dec-6 Feb, every 48 hours in shoulder seasons
- Baseline for future approaches

Challenges

- Monitoring visits - 'snapshot in time'
- What is 'overnight camping'
- Associated behaviours
 - washing dishes
 - hanging clothes
- WDC vs DOC land

Results

- 87% compliance
- Reason for non-compliance
 - 84% parking outside designated site
- Trend of self-contained vehicles preference for using designated sites

CRMs and other complaints

- Most for unlawful camping
- 6 areas in District received 4 or more complaints
- designated sites

No complaints	8 sites
1 or 2 complaints	8 sites
5 or more complaints	6 sites

CRMs and other complaints

- Signs
 - Most complaints early in season
 - Vandalism/removal an issue
- Rubbish/toilets
 - Low number of complaints compared to 2016/2017
 - no significant issues reported from Waste and Drainage Department
 - additional signs for dump stations and etiquette recommended

Bylaw

- enforceable
- relatively few issues outside of seven sites
- significant reduction in complaints about rubbish/sanitary issues

Future enforcement programme

- Seven focus sites – daily morning/evening monitoring between Labour Weekend and Easter:
 - ❖ Tamaterau
 - ❖ Ruakaka
 - ❖ Matapouri – Wehiwehi Road
- Plus key busy sites:
 - Bascule carpark
 - Sandy Bay
 - Woolleys Bay
 - Kowharewa Bay

Future enforcement programme

- Retain 19 monitoring sites
- Evening/morning monitoring only
 - enforcement focused approach
 - More effectively addresses parking outside designated area issues
- Pre-season training of enforcement officers
- Mobile technology
- Budget included in LTP

Site improvements & approaches

- Focus sites

Site	Approach
Ruakaka	Lock gates 10pm-6am, reduce or move designated site
Matapouri – Wehiwehi Road	Move designated site as part of planned upgrade to parking area
Tamaterau	Temporary relocation of designated site, pending planned site upgrades in future

- Other sites

Site	Approach
Whananaki North	Reduce site size
I-site, Tarewa Road	Move designated site to roadside

Associated matters

- Additional signs/review and improve information
- dispersal of self-contained vehicles
- apps
- temporary closures

Next steps

- 2018/2019 enforcement programme
- resolutions - designated sites
- national working party

Questions?