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Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2016

Staff Comments Report on Submissions

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Readers Guide

The proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2016 was notified on Wednesday 27 April 2016 with submissions closing on Friday 27 May 2016.

Each submitter has been allocated a unique submitter number.

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Submitter Index

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Staff report on submissions

This report provides staff comments on all issues/matters received by the submitters in relation to the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2016. This report is sorted by submitter number.

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Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
1	Marie Billington	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff comment
<p>Yes - I believe clearer/larger signage is needed in designated overnight camping areas stating clearly the area is for fully self-vehicles ONLY and the number of nights a vehicle can park there. For this to work, vehicles have to be checked. We travel full time in a fully self-contained motorhome and really value these overnight, no cost areas. We appreciate having somewhere safe to park. We believe we support the area in our spending on groceries, fuel, cafes, and other incidentals. We also make a point of clearing up any rubbish lying around in the park over we stay at. Our way of appreciating the facility.</p>		<p>New signage will be developed and placed to inform people of the restrictions in place.</p>

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
2	Mark Collins	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff comment
<p>No - Lack of areas for my family to use (certified self-contained campervan) in Port Waikato and Raglan. We now leave the Waikato District for our weekends and thus take our spending too.</p> <p>Having travelled the majority of New Zealand in my camper, I have found the Waikato District the worst for finding overnight camping. I agree that people without Certified Self-containment should be restricted to camping grounds. Those of us in CSC vehicles should be allowed to park anywhere (for limited time) as we bring revenue to local shops, markets etc. We do not enjoy being 'restricted ' to small areas of sealed carparks as this is not freedom camping as New Zealanders deserve. Non CSC vehicles do need to be dealt with, by fines and removal. Tenters or people 'camping' in cars have no grey waste, or black waste containment capability so pollute the land and waterways nearby. Please show common sense, and only deal with the problem, show CSC vehicle users respect, and allow us reasonable access to our beautiful country.</p>		<p>The bylaw identifies camping in self-contained vehicles is permitted in any Council area for a maximum of 3 days except in prohibited areas.</p>

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3	Adam Hutchinson	CamperMate
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
Yes		Support is noted.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	II Organisation/On Behalf Of
4	Sharon Laurent	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>Yes - People are parking up overnight in vehicles that are not self-contained e.g. toilets shower etc. and leave there rubbish behind. I think you should be self-contained to be able to freedom camp. No exceptions.</p> <p>We holiday at cooks beach and the amount of freedom campers in car and vans in the parking areas are incredible they leave their rubbish and light fires for cooking any tree that handy they cut or break branches off and the next morning the rubbish and the hot ashes are left there very dangerous</p>		<p>The bylaw identifies camping in self-contained vehicles is permitted in any Council area for a maximum of 3 days except in prohibited areas. Vehicles that are not self-contained can only park in two areas that have been designated. People are not permitted to damage trees and light fires in a public place except in a fire place.</p>

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5	Bill Rosoman	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
Yes		Support noted.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
6	Peter Colmore-Williams	Retired
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>Yes - With the future growth of CSC Motorhome style camping the councils of NZ need to realize that this is the new 'Batch' for tourists to see NZ, both Foreign and NZders. Councils also need to realise that most of these CSC Motorhomes want to be over-nighting in beautiful areas that are ava to them anywhere and everywhere, not in some carpark in the middle of town but in a lovely scenic camping setting. Yes they also require camping grounds and town parking areas, but the majority wish to be in a freedom camping situation. If the CSC rating was stronger , I.e. fixed in place toilet, kitchen, sleeping area, and met this higher standard than the problems of the 'vans' would be much easier to enforce with fines and impounding so that it was clearly understood that fines were to be paid immediately when issued. Freedom camping throughout NZ should be a right. People may believe they 'own' an area but they also travel to other parts of NZ and therefore they too become a tourist/traveller. NZ is a growing tourist industry that the Govt. is driving, with good intent as it grows industry in many directions, and the councils if they wish to reap the rewards of growth business in their area grow with this industry. CSC Motor homing is a great part of this and their requirements of it also require a place to stay that is scenic, and place to dump waste that is handy, with a good supply of fresh water at these dumps. There are several good examples of well-designed dumps that do this. We need many more of these that are readily ava to all the Vans, Motorhomes, and Caravanners touring NZ. Councils need to get on board with the opening up of many more 'overnight' , '3 day Camping' sites, and dump stations, and from this many of the problems of the councils will disappear. If this pro-active action is take rather than a common misunderstood anti-action taken then all parties will profit from that. I cannot emphasise enough that CSC motor homers are basically caring people and not the problem, that if better and more sites where ava, and that the dump stations are plentiful then most problems will disappear, this industry is not going away but is growing at a rapid rate, and, the councils that grow with it will benefit enormously from it. I therefore ask the council, as a ratepayer myself, to be proactive and embrace this new growth industry.</p>		<p>The bylaw identifies camping in self-contained vehicles is permitted in any Council area for a maximum of 3 days except in prohibited areas.</p>

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
7	Anne Bell	City Centre Bed and Breakfast
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>Yes - I have visited the Bay of Plenty and was amazed at the number of Freedom Camping Sites they have available in their area while the Waikato District Council West Coast Beaches (Raglan) have a small area of Freedom Camping. I would welcome more Freedom Camping around the Waikato District Council area set up in conjunction with New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Inc. as this will encourage more responsible campers and will bring revenue into the smaller towns.</p>		<p>The bylaw identifies camping in self-contained vehicles is permitted in any Council area for a maximum of 3 days except in prohibited areas.</p>

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8	Susan Carter	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - People leaving rubbish, faeces, toilet paper, having parties, leaving bottles where they are freedom camping at Te Toto Gorge carpark. A lot of travellers have no consideration for the landscape or the people of Aotearoa.</p> <p>I would like to see freedom camping only permitted if further than 50m from residential housing, and away from scenic or tourist car parks such as Te Toto Gorge. Camping 50m away from residential housing would ensure minimal noise. Make sure there are public toilets available as well as rubbish bins.</p>		<p>Council is required to designate areas as restricted or prohibited for certain purposes. This must be by way of map or description of the area. Excluding camping from 50 meters away from residential housing would have to be shown by map or by street name. Te toto Gorge carpark is managed by Department of Conservation and has already been designated as a prohibited area by DoC.</p>

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
9	Te Aronui Maihi	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>Yes - Main issue is rubbish, tourist being harassed and due to this behaviour giving Raglan a bad name and image.</p> <p>I think as long as the freedom campers are fully S/C I think that is fine I do think there should be designated spots where freedom campers can go and time periods put in place.</p> <p>In other places in Raglan it could be good for campers to pay a small fee to the council where they will receive a card which enables them to park anywhere.</p>		<p>The bylaw allows for self-contained vehicles to freedom camp for up to 3 days except in prohibited areas. Schedules 1 and 2 set out restrictions that apply to freedom campers. The bylaw cannot be used to apply fees for camping.</p>

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
10	Dianne Stephens	Tangatawhenua of whaingaroa
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - I do not agree with free camping in Raglan town I am from raglan and it's disgusting seeing all the rubbish and disrespectful attitudes of people from out of town at xmas and new year's and throughout the year. Who's going to monitor the noise, mess, and disturbance to locals? Find a paddock that the council owns to put them on not in the middle of town.</p>		<p>A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area. As a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn.</p>

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11	Chris Watson	
Category: Additional comments		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>Just thought I'd give some feedback on the freedom camping bylaw changes that would affect Raglan. The no camping signs would be more effective if they listed alternatives. Eg you can't camp here but.... Here is the rates and address of solscape, the holiday park, the backpackers and in particular the maori run campsite near the estuary. This site isn't advertised widely and has very cheap rates for a basic service. I'm sure many freedom campers would be happy to be based here if they knew it was available.</p>		<p>New signage will be developed and placed to inform people of the requirements of the freedom camping bylaw. A webpage will also be developed to identify the options for camping in the Waikato District.</p>

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
12	Journie Pilling	Raglan Community
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - As a local I do not support the free camping in vehicles for a few reasons. Firstly I understand that other towns do it and it works for them and that is fine. However, Raglan is small, we struggle with finding car parks in general for simple grocery runs which results in fines from a parking warden, we run off local businesses and they need the income so it makes no sense to allow people to camp for free, also who will be cleaning up after them as I know from experience campers can leave mess. We don't need our streets filthy. Again, our town is small. I love tourists and our town relies heavily on them however I do not think that allowing them to camp for free is a good idea by any means. Our town is beautiful enough with a famous surf culture that the tourists will flock here regardless - so if the reason is to draw more tourists, I think there is no need.</p>		<p>A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area. As a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn.</p>

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13	Douglas Mclachlan	Raglan resident
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
No - Have you seen the mess left by the freedom campers. Even when toilet blocks and rubbish are provided. Manu bay is a great example, I pick up their rubbish every morning. I don't pay rates to have my back yard treated with so little respect, they can pay to camp like everybody else....		A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area. As a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn. Manu Bay has been identified as a prohibited area.

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14	Matt Taggart	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
No - The coucil should work with current camping areas in raglan to create a freedom camping zone that has proper facilities. The issues you will create will be a nightmare for the town if you allow freedom camping by the fire station. It's not a smart idea!		A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area. As a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn. Manu Bay has been identified as a prohibited area.

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15	Katherine Hughes	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - I live in Manu Bay and continually experience freedom campers washing their dishes and clothing in the toilet block of both the Manu Bay and Ngaranui beach and leaving rubbish behind. The idea of making the carpark by the Fire station is dangerous as I believe the campers will inadvertently block the access to ambulance, fire and Heli pads services. Please consider having a blanket ban on freedom camping from the Te Toto Gorge carpark through to past Waitetuna including Bridal Veil Falls.</p>		<p>A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area. As a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn. A defined area for Raglan could be developed restricting freedom camping in and around the main township however this is not in keeping with the approach that Council has undertaken.</p>

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16	Mike Bell	
Category: Additional comments		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>I just wondered whether you have used the incorrect colour code on pages 31 and 32 of the proposal - i.e. should these be showing 'restricted' rather than 'permitted' areas? I understand that under the Act any area not prohibited is permitted, but it seems to me that you are wishing to impose restrictions (time limits of 8pm to 8am, and number of nights for non-self-contained campers)?</p>		<p>The areas that are in Schedule 2 of the bylaw are restricted which is in accordance with the Act. However in order to make it clear that non-self-contained vehicles are permitted in this area it has been labelled as permitted.</p>

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17	Liz Shaw	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - After having to clean us used toilet paper and rubbish that blows onto our section from freedom campers, I do not believe there should be any freedom camping in Raglan at all. I do not believe the fire station car park is suitable, blocking access to helipad and emergency services building. Stupid idea to put it there. Use your Council Offices as designated area.</p>		<p>A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area. As a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn. A defined area for Raglan could be developed restricting freedom camping in and around the main township however this is not in keeping with the approach that Council has undertaken.</p>

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18	Claudia Cowan	
Category: Additional comments		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>I have been a member n the Motorhome Association for many years. I read your article in the paper 28/4/2016 banning more areas to the freedom campers. I once drove all the way from WGTN to Raglan with my little spoodle dog. I just wanted to see what Gary McCormick used to talk about. Was told in no uncertain manner that there was no freedom camping anywhere and hefty fines if I was caught doing so. Needless to say I left town without seeing anything. Now all members have to have a containment certificate and there are many rules regarding this membership. Motor homers spend a lot of money in towns that they visit and it is mentioned in the magazine which towns are friendly and if they do anything wrong you can bet your bottom dollar their number will be reported in the following months magazine. Please do reconsider.</p>		<p>The bylaw identifies camping in self-contained vehicles is permitted in any Council area for a maximum of 3 days except in prohibited areas.</p>

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19	Kieran Hallgate	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
No		Opposition has been noted.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
20	Lauren Park	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - proposal to free camp near fire station... Oppose bylaw. Town provides sufficient camping and accommodation facilities for campers currently. Prefer to keep peace in town and also rubbish contained Local Businesses in town pay a lot in ground leases and rates to council in order to run these businesses for holiday campers. For council to propose to give away FREE accommodation in direct competition is not just and also will encourage unruly behaviour with these freedom campers.</p>		<p>A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area. As a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn.</p>

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21	Lani Puriri	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
No		Opposition noted.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
22	Inger Kite	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - No freedom camping should be allowed within 500m of residential area in Raglan. They should be gone by 7 am and fined massively if any rubbish or excrement is found in the area. Camping grounds is where campers should be!!!! NOT on the streets of Raglan or surrounding districts.</p>		<p>A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area. As a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn. A defined area for Raglan could be developed restricting freedom camping in and around the residential areas however this is not in keeping with the approach that Council has undertaken.</p>

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
23	Kate Dermer	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
No - People are parking overnight along the water front leaving their excrement behind.		Council is required to designate areas as restricted or prohibited for certain purposes. This must be by way of map or description of the area. Areas of water front that are under Councils (e.g. Cliff Street) control have been designated as prohibited where there have been identified problems..

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24	Chris Aitchison	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - Stewart Street is a residential street, people live on this street with families, having campers in vehicles either contained or not is not something that can be possible. - The car park spaces proposed would be extremely dangerous; car parks are not built / designed for camping. It would only be a short time before somebody hits a camping vehicle or camper. - It is close to a corner, again highly dangerous - Busy road at times, having numerous campers parked, cooking and being oblivious is dangerous. - Church grounds would be used by campers, this is a community garden and not a campers cooking location which will happen. - Toilets well go to the public toilets and over run those are just leave the sanitary mess on the road or again in the gardens. - The car park spaces are used, even during the suggested times, these used spaces would means cars having to park elsewhere therefore leading to more traffic issues and increased parking in overcrowded areas. - Wainui road car parks, again these spaces are used, it would be dangerous, emergency services</p>		<p>Traffic and safety concerns have been raised about this location. It is appropriate given this information to withdraw this area from the bylaw.</p>

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25	Sarah Aitchison	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
No - Stewart Street car park spaces should be prohibited. The spaces are not built for camping; they are car park spaces that are used for this. It's a family street, not a camp ground. We have many families living on Stewart Street, we don't want the danger, mess, noise campers would bring.		Traffic and safety concerns have been raised about this location. It is appropriate given this information to withdraw this area from the bylaw.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
26	Ayla Aitchison	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
No - Stewart Street should be prohibited, at what point it would ever be suitable to camp, extremely dangerous.		Traffic and safety concerns have been raised about this location. It is appropriate given this information to withdraw this area from the bylaw.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
27	Nicola Chung	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
No - The location is right in the centre of town right next to the fire station - who will make sure that the exit ways for the fire station are kept clear? Who is responsible for rubbish generated/monitoring noise levels/parties etc?		A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area. aAs a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn..

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28	Sue Edmonds	Eureka Community Planning Committee
Category: Additional comments		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>As explained in an email sent to Craig Birkett dated 18 March, the Eureka area has not, to date, been visited by many freedom campers. However, in a district with no public toilets anywhere, and no reserves, we would be concerned if, for instance, the parking area around the Eureka Hall was being used by campers who were not self-contained.</p> <p>There is nothing in the wording to date that appears to cover such off-street parking in District areas, either in Eureka or elsewhere.</p> <p>As in our earlier email, we would stress the need for more public toilets to be installed in likely camping spots which are permitted areas. They do not have to be major structures. There are a number north of Wellington on SH1 which are similar to Portaloo's. There would also need to be a map available showing all available public toilets.</p> <p>Some of our members were concerned that, with large popular areas designated as off limits for campers, these people would be driven to using Department of Conservation sites, many of which are also not provided with toilets. This would merely shift the nuisance to another organisation.</p> <p>Many freedom campers are retired people, whose need for facilities are possibly greater. It is hoped that Councils are making arrangements with campervan rental companies for more information on permitted sites and non-permitted ones to be supplied to those renting non-self-contained vehicles. Just having a bylaw is little help if people aren't informed.</p>		<p>The bylaw is aimed at addressing issues related to freedom camping. The bylaw identifies that only persons in self-contained vehicles are able to freedom camp in council areas. A page on Councils website will be developed to inform people about camping options within the District.</p>

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
29	Anthea Jackson	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>Yes - People camp at Te Toto Gorge carpark which is small and well used by people visiting the lookout or climbing Mt Karioi. I would like to see this as a prohibited area as there is often rubbish left there and there is no toilet and my understanding from DOC is that they do not intend to place one there. NZ Motor Home Association has it in their guide to members as place self-contained vehicles can park overnight so others see them there and camp as well.</p> <p>For campers who might otherwise park at Bridal Veil Falls or Te Toto it would be good to have a prescribed area of the Te Mata domain as an alternative with a restriction on length of stay eg 2 nights. This would assist those campers who do not wish to stay in the town.</p>		<p>Te Toto gorge carpark is managed by DoC and they have identified it as a prohibited area under the Freedom Camping Act. Te Mata Domain is managed by the Department of any allowance to permit freedom camping would need approval from DoC.</p>

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
30	Anonymous Submitter	Raglan resident
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - Regarding the idea of free camping by the fire station or in fact anywhere that is not totally and correctly catered for. I do not support this. Instead I believe we should support paid entry camping areas with proper facilities. Toilets, showers, rubbish and recycling areas, grey water etc. If we do not have these I am sure as has been the case elsewhere in NZ there will be excessive noise, rubbish, pollution, urine and faeces on site. Think about the people who live in Raglan first and then create good camping sites that are not super expensive in cooperation with Raglan business owners.</p>		<p>Council has identified two areas in Raglan for non-self-contained vehicles. These areas are close to toilets and other services in town.</p>

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
31	Karla Stevenson	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
No - Hi as a resident of Stewart street I think it's a bad idea to have campers on our road, we have lots of kids in the area and the safety of having lots of big vans I think will be hard to keep vision clear. Also we have no toilet facilities on Stewart street.		Traffic and safety concerns have been raised about this location. It is appropriate given this information to withdraw this area from the bylaw.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
32	Mike Bell	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - I wish to submit an objection to the proposal to restrict freedom camping in the Wainui Road Fire station Carpark and the Western End of Stewart Street. I believe that freedom camping should be prohibited in these areas and extended the length of Wainui Road as far as the one lane bridge and lower Bow Street from the water tower.</p> <p>My arguments are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. These areas do not have adequate facilities for large numbers of freedom campers which represents a potential serious health and safety risk. 2. There is potential property damage danger, particularly erosion to the coastline along Wainui Road and damage to roadside curbs in Bow Street if tents are frequently erected. 3. The Fire station Carpark is used by residents after 8pm for social events and eating out, so large numbers of camper vehicles parked there would limit the number of parks for tax payers, residents and other visitors. 4. In the Summer months it is still light at 8pm and a row of tents and campervans would be unsightly for residents and other tourists (making our town less attractive to outside visitors). The current accommodation outlets in the township (Camp Ground and Backpackers) are tucked out of the way and relatively unobtrusive; freedom campers in down town areas would not. 		

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
33	Andrew Swinton	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - I am sick of campers using the bushes outside my house as a toilet, and leaving tissue and basically faeces as a gift for me to discover in the morning. I can't see why it should be allowed in an area which is in the top 10 surf destinations in the world, when it's not allowed in the other nine...or other famous surf locations in New Zealand such as the Coromandel or Piha. I struggle to see why we should fund the clean-up, or indeed allow people to basically free load off the town, when it's hard enough to make money here as a resident, especially with travellers contributing to the rubbish problem. Whilst I work in the tourist industry and welcome them to our town with open arms, areas around Raglan are best left without constant reminders of their dinner left in public areas. Send them to a campsite, like other towns in NZ. The councils proposals to allow them to camp in the middle of town is quite frankly insulting, not to mention crazy!</p>		<p>Manu Bay and other areas that have been identified as having issues with freedom camping have been included in the bylaw. Council has identified two areas in Raglan for non self-contained vehicles. These areas are close to toilets and other services in town.</p>

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
34	Adam Daniel	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - I oppose the restrictions on Cliff and Wallace Streets. The existing infrastructure (bathrooms) should be utilized to accommodate freedom campers. Freedom camping should be allowed within 200 m of both existing bathrooms in the proposed restricted areas to spread out campers. I agree with restricting culturally sensitive areas but the restriction on the waterfront is unnecessary aside from appeasing wealthy residents. Existing bathrooms should be utilized by allowing freedom camping within a reasonable distance.</p>		<p>There have been a number of reported problems in this area with noise, litter and restricting access to this area. The Cliff street reserve is small and there is not sufficient area to accommodate freedom camping.</p>

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
35	Bush Barton	St John Ambulance
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - St John Ambulance Raglan has grave concerns regarding the council's proposal to allow non self-contained freedom camping adjacent to the emergency services building/helipad carpark. This presents a significant risk to the public that would be using this surrounding area.</p> <p>At any time, day or night the Helicopter can be dispatched to Raglan Helipad; ideally we activate the fire brigade to set up the landing site; however this can't always be achieved if they are on the job helping us. Therefore, this proposes a hazard with campers able to roam around the area at their leisure. There is limited available space in this area for ambulances loading into helicopters and a very real risk to public from operational helicopters with issues such as potential bystanders from camper vans and loose unsecured camping equipment which has the potential to put a hovering helicopter at risk</p> <p>Raglan has 1 Ambulance which is housed inside the emergency services building which needs access in and out 24/7, also parking for staff on site needs to be addressed as there are no parking wardens at night to issued tickets if someone camps in their spot. Cars and Vans will park anywhere around the area and then plead they "didn't know"</p> <p>At the end of the day we need to be using our common sense, this is not an area to be set up for freedom camping. There are currently many areas in and around Raglan that could be considered for camping sites – parking camper vans next to an emergency helipad is not appropriate.</p>		<p>A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area as a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn. It has also been identified that in order to protect this areas for use by emergency services it will be identified as a prohibited area for freedom camping.</p>

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
36	Catherine Miller	Rangiriri Community Society
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
Yes - From past experience of cleaning up rubbish and effluent from freedom campers ,as a community we do not want freedom camping on any roads in our district including the road to the boat ramp . We hope to provide a designated camping area with facilities in the future.		Council is not permitted to apply a blanket ban across the district. Prohibitions or restrictions have been put in place to address areas that have experienced issues with freedom camping.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
37	Vivienne Regnier	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - Permitted Freedom Camping Area WDC_2016_23: The parking area considered for use by Freedom Campers is directly adjacent to two primary emergency services in Raglan; Raglan Volunteer Fire Service, and Raglan St John Ambulance. The proposed area is directly adjacent to the only designated emergency Helipad in Raglan. The proposal to allow freedom campers to use this area has real potential to impede the basic functions of local emergency services whereby stationary vehicle congestion may block access ways and restrict movement around the area. The potential for increased numbers of onlookers exists, which will require additional emergency services personnel for on-scene management during high-risk situations e.g. Helo landing and take-off, patient transfers. While Raglan Volunteer Coastguard Base is no longer located in the vicinity, the boat ramp from Oputoru Stream behind the old Coastguard shed (due West of the proposed area, and adjacent to Raglan Police) is still considered a necessary access and triage point for services involved in on-the-water emergency response. Clear access to this boat ramp is imperative, particularly for patients requiring urgent medical evacuation. There's a range of anecdotal as well as quantitative evidence that suggests an increase in accidents early morning or late in the afternoon/evening when people are fatigued, and/or intoxicated, and visibility affects peoples' ability to function due to reduced natural light i.e effects of darkness. Therefore, the proposed timings for campers to utilise Permitted Freedom Camping Area WDC_2016_23 has the potential to be the busiest for emergency services. Allowing freedom camping in this area has the potential to influence emergency service response in our community, and could further be the difference between life and death.</p> <p>My comments are influenced by my front-line experience actively responding to maritime emergencies in the Raglan community. My understanding of likely and required responses in a range of critical situations further influences my refusal to support the freedom camping proposed for Area WDC_2016_23. In my opinion, Council has not considered likely impact on local emergency services or the parameters of local emergency response, which I personally deem a demonstration of ignorance.</p>		<p>A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area. As a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn. It has also been identified that in order to protect this areas for use by emergency services it will be identified as a prohibited area for freedom camping.</p> <p>A clause could be added to the proposed bylaw that allows for the CE to close an area like this; Christchurch City Council has the following which has been put in the draft bylaw. COUNCIL MAY TEMPORARILY CLOSE AN AREA TO FREEDOM CAMPING</p> <p>(1) The Chief Executive of the Council may temporarily close or restrict freedom camping in any area or part of any area where the closure or restriction is considered necessary to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> prevent damage to the local authority area or facilities in the area; or allow maintenance to the local authority area or facilities; or protect the safety of persons or property; or provide for better public access, including in circumstances where events are planned for that area. <p>(2) Notice will be given of any temporary closure or restriction, and the removal of any closure or restriction, in any manner the Chief Executive considers is appropriate to the reason for the closure or restriction. Prior notice of any temporary closure or restriction will be given where possible.</p> <p>The following note is explanatory and is not part of the Bylaw: Notice given by the Council may include any of the following: a sign erected in the area; and/or advertising on the Council's website or on the radio; and/or a public notice in the paper."</p>

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
38	John Bridgman	Gordonton District Committee
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
Yes		Support has been noted.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
39	David Hall	Police
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - On behalf of Raglan Police we submit the following; The proposed location of Freedom Campers near the Raglan Fire Station could pose a risk if too many campers were to congregate in this area and cause delays to rescue and emergency services moving to and from the Fire Station Area. The proposed areas on Wainui Road and Stewart Street are within the Liquor Ban area for the town. There is potential for campers to breach the liquor ban whilst living in their caravans. The proximity of the campers is too close to the CBD that in turn possess potential safety risks for persons moving to and from the CBD and licenced establishments. There are also potential risks to campers if they come into contact with intoxicated persons leaving licenced premises late at night. There is no public toilet facility open or available 24 hours, seven days a week. The risk is that campers could cause disorder by making use of other areas for toileting and disposal of rubbish. The congregation of campers will attract other persons and potentially raise the risk of disorderly behaviour of petty crime to take place. Freedom camping is not about a matter of convenience. Where attempts are made to accommodate this type of activity in other parts of the country it has been meet with negative reporting and minor conflicts.</p>		<p>A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area. As a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn. It has also been identified that in order to protect this areas for use by emergency services it will be identified as a prohibited area for freedom camping.</p> <p>A clause could be added to the proposed bylaw that allows for the CE to close an area like this; Christchurch City Council has the following which has been put in the draft bylaw. COUNCIL MAY TEMPORARILY CLOSE AN AREA TO FREEDOM CAMPING</p> <p>(1) The Chief Executive of the Council may temporarily close or restrict freedom camping in any area or part of any area where the closure or restriction is considered necessary to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> prevent damage to the local authority area or facilities in the area; or allow maintenance to the local authority area or facilities; or protect the safety of persons or property; or provide for better public access, including in circumstances where events are planned for that area. <p>(2) Notice will be given of any temporary closure or restriction, and the removal of any closure or restriction, in any manner the Chief Executive considers is appropriate to the reason for the closure or restriction. Prior notice of any temporary closure or restriction will be given where possible.</p> <p>The following note is explanatory and is not part of the Bylaw: Notice given by the Council may include any of the following: a sign erected in the area; and/or advertising on the Council's website or on the radio; and/or a public notice in the paper."</p>

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40	Christian Hasselholdt	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - This is residential area; I believe there will be issues with noise in the evenings particularly in the summer when their will be a number of vans congregated in the Stewart St/Wainui area, exacerbated by the lack of support systems (police/noise control) Raglan already has. I also believe there will be issues with litter, as seen in numerous occasions throughout NZ, particularly in Christchurch</p>		<p>A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area. As a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn. It has also been identified that in order to protect this areas for use by emergency services it will be identified as a prohibited area for freedom camping.</p> <p>A clause could be added to the proposed bylaw that allows for the CE to close an area like this; Christchurch City Council has the following which has been put in the draft bylaw. COUNCIL MAY TEMPORARILY CLOSE AN AREA TO FREEDOM CAMPING</p> <p>(1) The Chief Executive of the Council may temporarily close or restrict freedom camping in any area or part of any area where the closure or restriction is considered necessary to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. prevent damage to the local authority area or facilities in the area; or b. allow maintenance to the local authority area or facilities; or c. protect the safety of persons or property; or d. provide for better public access, including in circumstances where events are planned for that area. <p>(2) Notice will be given of any temporary closure or restriction, and the removal of any closure or restriction, in any manner the Chief Executive considers is appropriate to the reason for the closure or restriction. Prior notice of any temporary closure or restriction will be given where possible.</p> <p>The following note is explanatory and is not part of the Bylaw: Notice given by the Council may include any of the following: a sign erected in the area; and/or advertising on the Council's website or on the radio; and/or a public notice in the paper."</p>

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41	Sheryl Hart	Raglan Sport Fishing Club
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>Yes - The Raglan Sport Fishing Club need to be in continued consultation with council on the future planning and development for all marine spaces within the Waikato District Council West coast marine area.</p> <p>Waikato District Council needs to provide within their annual budget sufficient funding to provide for enforcement of any rule implementation within given timeframes.</p>		<p>Council currently undertakes freedom camping patrols in Raglan during the summer peak. Any additional patrolling will need to be considered in future budgets.</p>

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
42	Heather Dillon	Te Kauwhata Community Committee
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>Yes - TKCC is happy with status quo re Freedom Camping at the TK Domain. Suggest signage directing campers to the TK domain to be located at both:</p> <p>a) Lake Waikare lookout area (Waerenga Rd)</p> <p>b) Saleyard area</p>		<p>New signage will be developed and placed to inform people of the restrictions in place.</p>

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
43	Fergus Brown	Holiday Accommodation Parks Association of New Zealand
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>Yes - We believe that free camping should not be prohibited in all urban areas and restricted to Certified Self Contained vehicles in designated all other areas. This is consistent with the Queenstown Lakes District Council's bylaw section 5 as shown below.</p> <p>5. Restrictions on freedom camping</p> <p>a) A person must not freedom camp in any local authority areas within any no freedom camping zone, as identified in Schedule A of this bylaw.</p> <p>b) A person can only freedom camp in any restricted area, as identified in Schedule A, if they are using a self-contained vehicle.</p> <p>c) A person can freedom camp in any area where freedom camping is unrestricted, as identified in Schedule A.</p> <p>d) A person freedom camping in accordance with 5 (b) or (c) must not stay at the one site or in the same area for more than two consecutive nights.</p> <p>In addition we strongly recommend that the Council enforce Regulation 6 (2) from the Camping Ground Regulations 1985 in any designated freedom camping sites. " No temporary living-place shall be erected or placed on any camp site within 3 metres of any other temporary living-place, or within 1.5 metres of any camp site boundary, as the case may be."</p> <p>This is to ensure that fire safety is maintained with vehicles maintaining an appropriate gap between other vehicles. This can be achieved by painting suitable lines in parking areas. Failure to enforce this may put the Council in the position of not taking all reasonable care and make Council liable should an electrical or gas incident occur.</p> <p>Visitor Experience</p> <p>The New Zealand tourism industry has developed a framework for the industry Tourism 2015. One of the five key components of this is "driving value through outstanding visitor experience". The visitor experience of visitors to the Waikato region will be impacted by allowing free camping in urban areas. Having people sleeping in vehicles on the side of the road in towns is a third world experience. This is not how we want New Zealand to be seen by our international and domestic visitors.</p>		<p>Council has identified that it does not want to take this approach as it wishes to develop motorhome friendly towns. Prohibiting an area around Raglan would not be in keeping with this approach. Areas that need protection from issues associated with freedom camping have been identified during the bylaw development process..</p>

Health and Safety

In considering this bylaw the Council should take into account their responsibilities for workplaces as a PCBU under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015.

The designated freedom camping area can be considered a “place of work” under the Act and the Council is responsible for the health and safety of:

- it’s employees whilst working in that area (sections 6 of the Act);
- other people, in terms of where the actions/inactions of its employee’s harms any other person (campers) in that area (section 15 of the Act); and
- other people (campers) who are there for leisure and recreation or who pay to be there (section 16 of the Act).

Under the Health and Safety Act, “place of work” changes to “workplace”, which is a wider definition.

Enforcement

It is essential that no matter what decisions as are made regarding the Freedom Camping Bylaw that Council provides sufficient resources to enforce them. As has been seen in Queenstown Lakes District Council area, appropriate levels of enforcement can provide sufficient funds to cover all enforcement costs.

Consistency

A major problem with freedom camping in New Zealand generally is the lack of consistency of TLA freedom camping bylaws or the lack of bylaws. The New Zealand Responsible Camping Forum addressed this by developing a simple easy to read and understand guideline for all freedom campers. A copy of this follows. The forum understands that this is not an official bylaw but it is a sensible way for the tourism industry, i-Sites, Tourism New Zealand, local government and other agencies to inform visitors about what is expected of them when travelling in New Zealand. We encourage your Council to embrace and support this message.

In conclusion

- Freedom Camping should be prohibited within all urban areas in the Waikato District.
- Freedom Camping in self-contained vehicles should be permitted in designated areas outside of urban areas.
- Freedom Camping in non-self-contained vehicles should be prohibited unless in in designated sites with toilet facilities. Non self-contained vehicles should be encouraged to use holiday parks, DOC camp sites designated sites with toilet facilities.

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Established in 1955 as the Camp and Cabin Association, HAPNZ is the industry association that represents the commercial holiday park sector in New Zealand.

There are 420 commercial holiday parks in New Zealand that annually provide in excess of 7.3 million guest nights 33% of which are international visitors.

HAPNZ has 300 member parks and over 90 trade members. HAPNZ is a full member of Tourism Industry Aotearoa (TIA) and all HAPNZ members are affiliate members of TIA. HAPNZ is a national partner of the New Zealand Cycle Trail, a full member of the Backpacker, Youth and Adventure Tourism Association (BYATA) and an allied member of the Tourism Export Council of New Zealand.

While staying at Holiday Parks, visitors contribute over \$1 billion in direct expenditure to New Zealand's economy each year. Approximately \$644 million or 59% of this expenditure, is contributed by domestic visitors and the remaining \$449 million or 41% is by international visitors. Expenditure by international visitors contributes directly to New Zealand's export earnings.

An average of just 21% of daily expenditure by Holiday Park visitors goes toward holiday park accommodation costs. The balance, which totals approximately \$864 million annually, is typically spent outside of Holiday Parks in areas such as hospitality (cafes, restaurants, bars), activities and attractions, transport (rental vehicles, fuel, buses, taxis), retail goods and services, and entertainment.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
44	Maggie Wilcock	Tamahere Community Committee
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>Yes - Support: The Tamahere Community Committee supports this bylaw but has the following minor comments to make:</p> <p>General:</p> <p>Opinion in the public at large is that freedom camping conditions for vehicles should be stricter [eg. self-contained only] and length of stay should be a maximum of two nights.</p> <p>If the Council want to encourage tourism how will this bylaw facilitate that?</p> <p>Reserve Management Plans:</p> <p>These currently allow freedom camping at Onewhero & Te Kauwhata</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will all Reserve Management Plans allow Freedom Camping or will it be a decision between council and the relevant community? • Currently this committee believes that it is not allowed in/at/near the new Tamahere Recreational Reserve; can council confirm this? • Do specific Reserve Management Plans take precedence over this Bylaw? <p>7.0 Prior consent may at times be granted by council but this has to be applied for.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What say would local stakeholders have in this consent process? <p>Schedule One: Prohibited Areas. Schedule Two: Restricted Areas</p> <p>No reference to Tamahere; so is there anywhere in the Ward where freedom camping is or will be allowed? For example:-Narrows Boat Ramp, Allan Turner Bridge, new Recreational Reserve.</p>		<p>The bylaw identifies camping in self-contained vehicles is permitted in any Council area for a maximum of 3 days except in prohibited areas. Reserve Management Plans are being developed for specific reserves if it is identified that the reserve is suitable for freedom camping and this is supported by the community then this could be included in the reserve management plan. A reserve management plan would take precedence over this bylaw. Any application that is received would be assessed on the likely impact on the area and this may include seeking feedback from neighbouring residents.</p>

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45	Reuben Kendall	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>I am disappointed by the lack of discussion or information supplied by the WDC within the consultation documents. Within Whangarei District Council's current proposed Freedom Camping bylaw they discuss the reasoning for restrictions at each particular site pertaining to the Freedom Camping Act 2011. I.e. :</p> <p>Protect the area S11(2a)(i)</p> <p>Protect the health and safety of visitors to the area S11(2a)(ii)</p> <p>Protect access to the area S11 (2a)(iii) Recommendations are then made based on the issues discussed. Waikato District Council, as far as the public consultation documents go, has made no effort to discuss any reasoning behind the proposed restrictions. This will potentially led to inappropriate year round restrictions being applied to areas where there is no need for such. There has been no consideration of how this bylaw sits in the context in terms of the WDCs wider strategies. For example, recent Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment figures suggest that Freedom Campers stay longer and spend more money on average than other tourists. An impact assessment of a ban of such travellers has not been considered. I believe a bylaw legislating the districts strategy regarding Freedom Camping is required. However, any decisions based on a lack of information is a bad decision, therefore I oppose the proposed bylaw in its current form.</p>		<p>The bylaw identifies camping in self-contained vehicles is permitted in any Council area for a maximum of 3 days except in prohibited areas. The areas that have been identified as prohibited have known issues associated with freedom camping. An analysis of those areas has been undertaken and is attached to the deliberations report.</p>

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46	Julia Brown	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - It has just been brought to our notice via an article in the Raglan Chronicle 19th May edition, that the Waikato District Council has proposed a bylaw to enable Freedom camping at the Wainui Road carpark by the Fire station, and at the Western end of Stewart St adjacent to Nos 1-5 Stewart St.</p> <p>My husband and I submit that these venues are completely unsuitable for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Neither venue is sufficiently close to toilet facilities to encourage those in non-self-contained vehicles to trek along to the toilets by the museum. And one can just imagine such campers urinating (or worse) in the Church grounds or around the fire station in the wee hours (excuse the pun) of the morning. 2. Neither venue has bins for rubbish containment, and it is well-known that even where bins are supplied many freedom campers do not avail themselves of such, but empty all sorts of waste on the ground. Recently I visited just such a site on the Coromandel, and picked up a lot of household rubbish that had spilled all over the ground, and then clearly been visited by animals. We do not want such eye sores on the main thoroughfares. AS secretary of the Union Parish I often find rubbish stuffed in to the Church Letterbox. This would only become more frequent if freedom camping was allowed there. Xtreme waste trucks would have to service the areas daily (twice daily in summer), adding to congestion in already busy carparks. 3. The definition for freedom camp in this proposed by law 'means to camp (other than camping ground) within 200m of a motor accessible area using one or more of the following: (a) a tent or other temporary structure: (b) a caravan: (c) a car, campervan, house truck or other motor vehicle". This means that campers can now avoid the time-honoured way of camping at the local camping ground, and put their tents up etc. at the side of the fire station car park, and on the Church grounds. Why should they not pay the camping fees as others are prepared to do at camping grounds? What happens if a helicopter needs to land and there are tents all around the copter pad? 4. Freedom campers will be asked to vacate the area by 8am. How many freedom campers are going to observe this rule and be away by 8am? Already the parking area at the fire station is near full by 9am on weekdays, and the overflow is increasingly going on Stewart Street about that same time. It is much the same at weekends, especially on the monthly craft market Sunday operating as well as the Church Service. Who is going to police that these freedom campers would leave on time? Also campers can only park in 		<p>A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area. As a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn.</p> <p>The Kopua Domain is a high use area and will create conflict with other users. The use of any reserve for freedom camping will assessed as part of the reserve management plan process which will take into account the current and future use of the reserve area.</p> <p>Staff are intending to develop a webpage informing freedom campers of the options available in the Waikato District.</p>

these areas from 8pm onward. On wet, dark winter nights how many will want to park and get settled earlier? And then along comes some locals to attend an evening meeting at the fire station or Church/Hall only to find there is no parking for them. That is not right. And again, who is going to monitor this?

5. Freedom campers need to be near a shower, toilet facility, and running water and neither venue provides these.

Our proposals are as follows:

1. That Council: A) rescind the present bylaw venues at the Fire Station carpark and Stewart Street.

B) allow freedom campers to use the Kopua Domain where there are shower/toilet and running water facilities, a grey water disposal sump, as well as rubbish containers with space for Xtreme Waste trucks to turn, and/or

C) that Council purchase a suitable piece of fenced land, and erect the needed facilities, to be known exclusively as a freedom campers domain.

D) that Council re-word its present bylaw to allow 'freedom camping' only vehicles with current self-contained warrants displayed, who could then camp at (b) and (c) above. And that Council approach the Kokiri Marae Camping authorities, who have suitable facilities and minimal charges already in place, to advertise that they have camping for non-self-contained vehicles for the price of 'two cups of coffee' - that's not asking too much, surely.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
47	Norma Benseman	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>Yes - People are parking up overnight on what is a narrow road. Accidents have nearly occurred in the past (wharf road). Recommendation for restrictions or prohibit area: prohibit freedom camping to prevent accidents occurring.</p> <p>I support freedom camping but suggest changing your wording 'Freedom certified self-containment camping'. I oppose suggestion of using parking area down fire station locals catch the bus from here, tramping clubs. Transferring patients 'ambulances to helicopter' fire brigade, would cause on-going trouble. Stewart St I oppose is busy Church, kindergarten, Market, Church Hall, local functions. Do you realise this includes big motor homes as well as juicy vans, these people do not bring a lot of money into town, 'so why consider upsetting locals, who do support raglan. Sites I propose "would be to work out something with Rugby Club, maybe a small charge their club. 2nd suggestion would be grass verge down by dog exercise yard. 3 truck heavy metal over grass area toilets back down cliff street maybe water tap. Being a self-contained motor homer myself this area away from the busy streets etc. is what these people like can sleep in. "that's what holidays are about" would not appreciated moving on at 8 o clock in morning and coming in for our night stay8 in evenings.</p>		<p>A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area. As a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn.</p>

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
48	Raglan District Union Church	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - It was brought to the attention of the Raglan District Union Church governing body by a neighbour that the Council intended to introduce the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2016. This proposed Bylaw directly effects the Raglan District Union Church which is located 1-5 Stewart Street which is mentioned on page 7 of the Proposed Waikato District Council Freedom Camping Bylaw [PWDCFCB] 2016 document.</p> <p>We were very distressed as an organisation to receive this information in this way. We see it as an indictment of Waikato District Council for not communicating with us in advance, either written or verbally of the intention to use the street directly outside the church property in this way. It beggars' belief that such a plan could be advanced to this level without consultation with the most affected stake holder if this PWDCFCB were to be adopted. To be informed by a neighbour just 14 days before the closing of submissions, leaves WDC in our view derelict of duty, as we could have well missed the opportunity to make a submission to this proposed Bylaw. I have also spoken with another property owner in the lower part of Stewart Street, in the proposed area, who did not know about the PWDCFCB and had not been formally notified by Council of the proposed Bylaw either.</p> <p>I am now aware that PWDCFCB has been in the planning process for some time, with the full Councils input which includes the Community Board. I also hear it has been in the local paper as well. Sadly the governance of the Church, the Parish Council, and it appears its members, have missed all of this, prior to the local Chronicle article of the 19 May 2016 just 8 days out from submission cut off time.</p> <p>Having registered our disappointment regarding the lack of direct communication with an effected stake holder, I will now address the PWDCFCB itself registering the concerns and opposition to this Bylaw being introduced to Stewart Street in Raglan.</p> <p>Firstly the term 'Freedom camp' has been defined by the PWDCFCB under Item 3 "means to camp (other than a camping ground) within 200m of a motor vehicle accessible area using 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, house truck, or other motor vehicle: <p>Using those terms the Western end of Stewart Street, Map Reference no. WDC_2016_24, Schedule Two Section C., parking area adjacent to 1 to 5 Stewart Street, could mean that self-contained vehicles could park in that location for 3 nights, moving on each day before</p>		<p>The addition of the permitted areas into Schedule two occurred at short notice. It is acknowledged that the neighbours to this area did not received direct notification from Council. A number of concerns have been raised about the permitted areas in Raglan. These revolve around noise, rubbish and access to the area. Given this, it is recommended that the two areas in Raglan are withdrawn.</p>

8.00am and returning again after 8.00pm, or non-self contained vehicles may only freedom camp for a maximum of 2 nights.

contaminated with general rubbish and soiled disposable nappies. Always a 'treasure' to deal with for church members tasked with clearing the mail. Currently a health and safety issue, without it being exaggerated by sleeper vans residents and those who sleep in their cars. As an aside Council wrote to the church declining the request to provide a rubbish receptacle in the area at that time. Copy of letter available if required . Church management oppose sleeper vans and cars being given the right to freedom camp/park on our streets. This freedom was given to this group (as categorised in 3 a to c in the PWDCFCB) in the Christchurch region and had to be withdrawn, with great publicity , because of the destruction and damage done to infrastructure and the mess and degradation left behind. The writer envisages the same will happen in Stewart Street and the health and safety of people in our community would be jeopardised.

The Raglan Union Church management request the site Western end of Stewart Street, Map Reference no. WDC_2016_24, Schedule Two Section C, parking area adjacent to 1 to 5 Stewart Street, be removed from the Proposed Waikato District Council Freedom Camping Bylaw [PWDCFCB] 2016 document.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
49	Daphne Davies	

Category: Do you support the bylaw?

Submission

No - Councils come up with some daft ideas. And this is another one. The parking area beside the Raglan Fire Station, to be designated as a Freedom Campers Site is not acceptable. The vans would create havoc upon leaving and entering that area. Traffic would become a nightmare. Hazardous even. There are already vision problems when one is driving, when leaving Stewart Street, to turn either left or right onto Wainui Road. Because of cars parking too close to the corner..

The vans the raglan Fire Station area is proposed to be used by are vans that are not self-sufficient. Where are they going to do their toilet 'business'? During the hours of darkness when they feel no one can see where they go?!

Are we, Raglan people, to be subjected now to not only dog poos on public areas, but now also human excrement? I think not! Freedom campers are not known for their responsibilities. A lot of them come from countries that have right hand side of the road driving. We don't want them camping in Raglan township! The Raglan Fire station area is not an area for much needed parking; a focal meeting place for Hiking Groups, Catching Buses, Outdoor Kids Pursuit meeting place etc. etc. This area should be left as it is. For parking and meeting up. Where one can safely walk, with clear vision to cross the main road, Wainui Road, in either direction. I also give direct access to the beach.

I for one, living on Stewart Street, do not want to fight my way around irresponsible Freedom Campers, when walking to the beach. Freedom Campers doing their big OE or whatever it is they want to do. Use the Camping Ground like the rest of visitors have to do! If they can't afford that then go home! Simple! We don't want them camping in town!

Staff Recommendation

The area beside the Fire Station is within the liquor ban area and this would curb drinking behaviour. A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area. As a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
50	Lonnie Johnston	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>Yes - I work as a district nurse for Waikato hospital out in the Community and I need to use public toilets when I need to go to the loo. I frequently visit the domain in Te Kauwhata, which often has freedom campers staying. It is not unusual to find people brushing their teeth, having a wash, or doing their dishes in the hand basin in the public toilets. These are young people, mainly from Germany, France or Holland. I enjoy chatting to them. They say they use the phone app Wiki Camp or Camper Mate to find free camping sites. They all speak and read English reasonably well.</p> <p>When I have asked them why they do this, some of them have said 'but you have no kitchen here or place to get fresh water'. They cannot understand our system; it is not a camping ground.</p> <p>Generations of Kiwis have done their OE through Europe in old cars and camper vans, but you CANNOT freedom camp in Europe. You cannot defecate in an open public place in Europe. You cannot leave your rubbish behind for other people to clean up. While it is important for young people to travel and open their minds to appreciate nature and different cultures, we have a duty of responsibility to educate these young people about what is acceptable behaviour in New Zealand and to protect our environment.</p> <p>I believe that free overnight camping for vehicles that do not have an on board toilet and shower should be banned. It should be a user pays system. They need to be contained and to pay for the services of a camping ground as they are in Europe.</p> <p>If Council is going to allow any designated areas for freedom camping they need to provide a toilet, washing up area for dishes, fresh water supply, and one young camper suggested a place to recharge their laptops and cellphones. There is a tap in the paddock at TK Domain but it is surrounded by a muddy wet area so obviously no one wants to use that.</p> <p>Waikato District is often the first stop for people arriving from Auckland airport, so it is our duty to set the tone for the rest of the stay in New Zealand.</p> <p>I believe that all Councils in NZ should have the same uniform set up to avoid confusion among tourists. I would like to see a think tank set up of young Council workers from across NZ come up with a Ten Year Plan to contain and manage this growing problem. Staff from environment Waikato and DOC should be included. We need data and numbers and an understanding of how freedom campers tick. What are their expectations?</p> <p>I also believe that we need to communicate clear guidelines of acceptable behaviour to</p>		<p>The freedom Camping Bylaw does not allow Council to put in place a blanket ban. The current bylaw allows for freedom camping to occur in self-contained vehicles. The Te Kauwhata reserve has been identified as an area that is suitable for freedom camping.</p>

these young freedom campers via social media. They all have a good knowledge of English. We also need to have teeth to back up our guidelines. The Police need clear guidelines of when to move them on. Wheelclamp offenders and fine them using mobile eftpos machines so they can pay. They will soon get the message. They are guests in our country and need to play by the rules.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
51	Justine Quarrell	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - I am strongly against the proposed area for freedom camping. I have 2 main points which I wish to be considered. 1, this is next to the fire station and our helicopter landing pad, I feel that in a disaster this area could be affected as people spread out and may block areas which are very important in an emergency. 2, This is too close to the CBD what I feel could cause unacceptable behaviour being so close to bars, clubs and drinking places. Raglan has many places for backpackers to stay at very reasonable prices, so why would we need a freedom parking area here.</p>		<p>A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area. As a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn</p>

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52	Eliza Toornstra	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - Raglan has a camp ground and several backpackers. Yes campers do need a place to go but the locations of Wainui Road and Stewart Street are not well suited areas. Campers in these areas will become issues for residents and road users. Having campers parked up, who will police this? Who will police toilet issues? Health and Safety risks of toileting, road users, noise, intimidation. The campground has plenty of space as does the backpackers. Stewart Street car park spaces are used, they are not camping spaces and not suited or the right size. Wainui Road carpark, dangerous again and next to a backpackers.</p>		<p>A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area. As a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn.</p>

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53	John James	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - The freedom camping bylaw has some major issues. The area of Stewart Street is not a well suited area. The people who will camp in this site would be the type to not contribute to the town but contribute the mess and noise. Being close to town will attract the young campers going to the yacht club and coming back late and being nosey and disrespectful to the residents. After all this is a residential street. Toilets will not be used. If toilets are expected to be used then the danger of campers crossing the busy road is of high risk. But they probably won't cross the road and just use the gardens of the church to urinate. Serious Health and Safety concerns with this site. What was the council thinking....</p>		<p>A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area. As a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn.</p>

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Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
54	Trena Marshall	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>Yes - I support the bylaw but would prefer that freedom campers were not in the centre of town. Also: 1. All should be certified self-contained 2. Those not self-contained should have to pay to use the camping ground. 3. Fines should be instant, large (\$200) and payable before the camper can leave the country</p>		<p>A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area. As a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn. The bylaw identifies that self-contained vehicles are permitted to freedom camp within the district. The infringement for breaching the bylaw is \$200</p>

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
55	Roy Breeze	New Zealand Fire Service
Category: Additional comments		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>This submission relates to Waikato District Council's (WDC) Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2016 (Proposed Bylaw).</p> <p>The submission is made on behalf of the New Zealand Fire Service Commission (NZFS), with a particular focus on the potential impact of the Proposed Bylaw on the operations of the Raglan Volunteer Fire Brigade (RVFB).</p> <p>In general terms, the NZFS does not oppose the Proposed Bylaw or the controls it imposes on freedom camping.</p> <p>However, the NZFS does oppose the part of the Proposed Bylaw that will allow freedom camping at a carpark on Wainui Road near the RVFB's station.</p> <p>Wainui Road carpark The carpark near the RVFB station is referred to as the 'Wainui Road carpark' in the Proposed Bylaw. It appears on map WDC_2016_23, where it is shaded in blue (corresponding to a 'permitted' classification).</p> <p>The carpark is immediately adjacent to parking space used by RVFB members when attending callouts, training, or other events at the station. It is also next to a grassed area that contains a helicopter landing pad that is frequently used by an air ambulance.</p> <p>The carpark is listed in Schedule 2 of the Proposed Bylaw, which means it is a 'restricted' area for freedom camping.</p> <p>The restriction is that freedom camping cannot occur between 8.00am and 8.00pm daily. In other words, the carpark will only be able to be used for freedom camping overnight.</p> <p>NZFS concerns The NZFS considers that the carpark should be listed in Schedule 1 of the Proposed Bylaw, as an area where freedom camping is prohibited at all times.</p> <p>The NZFS's principal concern with the current proposal is that, as it stands, the Proposed Bylaw will unduly impede the RVFB's operations at its Raglan station.</p> <p>The station houses two fire appliances and an emergency response ute. When a callout is signaled by the station siren, up to 28 brigade members respond. A callout can occur at any</p>		<p>A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area. As a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn.</p>

time of the day or night, on any day of the week.

The carpark adjacent to the station is used before, during, and after callouts or other events in various ways, including those described below:

1 During night callouts, brigade members use the carpark when replenishing water tanks on the station's two appliances. The RVFB uses the space provided by the carpark to align its appliances with the hydrant located outside the station. This process can generate significant noise and activity.

2 Emergency callouts - including night callouts - are signalled by a siren mounted on top of the station. The brigade's experience is that sounding the siren often causes tourists or other people unfamiliar with the area to flock to the station, believing there to be a tsunami warning. The Proposed Bylaw will increase the risk of this happening, which is a health and safety issue for both campers and RVFB members. When the siren is sounding, the brigade is focused on leaving the station as rapidly as possible to attend the emergency and disoriented members of the public are both a hazard and a cause of delay.

3 RVFB members attending a callout use parking spaces alongside the station. However, there are only spaces for 10 vehicles and so later arriving members often use the carpark, competing for space with other carpark users.

4 Raglan rarely has cover from the St John Ambulance service during the night and does not have 'Prime Care'. As a result, an air ambulance is usually dispatched to Raglan for any night-time 'Status 1' (serious risk to life) call. The air ambulance uses the helicopter pad outside the station, next to the carpark. The RVFB either collects advanced paramedics from the air ambulance and takes them to the person in need, or if an ambulance is available then it brings the person to the helicopter. When this occurs, it usually involves a life or death situation where time management is critical. The area needs to be kept clear for helicopter operations, which include:

4.1 moving vehicles parked close to the helipad;

4.2 in light of the helicopter down-draft, ensuring there are no loose items on the ground or nearby that can be blown into the helicopter's rotors or engine intake (if this occurs, the helicopter needs to land and be inspected for damage, which can result in a disastrous time loss).

5 If freedom campers use the carpark overnight, the NZFS anticipates that the RVFB will inevitably need to: keep them away from the helipad area and helicopter operations; get them to move vehicles; keep access clear for paramedics and patients; monitor the area for loose items that could affect helicopter operations (including domestic items or equipment and litter). At any given callout, the RVFB may not have the manpower to devote to all of these tasks, in addition to its usual operations.

6 The RVFB regularly uses the carpark for training purposes on Wednesday nights, from 7.30pm. This can involve the formed carpark and the surrounding grass areas, which are used for training scenarios, search and rescue practice and vehicle operations and parking. The presence of freedom campers will impede, and their enjoyment of the space will be compromised by these activities. In addition, the lack of toilet facilities near the carpark is a concern. In their absence, freedom campers may urinate or defecate in the surrounding grass and embankment areas, where RVFB members train. That is likely to further inhibit RVFB training exercises, while also posing a health risk to RVFB members.

The NZFS is conscious that the carpark needs to be shared with other users. However, the direction of freedom campers to the site via the Proposed Bylaw is likely to introduce additional users to the area, for purposes that are incompatible with the RVFB's operations.

On a more technical level, the NZFS considers that the listing of the carpark in Schedule 2 of the Proposed Bylaw is inconsistent with the 'permitted' shading applied to it on the relevant map. Indeed, the identification of 'permitted' areas on the maps is generally surprising, given that clause 4.1 of the Proposed Bylaw states that freedom camping is permitted anywhere in the District unless it is prohibited or restricted. The NZFS's preference is that the carpark is listed in Schedule 1 and shaded red ('prohibited') on map WDC_2016_23.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	70 Organisation/On Behalf Of
56	Alan & Edith Thorley Symes	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>Submission on proposed freedom camping bylaw. As Raglan residents of 25 years and regular campers around the country (in our self-contained camper), we wish to make some brief comments on the proposed bylaw.1. We are concerned the WDC is seriously suggesting what amounts to virtually unrestricted freedom camping at the bottom of Stewart Street and in the nearby carpark sited between the fire station and the iSite/museum building. The proposal to allow camping there from 8pm to 8am each night, and by non-self-contained as well as self-contained vehicles, would create something of a pop-up shantytown in a high-profile area of downtown Raglan. Aside from damaging Raglan's image as a go-ahead and attractive tourist town, allowing camping in these areas would impact particularly on neighbouring residents in Stewart Street and Wainui Road. With no apparent restrictions on the number or types of campers, it also seems obvious the public toilets alongside Joyce Petchell Park would not cope with the nightly influx and that the general area would be despoiled with human waste. A lot of cooking, cleaning of dishes, brushing teeth etc. would also be done in the outdoors. The numbers of people simply dossing down in their cars or station wagons could also proliferate. Council may not be fully aware of the threat to Raglan from the vast numbers of low-budget tourists in non-self-contained campers now travelling the country year-round, mostly under the illusion camping for free is widely permitted here.2. For the reasons above, we urge prohibition of freedom camping in Stewart Street and in the carpark alongside the fire station. We suggest the prohibition should also be extended to self-contained motorhomes as, with their increasing popularity, they can become a blight on the landscape and their dominating presence a nuisance and bother for nearby residents. In our experience many people travelling in self-contained campers will also make use of, and contribute to the strain on, public facilities where these are available.3. We point out there are already many places to stay both for self-contained and non-self-contained vehicles. Even if the tariffs at the likes of the Raglan-Kopua Holiday Park, Solscape and Karioi Lodge are prohibitive for some low-budget campers, they can find cheaper camping at such places as the Te Kopua whanau camping ground on Riria Kereopa Memorial Drive and Kev's Place on Mangatawhiri Road. If camper vanning tourists genuinely cannot afford to pay around \$10 a night each in camp fees then it pretty much blows out of the water the popular view they should be encouraged because they are significant contributors to the local economy. They may add colour and diversity to the town but generally they will not be big spenders.4. In recognition of the increasing numbers of self-contained motorhomes and buses coming through Raglan, and the potential value of this bigger-spending sector to the Raglan CBD, we agree with recent suggestions that car parking areas at the Cross Street sportsgrounds should be opened up to self-contained vehicles. These carparks are chronically underused, and the location of the sportsgrounds away from areas such as the CBD and waterfront suggests</p>		<p>A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area. As a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn. In order to protect the area near the fire station this could be designated a prohibited area in order to protect access to that area.</p>

there would be little negative impact on the town. The carparks are also a reasonable distance from the closest housing. We suggest simple “No camping, venue in use” signage and/or closed gates could keep campers away when the sportsgrounds are in use/due to be used for the likes of sports tournaments, fishing contests, a travelling circus et al.⁵ We are concerned the proposed bylaw does not appear to cover some areas where freedom camping could, or sometimes does already, occur. One immediately obvious area is the Joyce Petchell Park carpark, which is directly opposite a row of houses whose occupants’ views and lifestyle could be significantly affected. We have also seen the odd freedom camper at the Raglan Area School carpark in Norrie Avenue and even at Kaitoke Bay. Similarly the parking area at Lorenzen Bay has quite possibly been used on occasion by freedom campers. There is also no mention in the bylaw documents (at least that we could see) of what would be allowed/prohibited at Raglan wharf.⁶ Lastly, we would like to emphasise a freedom camping bylaw is pointless unless it carries realistic financial deterrents and unless the WDC provides the resources for adequate policing. If for instance you have a fine that’s more or less equal to the cost of a camper vanning couple checking into the motor camp for the night, then there will continue to be an issue with tourists and visitors stopping overnight on Marine Parade alongside the airport or inner harbour. We see it as critical that enforcement staff are out at dawn as offenders will typically move on soon after daybreak

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Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
57	Janet Scott	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>Morena, thank you for the opportunity to comment on District Council proposals.1. Freedom Camping I support the limitation of freedom camping to well-supported areas - and am minded to restrict this option to self-contained vehicles only. Campers should also be encouraged to use local camp grounds; especially non self-contained vehicles.</p>		<p>The bylaw identified that freedom is restricted to self-contained vehicles only. Staff are proposing to develop a website that informs freedom campers of their camping options in the Waikato District.</p>

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58	Leanna Darby	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - I am opposed to any freedom camping in the residential area of Raglan. Many people run accommodation businesses in Raglan. We also have a huge parking issue in Raglan. On top of this, people who live in Raglan are paying high rates for the privilege. If people want to stay in Raglan it should be a user pays system. I am exceptionally opposed to the proposed area on Wainui Rd Carpark and at the end of Stewart St. In regards to the Wainui Rd Carpark this area is heavily used for parking by locals and emergency services. In regards to the end of Stewart St this area is near the local Kindy and Church which are community focused areas. There are no toilet facilities in either area available at night time (the toilets located next to the museum are locked at night). I don't want my child walking past human faces and the stench of pee to go to the beach or head off to Kindy. I love the concept of there being designated freedom camping areas but I firmly believe these areas should not infringe on any rate payers' views and not come at a cost to ratepayers. I would suggest that the area on Narunui Rd to the right when you get to the roundabout, up on Wainui Reserve by the Trigg walk is an appropriate place. This area currently is locked at night. I believe it as an appropriate area as it is out of town, away from residents, there is a public toilet available, nice views for tourists and has no other competing interests in regards to parking. Even at the height of summer people don't park there to walk to the main surf beach as there is overflow parking in the paddocks before it.</p>		<p>A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area. As a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn.</p>

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59	Daniel Mills	
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Submission		Staff Recommendation
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Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
60	Charlie Young	Raglan Surfing School Ltd
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - Seeking a total ban in all areas of Raglan. - Health and Safety Concerns... ie no supervision, rubbish, human waste, alcohol consumption, noise etc. - Damage to the aesthetic and amenity values of Raglan. - Financial harm to the WDC/ Community owned Kopua Holiday Park Camp Ground and other private camping facilities such as Raglan Backpackers. - Lack of infrastructure ie showers, kitchens and laundry facilities. - Harm it has already caused other communities in New Zealand. - We suggest the WDC join the rest of the local government organisations to lobby the Central government for a law change. - Ratepayers have higher priorities for rates expenditure than to be spent on managing freedom camping such as roads, bike paths, and infrastructure etc. - What's the real ramifications if the Raglan community says NO to Freedom camping...</p>		<p>A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area as a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn.</p>

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Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
61	Stephanie Philp	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - Freedom campers are destroying our environment. I walk my dog particularly along Cliff Street in Raglan. I'm fed up of picking up the litter they leave behind and one day my dog rolled in human faeces in another part of Raglan. There are plenty of camping sites available to fit every pocket and if people can't even afford those, I question why we need these people in town. We are a tourist town and welcome people who want to come and use (and pay for) our facilities. We do not want people who come here and spoil it for everyone else. Most vehicles are physical eyesores and I feel sorry for people who have to wake up to freedom campers cooking breakfast literally on their front doorstep. The policing of the current bylaw is inadequate and until such time as that is sorted, I believe Freedom camping should be banned completely from the Waikato, and more specifically from Raglan and Ruapuke.</p>		<p>Council is not permitted to apply a blanket ban across the district. Prohibitions or restrictions have been put in place to address areas that have experienced issues with freedom camping. Cliff Street is identified as a prohibited area.</p>

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
62	Barbara Day	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - Currently there is a lack of parking on summer evenings for residents and visitors wanting to use the harbour side or attend restaurant and bars. Unlawful behaviours such as defecation in public areas have been observed at the Whale Bay pullover area between Manu and Whale Bay. This behaviour has been reported throughout the country, despite the containment rule, and despite the provision of toilets (Red Rocks area, Wellington Sth coast). The lighting of small campfires late at night is a fire risk and destroys the grass (3 campfire sites seen at Wainui Reserve Sunday)</p> <p>I support the list of prohibited areas. I do not support the Wainui Rd carpark adjacent to fire station being used; nor do I support the use of the Joyce Petchell park parking area near museum. The Wainui Park is useful for staff and patrons of the towns bars and restaurants, and the Joyce Petchell area is used by families till late on summer evenings. I would support the use of the Rugby Club carpark if the Rugby Club agreed. I would support any move by the Council to challenge the government on the freedom camping imperative. At the very least funding from Central government needs to be available for policing the permitted and prohibited areas.</p>		<p>A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area. As a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn.</p>

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
63	Chris Aitchison	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - I have already submitted an online submission but wanted to add some further points regarding the proposed site of Stewart Street. Please note car park spaces (note 'car park' not 'camping park' or 'campsite') have a maximum size. Measurements of these spaces suggested range from approximately 4m - 5m MAX (this is from the curb to the very end of the ling). Anything more than this would be in the road. I have looked at camper vans size. The small size and the most common being the Hi Lux from Juicy or Brits is 4.7 - 5m. This is the small size. Maui Rentals which is another of the top common rental sites have their small camper van, the Ultima at 7m long. I don't think I need to write more sizes from all the other companies. So, if the smallest of camper vans exceed the car park space this will be a huge safety risk as they will be parked in the road. A road with already increase danger being on a steep hill, near a child care, near the Stewart street village (housing many vulnerable people). Just to add further, most camper vans open at the rear allowing the campers to access the inside. Therefore opening at the rear they would have to be stood on the road. Also getting in and out of the camper is also mostly at the rear so they will also have to exit the van in the middle of the night, onto a dark road to urinate on the church grounds. And finally, the park your camper with the access rear door being on the pavement side would involve the dangerous and I think illegal move of reverse parking in such a space. Not to mention the blocking of the pavement, a busy pavement on a residential street. With regards to facilities, yes there is a toilet down the road, then across the busiest road in Raglan. Much easier to just go in the gardens don't you think??? We have all camped and know in the middle of the night it's a whole lot easier not to walk to the toilet. Maybe because you can't be bothered but in this instance you got to cross a road! To add to all of that - noise issues, personal health (waste), intimidation to local residents including the vulnerable and young. I see several more significant Health and Safety reasons these spaces should not be used but I think these may have been mentioned in my previous submission.</p>		<p>A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area. As a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn.</p>

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
64	Dave Currie	Raglan Chamber of Commerce
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - The Raglan Chamber of Commerce does not support Freedom Camping of any type (self-contained, cars, tents, vans) anywhere within the Waikato Region.</p> <p>Freedom Camping affects businesses and residents alike. The proposed solution of the Wainui Road Carpark will cause financial harm to established businesses such as Raglan Backpackers and Kopua Holiday Park. And will ultimately damage the aesthetic and amenity values of Raglan.</p> <p>Freedom Camping raises multiple health and safety concerns. I.e., no supervision, rubbish left behind, human waste, alcohol consumption and excessive noise.</p> <p>Ratepayer money should not be spent on managing freedom campers, but should be invested back into the communities in other positive measures such as the upkeep of roads, bike paths and the general infrastructure of the town.</p> <p>Freedom Camping has caused major harm to other NZ cities. We suggest the Waikato District Council join the rest of the local government organizations to lobby the Central government for a law change.</p>		<p>A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area. As a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn.</p> <p>Council is not permitted to put in place a blanket ban on freedom camping. The premise of the Freedom Camping Act 2011 is the Freedom Camping is permitted unless it is prohibited or restricted in the bylaw. In developing prohibited or restricted areas Council must be satisfied that the prohibition or restriction of an area is an appropriate and proportionate way of addressing the perceived problem.</p>

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
65	Anonymous Submitter	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - we have a property up Te Awhiawa Rd Raglan and we have constant people freedom camping on property's and in the cul de sac. I am in belief that Raglan is very affordable for accommodation ranging from the Kokere and the multiple backpackers right through to luxury accommodation. I don't see the point in putting freedom campers in the middle of town right by the backpackers and the campground. Also who is going to police this area when it comes to liquor bans and term of stays etc. etc.</p>		<p>A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area. As a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn.</p> <p>It has also been identified that in order to protect this areas for use by emergency services it will be identified as a prohibited area for freedom camping.</p>
<p>If you can't afford to pay minimal to stay somewhere you are not going to spend bugger all when you come to a location because your living in a van on a tight budget</p>		<p>The bylaw only applies to public places and cannot control activities on private property.</p>

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
66	Anonymous Submitter	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - Te Ahiawa Road on private sections, leaving rubbish and driving all over people's property. Freedom camping should be prohibited on this road.</p> <p>There is so many options for people coming to stay in Raglan including people on a budget. I don't see why Freedom Campers should be able to stay in a prime spot in the middle of town when the backpackers is right there and also the campground across the water. What an eyesore this will be in our beautiful town and who is going to make sure they are gone when they are meant to be and clean up after them. If we have to have a place for Freedom camping maybe near the rugby grounds or somewhere out of the main area of the town, not in a prime location.</p>		<p>The bylaw only applies to public places and cannot control activities on private property.</p> <p>The Raglan Rugby Grounds are currently classed as a reserve and as such are managed through the Reserve Management Plans. The ability to use this area for freedom camping may be looked at in the future when a reserve management plan is developed for it.</p> <p>A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area. As a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn.</p>

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67	Angeline Greensill	Tainui Hapu
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>Yes - Extend the ban to the end of Riria Kereopa Memorial Drive, because the legal road is 12m wide and the balance of the area is private Maori land. Prohibit camping at Te Toto Gorge as there are no toilet facilities in the area and visitors have fouled the area in the past. Prohibit camping at entrance ways to Maori land between Whale Bay and the Parekotuku Stream as this impedes access to Maori landblocks and removes the opportunity for travellers to relieve themselves in places where there are no public toilets.</p> <p>Ensure that prohibited areas signage is visible, Include the amount of fines that will be charged for those who ignore the bylaw.</p>		<p>Te Toto Gorge carpark is managed by Department of Conservation (DoC) and has already been designated as a prohibited area by DoC</p> <p>Due to the difficulties and risk associated with camping along Wainui Road it is recommended that this is designated a prohibited area.</p> <p>New Signage will be developed and placed in prohibited areas.</p>

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
68	Bob MacLeod	Raglan Community Board
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>Yes - The Raglan Community Board (RCB) generally supports this draft Freedom Camping Bylaw as it applies to the Raglan Community. We support the purpose statement: (1.1 To protect our unique environment and our residents from issues associated with freedom camping. 1.2 To provide information on areas within the District that are appropriate for freedom camping.) We support the statements on control, subject to the amendments within the Schedules: (4.1 Freedom camping is permitted in any local authority area within the District unless it is prohibited or restricted in an area: a) in accordance with this Bylaw; or b) under any other enactment. 5.0 Prohibited areas A person must not freedom camp in any prohibited area within the District, as identified in Schedule One: Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping, without the prior written consent of the Council. 6.0 Restricted areas A person may freedom camp in any area identified in Schedule Two: Restricted Areas for Freedom Camping, subject to the specific restrictions listed for that area.) Schedule One: amendments: WDC-2016-05 remove Puriri Street & add Wainui Road carpark @ Fire Station WDC-2016-23 Schedule Two: (B) WDC-2016-24 add Western end of Stewart Street & Joyce Petchell Park (B) WDC-2016-05 add North end of the Rugby car park, & one park at Puriri Park (Location is restricted to designated area.) (C) Remove Wainui Road carpark (This is a restricted area as it is used as a Helicopter Pad) With reference to Relevant Determinations by Council to 'allow staff to effectively deal with any issues caused by Freedom Camping' this will require extra resources for enforcement as this the pinch point of the Bylaw.</p> <p>We will be presenting further feedback and a powerpoint presentation.</p>		<p>A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area. As a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn. A number of issues have been reported with the use of the cliff street area and this includes Puriri Street. The Rugby Park is a reserve and is currently controlled through the reserve management plan. Until freedom camping is identified as being appropriate at this reserve it is not appropriate to include it in the bylaw.</p>

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
69	Bob MacLeod	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>Yes - I support the purpose statement: To protect our unique environment and our residents from issues associated with freedom camping. And to provide information on areas within the District that are appropriate for freedom camping. As a NZMCA member I support their recommendations. Schedule One: amendments: add Wainui Road carpark @ Fire Station WDC-2016-23 as a Prohibited area remove Puriri Street from the Prohibited map WDC-2016-05 Schedule Two: RESTRICTED (B) WDC-2016-24 add Western end of Stewart Street & Joyce Petchell Park (B) WDC-2016-05 add North end of the Rugby car park, & one park at Puriri Park (Location is restricted to designated area.) (C) Remove Wainui Road carpark (This is a restricted area as it is used as a Helicopter Pad) As for Non self-contained vehicles, they will be required camping grounds and low cost parking areas. I support the RCB statement 'With reference to Relevant Determinations by Council to 'allow staff to effectively deal with any issues caused by Freedom Camping' this will require extra resources for enforcement as this the pinch point of the Bylaw.'</p>		<p>A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area. As a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn. A number of issues have been reported with the use of the Cliff street area and this includes Puriri Street. The Rugby Park is a reserve and is currently controlled through the reserve management plan. Until freedom camping is identified as being appropriate at this reserve it is not appropriate to include it in the bylaw.</p>

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
70	Chrys Thompson	Raglan Residents and Ratepayers Association Inc
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>Yes - The Raglan Residents & Ratepayers Association generally supports this draft Freedom Camping By-law as it applies to the Raglan Community.</p> <p>We support the purpose statement: (1.1 To protect our unique environment and our residents from issues associated with freedom camping. 1.2 To provide information on areas within the District that are appropriate for freedom camping.) We support the statements on control, subject to the amendments within the Schedules: (4.1 Freedom camping is permitted in any local authority area within the District unless it is prohibited or restricted in an area: a) in accordance with this Bylaw; or b) under any other enactment. 5.0 Prohibited areas A person must not freedom camp in any prohibited area within the District, as identified in Schedule One: Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping, without the prior written consent of the Council. 6.0 Restricted areas A person may freedom camp in any area identified in Schedule Two: Restricted Areas for Freedom Camping, subject to the specific restrictions listed for that area.) Schedule One: amendments: WDC-2016-05 remove Puriri Street & add Wainui Road carpark @ Fire Station WDC-2016-23 Schedule Two: (B) WDC-2016-24 add Western end of Stewart Street & Joyce Petchell Park (B) WDC-2016-05 add North end of the Rugby car park, & one park at Puriri Park (Location is restricted to designated area.) (C) Remove Wainui Road carpark (This is a restricted area as it is used as a Helicopter Pad) With reference to Relevant Determinations by Council to 'allow staff to effectively deal with any issues caused by Freedom Camping' this will require extra resources for enforcement as this the pinch point of the Bylaw. We fully support the NZMCA submission as we have worked closely with their executives.</p>		<p>A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area as a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn. A number of issues have been reported with the use of the cliff street area and this includes Puriri Street. The Rugby Park is a reserve and is currently controlled through the reserve management plan. Until freedom camping is identified as being appropriate at this reserve it is not appropriate to include it in the bylaw.</p>

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71	Timothy Duff	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - No Freedom Camping Raglan and west of deviation.</p> <p>Timothy Duff Raglan Backpackers and Waterfront Lodge. My Submission is to have a No Freedom Camping bylaw for Raglan and its wider area from west of the deviation. The Raglan Community Boards suggestion of providing the Rugby grounds as alternative to the Wainui Road carpark provides an equal amount of problems and should not be considered as an option. My reasoning comes from 17 years of specialising in Backpacker tourism in Raglan. I have owned Raglan Backpackers and Waterfront Lodge for 11 years before that I was a founder of Raglan Surfing School and Director of Karioi Lodge. I have also been involved with the community on projects relating to the future of the town such as the Raglan Naturally Community Plan. I must emphasise Raglan offers a fantastic alternative to freedom camping at Te Kopua Whanau Camping Ground on Riria Kereopa Memorial Drive. Set up at similar costing to a Department of Conservation camp ground and its well run, strictly monitored and is in a stunning location. Why under cut Tangata Whenua on that! Freedom camping, by definition is where camping is done in a location without facilities and is not a designated campground, is allowed in most public areas of New Zealand under certain conditions. Limitations have been put in place in recent decades because of litter and human waste problems, and attempts to encourage payment for camping by directing tourists to commercial facilities. Local residents, government authorities and tourism organisation are concerned about the impacts: lack of toilets disposal from campervan toilets increased number of freedom campers Poor level of knowledge by the campers about the issue inconsistent application and enforcement of the laws and regulations by government agencies This is not the first time Council has made this proposal to have freedom camping in the Wainui Road carpark, they also tried this in August 2007. With much opposition from the community it was rejected. http://www.stuff.co.nz/waikato-times/news/9143/Free-campervan-site-proposal-riles-Raglan Freedom camping is about getting away from it all, finding solitude and space in an isolated area. Council's proposed Freedom camp site in the centre of Raglan has been taken out of context to become 'Free' camping. If we are to provide Free camping in our town, why would people pay to use a commercial site? Freedom camping is not by definition providing Free camping in Raglan's CBD. I believe the community has been led to believe we have to provide freedom camping in this town. Our councillor has told us that we cannot say 'No to Freedom Camping' because of the law introduced in 2011. That act 2011 says '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.' Banning Freedom Camping in Raglan or even banning Freedom Camping west of the Deviation is still just a small fraction of the area of Waikato District Councils authority area. As you know that area extends all the way to Ngaruawahia. People who read my submission may think Tim Duff owns Raglan Backpackers, so he is anti</p>		<p>The current Freedom Camping Act 2011 permits freedom camping to occur unless a bylaw is made to prohibit or restrict it. The bylaw cannot have the effect of a blanket ban. Raglan township could be identified as a prohibited area however this is not the direction that Council has set and is not in keeping with the motorhome friendly town approach.</p> <p>The Raglan Rugby Grounds are currently classed as a reserve and as such are managed through the Reserve Management Plans. The ability to use this area for freedom camping may be looked at in the future when a reserve management plan is developed for it.</p> <p>A webpage will also be developed to identify options for freedom camping.</p>

Freedom Camping because he is going to loose business. Truth is we only have space to take one or two van spots at Raglan Backpackers. Raglan Backpackers is recognised as one of New Zealand highest rated hostels, we specialise in providing nice clean, comfortable beds in a quiet and safe environment. With Freedom campers parked adjacent to our Backpackers I could say it will be great for business if I only looked at it financially as a big part of our business is kayaks and other equipment hire. Truth is I am really worried about security and all the problems associated with all the Freedom campers floating down to our outside areas where we try really hard to mitigate noise and other problems so other guests can sleep. I am sure the Freedom Campers will try to sneak in to use our bathroom and kitchen facilities. Also I am dead against it because I know from all my experience in Raglan tourism this is not the direction we should try to grow. I also know the problems that will arise from allowing it to happen. One of the biggest problems we hear from other hostels where similar bylaws have been introduced (and in most cases later withdrawn because of the problems they cause) is problems that arise from having Freedom Camping near another Backpackers Hostel are blamed on the Hostel managers and they feel responsible. Also often locals will ask the travellers to stop doing something not permitted or they find offensive and get abused for saying it, mostly by young males who are intoxicated. The proposed area is a liquor ban area! Trying to enforce the travellers to not drink would be near impossible to do. Its close to the pub and bars and I believe there will be problems associated with people drinking in theses areas (preloading) before they go out. Also congregating in the areas after the Pubs and Bars close at 1am in the morning. We are also concerned about the safety of the travellers themselves because of people wandering down there when the Pub and Bars close. Raglan is already growing at a fast enough pace. As the town grows we should be steering the growth towards attracting Tourism of a higher per day spender. Freedom Campers are at the bottom end of tourism spenders. Sometimes people argue 'Freedom Campers spend more in the economy because they stay longer'. Sure if a Freedom Camper stays a week they may spend more than a someone who stays a day, but if you want to except that logic in an already busy town, that its better to have more people staying longer than fewer for a shorter time spending the same amount, then there is no logic in your opinion. More travellers provides increased demand on the towns infrastructure and services. If we focus on attracting higher spending customers, more money will be circulating in the community to help pay for the services required. Rather than providing Free camping so that the burden falls back on the ratepayers. It is a misconception that Freedom campers contribute a lot to the local economy. They do add a very small amount but they often end up being a cost to the ratepayers. Most Freedom camping vehicles are bought or rented from big companies in Auckland, the campers stop off in the city before coming to Raglan and 'stock up' on supplies to save money which avoids spending locally. Why would Travellers pay to stay in a commercial campground when they have the option to stay for Free! Raglan is different to most towns that allow freedom camping. Other towns may expect a few vans here and there. Kawhia for example offers Freedom Camping in order to get tourists to stop in their town. In Raglan I expect the numbers to be well into the hundreds, where demand for designated Freedom Camping spots well exceeds supply. Those Travellers not having space but having expected to stay for Free and not having pre booked alternative accommodation, will then spill out into

surrounding areas. Currently its illegal to free camp on the reserves in Raglan, yet people still do on a nightly basis, even when its well sign posted that its an offence to do so. I would expect the numbers of freedom campers to be wishing to use free camping to be many times that number. The logical way for a busy tourist town to operate is for travellers to pre book before arriving at the destination. Not to show up expecting to Freedom camp. It is proposed under this bylaw that the Freedom Campers will not be allowed use the parks till 8pm. When they show up and the parks are full, they will have nowhere else to go but spill out into the surrounding area. If an enforcement officer wishes them to move to one of the 5 places in Raglan offering camping, by that time they may be closed if indeed it was not booked out already. Raglan is a world famous for its Surfing, it is one of the best Surfing set ups on our planet. The word is out now and travellers are coming. The town is growing! Our town is experiencing growing pains associated with the influx of travellers. Travellers come to Raglan because they want to come here and experience our unique town, they literally have to come out of their way to get here. By not allowing Freedom camping it is not going to deter travellers from coming here. There are true costs to the community. As a Backpacker business owner we see the true costs of providing that service. As an example the costs of providing trash and recycling facilities to our quests is \$200-300 per month. Currently there is one refuse bin and no recycling in the area proposed for free camping in this bylaw. By my math based on the number of parks available in the Wainui road carpark plus Stewart Street area, there would need to be 4 bins and 4 recycle bins emptied at least twice per day. Not providing extra bins does not solve the problem as they will just take their rubbish (hopefully) and clog up other bins in other areas. I have lived in Whale bay since I left school 25 years ago and I have watched the Freedom camping out there on the Whaanga coast explode in popularity over the years. I have sympathised with enforcement offices about having to constantly deal with illegal campers and list of excuses they have as to why they have illegally camped where they are, often right beside a No camping sign. I have picked up there trash regularly over that entire time, seen them using the street verge as a toilet, scooped up human facies, nappies etc. The problem wasn't such an issue in the old days because the numbers were so few. But in recent years with the influx of visitors it has become a real problem. There is a place for this camping and that's one of Raglan's campgrounds! A campground is where you expect to see travellers winched out awnings, tables and chairs, BBQ for outside meals and tents, washing hanging up in random places to dry, people brushing their teeth, not in the CBD parking lot. It will affect the serenity of the people who use the area for the evening or early morning walks or to launch there kayaks by having to walk past campers especially all there early morning mess. Freedom camping puts more people in the waves with little reward. This is a serious issue that is being talked about amongst Raglan's surfing community. The waves are getting busier and spoiling it for the locals. The community can address this by directing its tourism growth towards fewer people spending more as opposed to more people spending less and staying longer. Enforcing freedom camping becomes a expensive exercise. With the volume of people I predict who will use Freedom camping if it becomes available somebody will have to be monitoring constantly for noise and trouble as well as enforcing the rules of the bylaw. Without the strict full time monitoring travellers will overstay, parties will develop and trouble and noise will come from that. Te Kopua Whanau camping ground, Raglan Kopua

Holiday Park, Solscape, Karioi Lodge, Kevs Place, Ruapuke Campground and other accommodation already providers provide that service. Without strict and constant monitoring (not just somebody doing a drive by once in the evening and once in the mornings) it will create health and safety problems which will create more of a work load for Enforcement officers and the Raglan Police. Whoever monitors the Freedom camping will hear a long list of excuses campers came up with to avoid having to pay a fine! And it's well noted that travellers leave the country without having paid the fine!
<http://www.stuff.co.nz/business/78464457/illegal-freedom-campers-owe-more-than-15-million-in-fines> Travellers pass on to each other information on how to avoid the enforcement officer. So if for example the officer does his daily rounds at 7 am, the travellers breaking the rules know to pack up and leave the area before then. With a blanket ban on Free overnight stays(as it is now), revenue gained from the fines received from Freedom camping provides a job for someone who at the same time can be providing 'Night Owl' service and doing things opening and closing the gates on the reserve and reporting back to WDC if they see anything that requires attention and report it in the appropriate way. Even with a proposed 8 am leave time you can never expect travellers will leave by the time you ask. If Freedom Camping was allowed till 8am I would expect to still see them eating there breakfast at 8.30. That carpark in the summer season is usually busy well before that time. Raglan already has an inadequate number of carparks, this proposed bylaw will have the effect of restricting them further. The boat ramp next to the Coastguard shed has become the most popular place for Kayakers to launch from as it is the only one in town that motor boats don't use. The kayakers often launch early in the morning and use this carpark. This carpark is also popular with other early morning users who may go walking, jogging, swimming etc. If you provide Freedom camping with limits on maximum night stays then the campers just move around and come back again. They will do everything they can to stay as long as possible for Free, by breaking the rules. The proposed area is an emergency services area all sorts of difficulties may arise from clogging up this area with campers. Often when the Wainui Rd carpark is quiet during the evenings or night there is an emergency callout which then requires a lot of that area and the carparks. From the western end of the Wainui road carpark it is 130 meters to the nearest toilet, from the eastern end it is still 100 meters. Do not expect that travellers will make this distance every time they need to use the facilities in the middle of the night. I am sure most people will make the effort for number twos but I expect actually very few will make it all the way to the facilities to urinate. Currently these facilities close at 10 pm and the next nearest are in Cliff street. I am told that submissions for this proposed bylaw need to be on the grounds of health and safety. My opinions are not all based on health and safety, because I believe this decision should be made with consideration for what's best for the Raglan town and its people. Council can choose how they interpret and enforce the Freedom camping act into our area, but I feel these decisions should also be done on what's best for the future of our community. From my experience when Council moves forward with plans for a project they use specialists to do the project e.g. when designing a roadway they use an engineer. Well as far as specialists about tourism in Raglan go, especially at a Backpacker level, there is few people who are on par with the experience I have in this town. So I hope you consider my submission seriously.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
72	Susan Hall	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - I am against any freedom campsite in the Raglan area. I would ask that Council ban freedom camping from Te Uku west to the sea, including Raglan town and along the coast to encompass Te Mata, Ruapuke and Te toto gorge. You can do this, as it's not a blanket ban across the whole district. The Raglan Area is very popular with people coming to surf. Surfers like to hang out and stay a while, and don't mind budget accommodation. This makes our town very different from inland areas, which might be able to offer freedom camping and only expect a few people to stay there each night. If we offer it in Raglan, with a capacity of 50-60 people, it will be full every night during summer, why pay when you can get it for free? Before the 'no camping' ban was enforced at Manu and Whale Bays, (about 8 years ago) these areas were very busy with vans each night. In the morning you would find trash and urine on the ground. Manu Bay became a place you didn't go to after dark, unless you wanted to party. Now, even with the ban in place, you see people parking illegally every night (though not as many as 8 yrs ago) since Council now only monitor the reserves once a week. By offering a freedom camp in town, this is what you can expect there, night after night. Unless you have someone full time monitoring the area, how will you stop the partying? Who cleans up the rubbish? The toilet is some distance from the proposed car park site, do you really expect people to walk all that way to urinate in the night? Who pays for the monitoring? Why add an additional cost to the ratepayers, when the travellers can stay in existing cheap campgrounds in Raglan? Many of these issues come under health and safety. Any proposed site within walking distance of town, will become the party spot after the pubs and club closes. There is already an issue with crime and fights after the Yot Club closes. I think if you have an open campsite within walking distance of the pubs, there is a danger of people being accosted in their vans, by drunks. Wi Neera St and actually the proposed car park itself has had numerous car break ins over the years, as well as local businesses including the surf shop and just recently Orca Bar. Are travelers really safe to sleep in their cars, with no security, with this happening in our town? Then again, if you offer a freedom camp say as far off as Te Toto gorge, then who deals with the rubbish & sewerage, and once again , what about traveler's safety? A lone tourist was raped there, in broad daylight several years ago, and the rapist was never caught. These are the kind of issues that need to be faced. I understand that the 2011 act was introduced to 'ensure there is enough accommodation for travelers in New Zealand'. I think Raglan has a lot of accommodation options, the best for those on a budget being the Whanau camp ground on Riria Kereopa Dr. I don't believe this was full for most of summer. Plus there are 5 other pay to camp options in Raglan. And at the Raglan Club allows people with self-contained vehicles to camp in their carpark (thus there is some security and rubbish is taken care of). I think Raglan is already for fulfilling the desire of the Act, by offering enough accommodation options in the area. Ruapuke camp ground is another great budget option.</p>		<p>The current freedom camping act 2011 permits freedom camping to occur unless a bylaw is made to prohibit or restrict it. The bylaw cannot have the effect of a blanket ban. Raglan township could be identified as a prohibited area however this is not the direction that Council has set and is not in keeping with the motorhome friendly town approach.</p>

Freedom camping surely is about 'getting away from it all'. Ruapuke camp ground totally fills that need. If there is a total ban, with a sign explaining this (a big sign you can actually read as you drive past it) as you come into the area, then there is no wiggle room for people parking up illegally. And word gets out very quickly through social media and traveller networks. Once the freedom campers realize that in this town (as in 100s of others across NZ) you have to organize staying in a real campground, then they will do just that. Visitors won't be put off coming to Raglan, and this way they will be more welcome and fit into the community, by not being allowed to foul up our public areas.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
73	Nicola Greenwell	Hamilton & Waikato Tourism
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>Tourism contributes \$29.8b of visitor expenditure to the New Zealand economy, an increase of 10% on the previous year (MBIE March 15). The industry is experiencing exceptional growth with visitor arrivals and expenditure at its highest level ever. Tourism is now New Zealand's largest export industry. The Hamilton & Waikato region has shared in this growth with visitors generating \$1.23b of expenditure, up 7% on the previous year. This strong growth is forecast to continue. A large portion of these visitors are Free Independent Travellers (FIT), travelling in rental cars and campervans. Many of these visitors choose freedom camping as an option during their visit.</p> <p>As an industry, it is important that we welcome visitors to our region, towns and communities and ensure that they enjoy their stay, stay longer and spend more while they are here. This in return provides economic benefits and employment with the community. HWT understands that there are challenges with some visitors who choose to freedom camp and therefore it is important that we encourage responsible camping, protect our environment, provide safe options and maintain a positive relationship between visitors and our local communities. HWT supports an approach which encourages visitors' to camp in one of three areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Holiday Parks 2. Department of Conservation parks/areas 3. Designated Freedom Camping zones which are clearly communicated <p>It is important that designated freedom camping areas are well communicated and sign-posted for ease of access, and that appropriate infrastructure is provided to support their stay e.g. toilet facilities, grey water waste disposal, recycling facilities etc.</p>		<p>The bylaw permits freedom camping in self-contained vehicles for up to 3 days except in prohibited areas. The two areas that are now proposed in the bylaw as suitable for non self-contained freedom camping have toilet facilities nearby.</p> <p>Council is not permitted to put in place a blanket ban on freedom camping. The premise of the Freedom Camping Act 2011 is the Freedom Camping is permitted unless it is prohibited or restricted in the bylaw. In developing prohibited or restricted areas Council must be satisfied that the prohibition or restriction of an area is an appropriate and proportionate way of addressing the perceived problem.</p>

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
74	Lisa Thomson	Ratepayer

Category: Do you support the bylaw?

Submission

Yes - I feel sad that our community has to find solutions for freedom camping, which has become a very real problem district wide. On a national level, government introduced legislation in 2011 to allow freedom camping on council land that was not prohibited. Please note, that when I refer to freedom campers, I refer to those vehicles that are non-self-contained, even now as I write this submission, a young couple are parked outside my work, eating their breakfast in the main street of Raglan from the back of their converted van, not that I mind the eating part - it's really just looking into their very messy bedroom and living space they are sharing with me and anyone else who happens past. Freedom camping seems to be everywhere in Raglan, Wainamu Beach, Te Toto gorge, Cliff St, Maungatawhiri Road, Ruapuke, even out at far flung areas, like Aotea on Phillips Road, where my families' farm is, this causes problems with the proliferation of rubbish and human waste - which is really gross, it is even worse when you go out for a hike up Karioi to be confronted with poo and toilet paper on the track, the wafting smell of pee when you go to sit at the lookout overlooking Te Toto gorge. I love the fact that people want to visit our beautiful country and experience our gorgeous part of the world, however, it comes at a cost to local communities. I support prohibiting freedom camping, which should include Raglan Wharf, Lorenzen Bay and in the front of people's mail boxes or in driveways. I also support the provision of small area on Stewart Street, for self-contained campers for a night stay only. I do not support provision for camping at the fire station carpark on Wainui Road, it should remain clear for emergency services.

We need to encourage freedom campers to facilities on offer for accommodation, that are affordable, make it clear that they need to be responsible, we could have flyers that locals can have on hand that they can slip under window wipers that say something like 'Welcome to Raglan' freedom camping isn't allowed here, go to....

Staff Recommendation

A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area. As a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn. Raglan Wharf and Lorenzen Bay have been included as prohibited areas to protect access to the area. New Signage will be developed identifying freedom camping restrictions.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
75	Genny Wilson	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>Yes - Need designated areas for self-contained vehicles - should not be catering for the backpackers in vehicles that do not have fully plumbed facilities. WDC should work with NZMCA for a workable bylaw. We own a motorhome and explore the Waikato. Waipa District reap the financial benefit as they are motor home friendly for our weekend escapes. It is important that we can park up and be able to go for walks etc. during the day without having to move. This the model used by Waipa e.g. Lake Ngaroto but still have restrictions on length of time. There is a large untapped domestic market that WDC should be encouraging. There needs to be a clear distinction between fully self-contained vehicles and those that are largely providing a workaround such as Wicked or Jucy. Wicked should also be banned for their offensive and demeaning slogans.</p> <p>In Raglan the car park at the rugby grounds/sport centre should be used - not by the fire station. Car parking in the CBD is already stretched without having additional pressure from campervans</p>		<p>Under the proposed bylaw self -contained vehicles are permitted to camp in Council controlled areas. The Rugby Grounds area is a reserve and is managed by the Reserve Mangement Plan. In order to allow limited freedom camping to occur then it should be identified in the Reserve Management Plan. The bylaw is not able to be used to ban certain operators from using a public place.</p>

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
76	Inger Vos	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>Yes - Greenslade rd freedom camping. Camper vans park up on this narrow, non-exit street, right on the driveways of locals, driveways which may belong to some 15 homeowners. This makes it difficult for residents entering and exiting driveways to see oncoming traffic and access letterboxes. Recommend freedom camping be prohibited on greenslade rd for health and safety reasons.</p> <p>Restrictions relating to non-self-contained vehicles do not include the fact that a freedom camper may pitch a tent and have no car! Does the bylaw allow tents in all public areas? Or at wainui rd car park and Stewart st where non-self-contained cars are restricted to stay only two nights? Need to consider campers without vehicles.</p>		<p>Greenslade Road has been added to the proposed bylaw as a prohibited area in order to protect access to the area.</p> <p>The proposed bylaw currently allows for freedom camping in self-contained vehicles to occur throughout the district for up to 3 nights except in prohibited areas</p>

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77	Graham Mackie	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>My wife Sharon and I both live and work in Huntly and have been members of the NZMCA for the last 4 years. We have travelled extensively in our mobile home, including time in the south island, and have very much enjoyed the experience and PRIVILEGE!! That is offered to us as members of this association. We understand the concerns many councils have had with ad hoc travel units without self-containment causing effluent, rubbish and noise problems in council regulated parking zones. I have also followed the protracted struggle the association has had with the Thames council authorities. I would like to offer some suggestions on tailoring the local council by law. I can offer some broad guidelines here but would like to be part of the council hearing. Three categories to be considered. CAMPING ANY TIME WITH RESTRICTIONS i.e. self-containment, no of vehicles and duration CAMPINGFOR EVENTS that a weekend special event in the region may have the ability to set up infrastructure to have a large no of campers for a limited time. Non-members and non-self-contained. Perhaps in the future there may be some method to regulate their activity.</p>		<p>The proposed bylaw currently allows for freedom camping in self-contained vehicles to occur throughout the district for up to 3 nights except in prohibited areas. There is also a clause in the bylaw that allows for someone to breach this restriction subject to Council approval.</p>

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
78	Graham Mackie	Huntly Youth Focus Trust
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>Yes - Would like to see a freedom camping area designated for Huntly. Hakanoa Yacht club car park, Lake Pukertirini, and Mahuta car park possible options. Also special event policy for having larger gathering of vans to be considered on an as required basis. This could be on private property or public council owned land</p>		<p>These areas are managed by reserve management plans and it is appropriate that this activity is assessed as part of the development of these plans. Clause 7 in the bylaw allows for someone to apply to Council to allow for freedom camping to occur outside the parameters of Schedule 1 and 2.,Tthis clause is aimed at allow for gatherings to occur. The bylaw only controls activities in a public place.</p>

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
79	Monique Haines	Port Waikato Residents and Ratepayers Association
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>Yes - People currently camp overnight in Maraetai Bay Reserve and Sunset Beach car park in cars, tents and campervans (both of these locations are on Maunsell Rd, Port Waikato).</p> <p>We agree with your recommendation to include these two locations as prohibited areas, these locations are places to play and/or to park, with the space at the Sunset beach car park at a premium due to beach erosion. Both locations have a high volume of traffic and freedom campers haven't accounted for the volume of vehicles and pedestrians and conflicts have occurred. Residents have been left with the task of cleaning up after the freedom campers have left, refuse includes but is not limited to; plastic, bottles, nappies, condoms, food wrappers and human waste. Residents who live close to these areas also have the ongoing problem of people urinating in public, often in full view.</p> <p>There is a camping ground located in close proximity to both of these locations so there is no need for people to freedom camp.</p> <p>We agree with the purpose of the WDC Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2016 which states that you wish 'to protect our unique environment and our residents from issues associated with freedom camping'. By having this Bylaw you will be able to address issues which arise as a result of freedom camping and allow staff to deal with these issues.</p>		<p>Support for Maeraetai Bay and Sunset beach prohibitions.</p>

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80	RD Macpherson	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
Yes - I pay approx \$200/week to live in kereopa mem drive why should a stranger park there for free?		Kereopa Memorial drive is identified as prohibited area in the proposed bylaw.

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81	Caroline Swann	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
Yes		Support has been noted.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
82	Penny Knuiman	Wildcoast Ruapuke House adventures
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - People camping for many nights pooing in sand dunes washing in streams Swan access road Ruapuke. Prohibit freedom camping to keep our beaches and streams clean.</p> <p>We live at Ruapuke Beach and frequent the beach daily. On average the carpark is full of campers washing hanging out, bbq's set up and poo and toilet paper all through the sand dunes. the people wash their clothes in our streams!! Ruapuke camp ground is 1km up the road and offers clean facilities and cheap rates.</p> <p>The poo is gross!! I dont think they should be able to stay there overnight/some stay for many days. This is a very unique part of NZ and it is not a pleasant thing.</p>		<p>Ruapuke has been identified as a prohibited area for freedom camping in the proposed bylaw.</p>

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
83	Pauline Abrahams	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - Definitely not. Too much pressure on the already taxed facilities, especially in the summer- not the least the sewage problems and water. Security problems, Parking problems. Noise- music, domestic violence, babies, and rubbish- not everyone is careful. Damage to property and verges. WHAT ON EARTH WAS THE COUNCIL THINKING OFF TO EVEN PROPOSE THE IDEA!</p>		<p>The current Freedom Camping Act 2011 permits freedom camping to occur unless a bylaw is made to prohibit or restrict it. The bylaw cannot have the effect of a blanket ban.</p> <p>A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area. As a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn.</p>

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84	Sandy Mau-Hall	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - I don't think it is fair on the local people who use the church and the hall and the area as the locals respect these areas and keep these areas free of rubbish, waste and hazards. I think the campers need to use the camping facilities available in Raglan and pay for their stay for the privilege in staying in our safe and tidy town.</p>		<p>The current Freedom Camping Act 2011 permits freedom camping to occur unless a bylaw is made to prohibit or restrict it. The bylaw cannot have the effect of a blanket ban. Raglan township could be identified as a prohibited area however this is not in keeping with the approach that Council has undertaken.</p>

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85	Averil Soper	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - Security of area-Lots of old folks less than healthy habits, rubbish, toileting</p> <p>Let them park under trees opposite camp ground-access to toilets and water</p> <p>Or Rugby ground-access to toilets and water not security issue as neighbours not so close.</p>		<p>The Kopua Domain is a high use area and will create conflict with other users. The use of any reserve for freedom camping will assessed as part of the reserve management plan process which will take into account the current and future use of the reserve area.</p> <p>The Raglan Rugby Grounds are currently classed as a reserve and as such are managed through the Reserve Management Plans. The ability to use this area for freedom camping may be looked at in the future when a reserve management plan is developed for it.</p>

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86	Lillian Bond	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
No - I do not support this for camping and domestic violence and rubbish and not water and toilets and we don't want the noise and rubbish problems.		The current Freedom Camping Act 2011 permits freedom camping to occur unless a bylaw is made to prohibit or restrict it. The bylaw cannot have the effect of a blanket ban. Raglan township could be identified as a prohibited area however this is not in keeping with the direction that Council has undertaken.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
87	Jo-Ann Hayward	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - Earles Place at Manu Bay needs to be added to the prohibited locations. It is a residential street frequented by tourists due to the track to the beach and the sea views. There are times when people sleep in campers and in cars in our street. This is unsafe due to the lack of toilet facilities which poses a health risk and with the street being very narrow there are traffic safety issues. Freedom camping needs to be prohibited.</p>		<p>Earles Place has been included in the proposed bylaw as a prohibited area to protect access to that area.</p>

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
88	Submitter Details Withheld	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>No - Taking over cliff street carparks and beside fire station during day so obscuring views.</p> <p>Previous carparks for locals contd be used by vehicles camping overnight. Lots of locals use it when in town for the night if eating/socializing out. It is disturbing to think the fire station carpark area even be considered as a camping overnight place. Considering that is our MAIN and MAJOR emergency services area-Fire and ambulances and helicopter pad are solely for emergencies and nothing should be allowed to use that area as a camping overnight area. Stewart street is residential so should not have to put up with overnight stayers when we have 2x camping grounds for out of town camper/holiday makers. I do not pay me rates for my town to be used "freely" by Freedom camping of any description.</p> <p>I oppose all freedom camping within our township od RAGLAN-which includes right up to all outskirts of township and district ie. manu/whale bay area. We as locals and ratepayers refuse to allow holiday makers parked and using our facilities-whether self-contained campervans or not, as we pay rates to live and use facilities/carparks/reserves/beach fronts etc-and we do not want to open our curtains to Freedom campers parked outside our home/workplaces/car parks etc. The town is not a camping ground esp. CBD esp. beside fire station. That is our only place to park while in town/at work locally that is not policed by parking wardens and should not under any circumstances</p>		<p>A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area as a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn. Raglan township could be identified as a prohibited area however this is not in keeping with the direction that Council has undertaken.</p>

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89	Tikirahi Marae Tikirahi Marae	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
The above marae will and shall prohibit freedom camping.		A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area. As a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn. Raglan township could be identified as a prohibited area however this is not in keeping with the approach that Council has undertaken.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	Organisation/On Behalf Of
90	NZMCA	
Category: Do you support the bylaw?		
Submission		Staff Recommendation
<p>Yes - 1. The New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Inc. (NZMCA) appreciates the opportunity to submit on the Waikato District Council (Council) proposed freedom camping bylaw (the bylaw). We commend the Council for proposing a new bylaw under the Freedom Camping Act 2011 (the FCA).</p> <p>2. Established in 1956 to help foster and advance the growing motor caravan movement across New Zealand, the NZMCA provides members with relevant services and information, promotes fellowship, vehicle safety, road courtesy and protection of the environment. Today, over 65,000 members share a passion for exploring our country at leisure in their purpose-built motor caravans. Motor caravanning is a passive recreational activity enabling members to provide for their social and economic well-being. Travelling in a certified self-contained (CSC) vehicle allows members and the communities they visit to provide for their health and safety, whilst minimising any potential adverse effects on the environment.</p> <p>3. The Raglan Community Board and Residents & Ratepayers Association recently approached the NZMCA with regards to Raglan receiving official motorhome friendly status. We are open to supporting Raglan and our submission has taken their request on board. One of the criteria for approval is a freedom camping bylaw (if any) consistent with the permissive premise of the FCA. If the bylaw provisions are deemed too restrictive towards CSC vehicles then unfortunately any application from Raglan will not be granted.</p> <p>Summary and key recommendations</p> <p>4. We SUPPORT the general approach where freedom camping in a CSC vehicle is permitted unless prohibited in accordance with Schedule 1 of the bylaw or any other enactment;</p> <p>5. We RECOMMEND amending clause 2.4 by referring to the Reserves Act 1977;</p> <p>6. We RECOMMEND expanding on the definition of Self-contained vehicle as suggested below;</p> <p>7. We RECOMMEND deleting sub-sections 9.2 and 9.3 as explained below;</p> <p>8. We RECOMMEND deleting Schedule Two (C) – permitted areas for non self-contained vehicles;</p> <p>9. We RECOMMEND reviewing Schedule One (B) as suggested below and in Appendix A attached to this submission.</p>		<p>The definition of self-contained vehicle has been expanded based on the advice received in the submission. Clauses 9.2 and 9.3 have been removed as they could be considered to be ultra vires. Two permitted areas have been removed from Schedule 2(c) as these were identified as having effects on surrounding properties. It has been identified that the areas in Schedule 1 are necessary in order to protect the area based on the purpose of the Freedom Camping Act 2011.</p>

Benefits of a permissive bylaw

Economic benefits

10. The motor caravanning industry is worth over \$650 million to New Zealand's economy and the latest research reinforces the value to local communities, in particular those dependent on tourism. For example;

- A report published in October 2012 found campervan tourists in the year 2011 spent on average \$195 per day during their holiday¹. The Tourism Industry Association publically supported these findings and noted campers were contributing to communities all around New Zealand, supporting local business and jobs, and their spending was not limited to tourism operators rather spread across a wide range of businesses in the community;
- In February/March 2014 the Central Otago District Council surveyed 1,000 campers at popular freedom camping spots across Central Otago. According to their results: the average camper spent \$91 a day while visiting the district, 78% were domestic visitors, and 64% over 60 years of age. The Council's Parks and Recreation Manager, Mathew Begg, noted that this spend was quite significant to their community²;
- A survey in March/April 2012 at Ferry Road, Taupo (a restricted freedom camping area) found the average motorhomer spent \$401 per visit to Taupo. Also of note, over 100 local businesses signed a petition to the Taupo District Council in support of permitting freedom camping at Ferry Road.
- An independent survey carried out in March 2012 at Murchsion found the average NZMCA couple spent \$117 per day in local businesses, whilst staying at a nearby NZMCA Park.

11. The domestic market is undergoing a significant growth phase with the NZMCA alone forecasting 50% more domestic motorhomes on the road by 2020. Many NZMCA members travel throughout the year, especially over the off-peak season, and therefore provide much needed economic benefit to small business communities outside the peak holiday periods.

1 Understanding the Value Created by Campervan Tourists in New Zealand, COVEC (NZ Market Research Company) 2 <http://www.odt.co.nz/regions/central-otago/309317/freedom-campers-good-spenders> [accessed 16 July 2014]

Social benefits

12. Areas that permit self-contained freedom camping generally suffer less from vandalism and other undesirable social behaviour as self-contained campers provide free security for the area. Many community clubs and associations nationwide have formed reciprocal relationships with the NZMCA allowing our members to park overnight for the security it provides to their facilities. This positive benefit from allowing responsible freedom camping

is frequently overlooked.

Environmental benefits

13. In addition to the benefits associated with CSC freedom camping, NZMCA members value the places they stay and often take special care to look after them. For example, members regularly volunteer their time with local organisations and authorities to clean up sites, pick up litter and plant trees.

Definition of 'Self-contained vehicle'

14. The Council will no doubt be aware of a few vehicles at the bottom-end of the campervan market (namely sleeper vans) obtaining certification status under NZS 5465:2001 by simply providing a portable toilet. They have exposed a loophole and NZMCA does not believe these vehicles meet the intent of NZS 5465:2001. As a result, we are collaborating with key stakeholders (including local authorities, the Department of Conservation, and rental operators) to 'raise the Standard' by determining what constitutes a genuine self-contained vehicle.

15. In summary, the NZMCA will only certify a campervan with a toilet that is appropriately accessible within the vehicle at all times, even when the bed is made up. Furthermore, we are working with key stakeholders to formally amend NZS 5465:2001 this year. The amendment will further clarify what constitutes an appropriate toilet arrangement as intended by the Standard. As the Council may appreciate, formally amending a Standard can take several months and in the meantime the existing questionable CSC sleeper vans will continue to comply with the proposed definition of 'self-contained vehicle' under the bylaw. We have obtained legal advice that recommends clarifying in the definition's section of a bylaw a local authority's expectation insofar as toilets in CSC vehicles are concerned. This should enable any local authority to lawfully enforce its bylaw over the questionable CSC sleeper vans, where necessary.

16. We recommend expanding on the definition of Self-contained vehicle as follows: 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, NZS 5465:2001,

and any subsequent amendments. For the avoidance of doubt, a self-contained vehicle must be equipped with a toilet that is adequately restrained or secured when travelling. The toilet must be readily usable within the vehicle, including sufficient head and elbow room at all times, even with the bed made up.

9.0 General

17. Sub-sections 9.2 and 9.3 suggest the Council will make changes to the bylaw e.g. add to

or amend the list of restricted and prohibited areas, by Council resolution only. This approach is unlawful and any resolution would render those particular amendments invalid.

18. Sections 11(5) and (6) of the FCA permit local authorities to make minor amendments only to their bylaws. Any amendment(s) that affects an existing right, e.g. one's ability to freedom camp in an area under existing conditions, is more than minor and should follow the special consultative procedure set out in section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002. In *NZMCA v TCDC*, Justice Cooper found [at 35] that the amendments to TCDC's freedom camping bylaw by resolution only were made unlawfully. At the time, TCDC had similar bylaw provisions to 9.2 and 9.3.

19. We recommend deleting 9.2 and 9.3 as they are unlawful. Furthermore, an amendment clause is superfluous to the needs of a bylaw when the FCA already sets out the requirements to amend or revoke a bylaw.

Schedule Two (C) – permitted areas for non-self-contained vehicles

20. When the FCA was passed in 2011, the decision-makers duly felt it was appropriate to enable freedom camping in non-CSC vehicles nearby public amenities. And to their credit, many local authorities worked diligently to establish permitted areas to help manage local issues. Almost five years on we have witnessed an explosion in the volume of sleeper vans traversing the countryside. A somewhat unforeseen issue to be fair. We only need to look at popular areas around Christchurch and Mackenzie country to understand how challenging it is for other local authorities and their communities to now cope with the large influxes of non-CSC vehicles visiting designated sites provided for in their bylaws. The advantage for Waikato is that it can learn from these experiences when it deliberates on its bylaw.

21. The Onewhero and Te Kauwhata Domains have been identified as suitable locations for non-CSC freedom camping, where freedom camping is permitted in these reserves under the Waikato District Sports Park Reserve Management Plan (the RMP). However, the RMP policies pertaining to freedom camping specifically support CSC freedom camping only. For example, the RMP policies for these two domains state:

“Permit freedom camping in self-contained vehicles only for a maximum of three nights in a designated area subject to the area not being required for events.”

22. It would therefore seem inappropriate for the Council to enable non self-contained freedom camping within either Domain as this would conflict with the specific freedom camping policies under the RMP. The Hauraki District Council faced a similar issue two years ago, and following legal advice was forced to review their bylaw and remove two reserves from the list of restricted (permitted) freedom camping areas.

23. Taking the above matters into account, we recommend the most appropriate solution is for Council to prohibit all non-CSC vehicles from freedom camping on land under its control.

The Council has ample evidence of the issues associated with non-self-contained freedom camping in Waikato (hence the need for a new bylaw), and in our view section 12 of the FCA does not limit the Council's ability to introduce this form of a blanket ban.

Schedule One (B) – prohibited areas

24. Section 11(2) (a) of the FCA sets out the reasons why a local authority may restrict or prohibit freedom camping in an area under their management or control. Several legal opinions since the passing of the FCA recommend local authorities carefully consider alternative options before prohibiting freedom camping outright. For example, where there is evidence of rubbish and human waste, provide more facilities and/or restrict freedom camping to CSC vehicles only.

25. We have received a copy of the Council's assessment matrix (thank you) for each of the proposed restricted and prohibited areas. The assessment briefly explains the rationale behind each decision. Whilst we are not intimately familiar with each site, based on the reasons the Council is relying on to control freedom camping we believe at a few sites it is more appropriate and proportionate (as per the FCA) to restrict freedom camping to CSC vehicles only than prohibit the activity outright. For the Council's convenience we have inserted our suggestions alongside the Council's own assessment (refer Appendix A).

(Appendix 3)



Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2016

Proposed bylaw including tracked changes

Waikato District Council

Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2016

Waikato District Council, in exercise of its powers under the Local Government Act 2002 and the Freedom Camping Act 2011 and their respective amendments, and all other relevant powers, hereby makes the following bylaw.

Introduction

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To protect our unique environment and our residents from issues associated with freedom camping.
- 1.2 To provide information on areas within the District that are appropriate for freedom camping.

2.0 Short title, commencement and application

- 2.1 The bylaw shall be known as the 'Waikato District Council Freedom Camping Bylaw 2016'.
- 2.2 The bylaw shall apply to the Waikato District.
- 2.3 The bylaw shall come into force on.
- 2.4 Other legislation and regulatory tools that are relevant to freedom camping include the Reserves Act 1997, the Waikato District Plan and other Council bylaws. Whilst the Council endeavours to ensure consistency in its approach to freedom camping, reserves in the Waikato District are managed through reserve management plans. The Waikato District Council General Reserve Management Plan prohibits camping on all reserves unless it is specifically provided for in any other operative reserve management plan. Only the reserve management plans for Onewhero and Te Kauwhata domains allow for freedom camping and these are identified in this bylaw.

3.0 Definitions

For the purposes of this Bylaw, the following definitions shall apply, unless inconsistent with the context:

Act	means the Freedom Camping Act 2011.
Camping ground	(a) a camping ground that has a current certificate of registration under the Camping-Grounds Regulations 1985; and (b) any site at which a fee is payable for camping at the site.
Council	means the Waikato District Council
District	means the Waikato District.
Freedom camp	means to camp (other than at a camping ground) within 200m of a motor vehicle accessible area using 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.

In this Bylaw, freedom camping does not include the following activities:

- (a) temporary and short-term parking of a motor vehicle:
- (b) recreational activities commonly known as day-trip excursions:
- (c) resting or sleeping at the roadside in a caravan or motor vehicle to avoid driver fatigue.

Local authority area

- (a) means an area of land—
 - (i) that is within the district of a local authority; and
 - (ii) that is controlled or managed by the local authority.

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, NZS 5465:2001, and any subsequent amendments. For the avoidance of doubt, a self-contained vehicle must be equipped with a toilet that is secured when travelling. The toilet must be readily usable within the vehicle.

Non self-contained vehicle

A vehicle that is being used for the purpose of camping is not displaying a current self-containment warrant.

4.0 Controls for Freedom Camping

- 4.1 Freedom camping is permitted in any local authority area within the District unless it is prohibited or restricted in an area:
- a) in accordance with this Bylaw; or
 - b) under any other enactment.

5.0 Prohibited areas

A person must not freedom camp in any prohibited area within the District, as identified in Schedule One: Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping, without the prior written consent of the Council.

6.0 Restricted areas

A person may freedom camp in any area identified in Schedule Two: Restricted Areas for Freedom Camping, subject to the specific restrictions listed for that area.

7.0 Prior consent from Council

A person may seek permission from the Council to allow freedom camping outside the parameters of Schedule One and Schedule Two. This may be granted at the Councils discretion. The Council may attach conditions to any consent that is granted.

Consent must be applied for in writing to the Chief Executive of the Council at least 30 days in prior to the date on which freedom camping is planned in the prohibited or restricted area.

8.0 Temporarily closure of an area to freedom camping

The Chief Executive of the Council may temporarily close or restrict freedom camping in any area or part of any area where the closure or restriction is considered necessary to:

- a) prevent damage to the local authority area or facilities in the area; or
- b) allow maintenance to the local authority area or facilities; or
- c) protect the safety of persons or property; or
- d) provide for better public access, including in circumstances where events are planned for that area.

9.0 Offences

Every person commits an offence against this bylaw who freedom camps in a local authority area in breach of any prohibition or restriction in this Bylaw.

10.0 General

Any notice, order or other document which is required by this bylaw to be served or given or sent to any person shall be deemed to have been duly served given or sent if delivered to such person or left at his or her residence or workplace or posted to such person at his or her last known address.

~~10.1 Council may from time to time by resolution substitute, or make additions or alterations to any Schedule or Map of this bylaw.~~

~~10.2 Any resolution of the Council may be amended, rescinded or reinstated by a further resolution of the Council.~~

This bylaw was made pursuant to a resolution passed by the Waikato District Council on.

THE COMMON SEAL of WAIKATO
DISTRICT COUNCIL was hereto affixed in the presence of:

Mayor

Chief Executive

Schedule One: Prohibited areas for freedom camping

- A. Freedom Camping is prohibited on all local authority cemetery areas and their associated car parks.
- B. Freedom Camping is prohibited on the local authority areas identified below:

Raglan	
Area Name / Description	Map Reference No.
Manu Bay reserve and surrounding area 696 Wainui Road, Raglan and that section of Wainui Road adjacent to the Manu Bay reserve.	WDC_2016_01
Tohora Close, Calvert Road, Whale Bay	WDC_2016_02
Ngarunui Beach Reserve 330 Wainui Road, Raglan	WDC_2016_03
Kopua Domain 61 Marine Parade, Raglan	WDC_2016_04
Cliff Street, Puriri Street From 2 Cliff Street to 1 Puriri Street, Raglan	WDC_2016_05
Riria Kereopa Drive, Wainamu Road	WDC_2016_06
Wainui Road	WDC_2016_07
Papanui Point Carpark	WDC_2016_08
Swann Access Road, Ruapuke Beach	WDC_2016_09
Ruapuke Beach Road	WDC_2016_10
Bridal Falls Car park Kawhia Road, Te Mata	WDC_2016_11
<u>Greenslade Road</u>	<u>WDC_2016_26</u>
<u>Earles Place</u>	<u>WDC_2016_27</u>
<u>Wainui Road Firestation carpark</u>	<u>WDC_2016_28</u>
<u>Raglan Wharf</u>	<u>WDC_2016_29</u>
<u>Lorensen Bay Road, Sunshine Rise</u>	<u>WDC_2016_30</u>

Ngaruawahia	
Area Name / Description	Map Reference No.
Waikato Esplanade I-52 Waikato Esplanade.	WDC_2016_12
Patterson Park	WDC_2016_13
Horotiu Bridge carpark area	WDC_2016_14
Wainago Road Section at end of Hakarimata track	WDC_2016_15
Brownlee Ave Hakarimata Track Car park area	WDC_2016_16
Hopuhopu 451-477 Old Taupiri Road HOPUHOPU	WDC_2016_17

Port Waikato	
Area Name / Description	Map Reference No.
Maraetai Bay Reserve Maunsell Road.	WDC_2016_18
Sunset Beach carpark Maunsell Rd	WDC_2016_25

Schedule Two: Restricted areas for freedom camping

- A. Self-contained vehicles may freedom camp throughout the District for a maximum of 3 nights at any one location except in the areas identified in Schedule 1.
- B. The table below identifies areas where freedom camping for self-contained vehicles have specific restrictions:

Area Name / Description	Restriction	Map Reference No.
<u>The Point, Ngaruawahia</u> Lower Waikato Esplanade	Location is restricted to a designated area. The designated area cannot be used if it is required for events.	WDC_2016_19
<u>St. Stephens car park, Tuakau</u> 8 St Stephens Avenue.	Sign posted part of car park only. Permitted camping hours between 6pm at night and 10am the next morning. Maximum stay of two nights	WDC_2016_20

- C. Non self-contained vehicles may only freedom camp for a maximum of two nights in the areas that are specified in the table below:

Area Name / Description	Restriction	Map Reference No.
<u>Onewhero Domain</u> 14 Hall Road	Location is restricted to a designated area. The designated area cannot be used if it is required for events.	WDC_2016_21
<u>Te Kauwhata Domain</u> Mahi Road	Location is restricted to a designated area. The designated area cannot be used if it is required for events.	WDC_2016_22
<u>Wainui Road carpark</u> Area near fire station	Area can only be used by campers from 8pm to 8am. Area must be vacated at 8am daily.	WDC_2016_23
<u>Western end of Stewart Street</u>	Area can only be used by campers from 8pm to	WDC_2016_24

Parking area adjacent to 1 to 5 Stewart Street	8am. Area must be vacated at 8am daily.	
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Freedom Camping

Description:
Manu Bay

Map Reference:
Wdc_2016_01

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Freedom Camping

Description:
 Tohora Close, Calvert Road, Whale Bay

Map Reference:
 Wdc_2016_02



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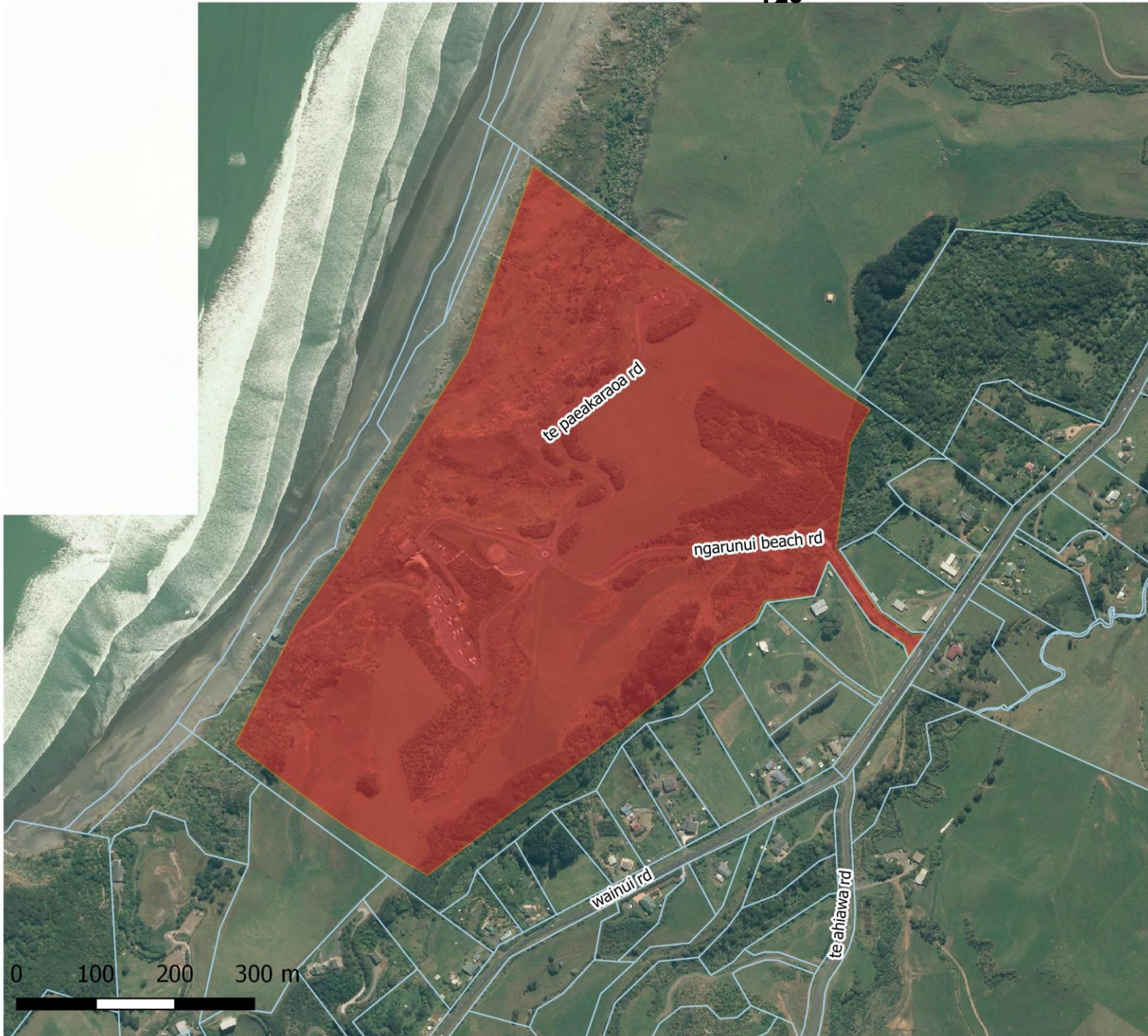


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Freedom Camping

Description:
Ngarunui Beach Reserve

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Freedom Camping

Description:
 Kopua Domain

Map Reference:
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Freedom Camping

Description:
Cliff Street, Puriri Street

Map Reference:
Wdc_2016_05



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Freedom Camping

Description:
Riria Kereopa Drive, Wainamu Road

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Wdc_2016_06



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Freedom Camping

Description:
Wainui Road

Map Reference:
Wdc_2016_07



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Freedom Camping

Description:
Papanui Point Carpark

Map Reference:
Wdc_2016_08

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Freedom Camping

Description:
Swann Access Road, Ruapkue Beach

Map Reference:
Wdc_2016_09



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Freedom Camping

Description:
Ruapuke Beach Road

Map Reference:
Wdc_2016_10



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Freedom Camping

Description:
Bridal Falls

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Wdc_2016_11

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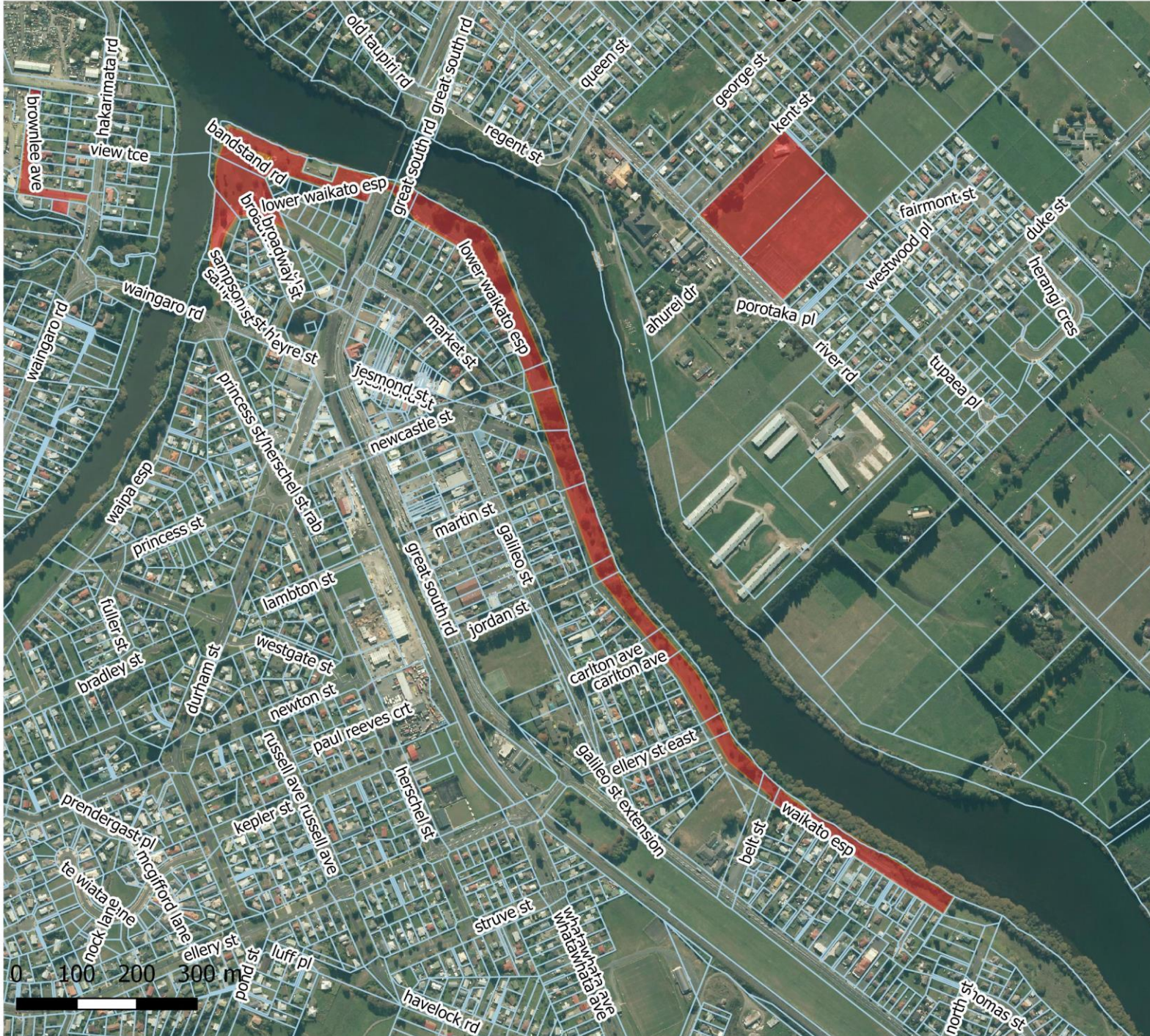
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Freedom Camping

Description:
Waikato Esplanade

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Wdc_2016_12

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Freedom Camping

Description:
Patterson Park

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Wdc_2016_13

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Freedom Camping

Description:
Horotiu Bridge Carpark

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Wdc_2016_14

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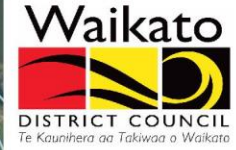
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Description:
Waingaro Road - Hakarimata Track

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Wdc_2016_15

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Freedom Camping

Description:
Brownlee Avenue

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Wdc_2016_16



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Freedom Camping

Description:
Hopuhopu Reserve

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Freedom Camping

Description:
Maraetai Bay Road

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Freedom Camping

Description:
Ngaruwahia The Point

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Freedom Camping

Description:
St Stephens Avenue - Tuakau

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Wdc_2016_20



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Freedom Camping

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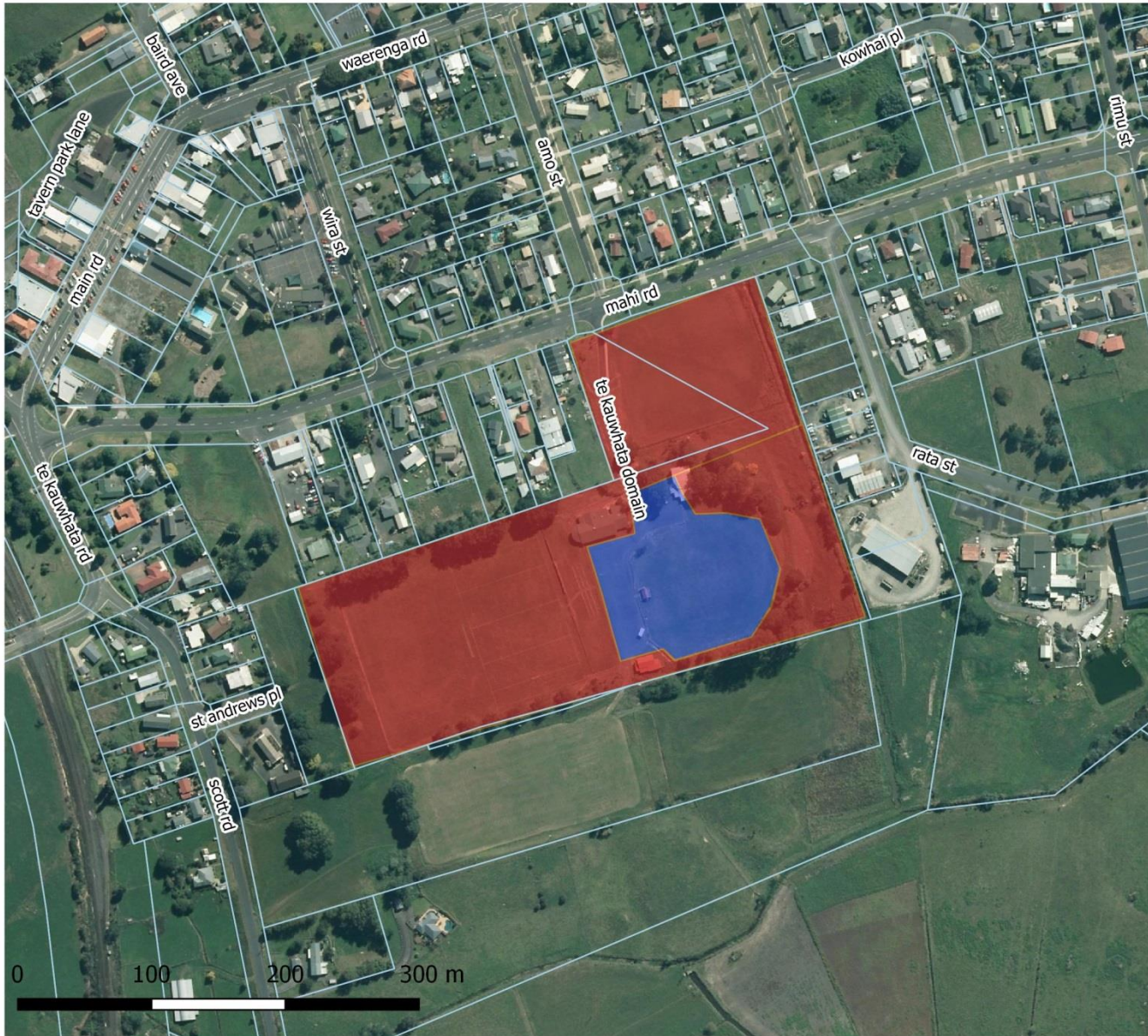
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Freedom Camping

Description:
Te Kauwhata Prohibited Reserve Area

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Freedom Camping

Description:
Wainui Road Firesation Carpark Area

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Wdc_2016_23

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Freedom Camping

Description:
Western End Of Stewart Street

Map Reference:
Wdc_2016_24

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Freedom Camping

Description:
Sunset Beach, Port Waikato

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WDC_2016_25

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Freedom Camping

Description:
Greenslade Road

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Freedom Camping

Description:
Earles Place

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Freedom Camping

Description:
Wainui Road Firestation Carpark

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Wdc_2016_28

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Freedom Camping

Description:
Raglan Wharf

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Freedom Camping

Description:
Lorensen Bay Road, Sunshine Rise

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(Appendix 4)

Proposed Freedom camping Bylaw 2016

**Details of perceived problems in Prohibited and
Restricted areas**

This table identifies some of the problems that have been identified in each area and identifies the type of restriction that is proposed to be imposed.			
Description	Type	Map Ref	Council assessment for the need to protect the area; protect the health and safety of the people that may visit the area or protect access to the area.
Manu Bay Reserve	Prohibited	WDC_2016_01	High use area - need to protect access, community sensitive site, rubbish being left by freedom campers, left overs from the preparation of food being discarded in the area.
Tohora Close, Calvert Road, Whale Bay	Prohibited	WDC_2016_02	High use area need to preserve access and car parking, complaints regarding freedom campers obstructing residential entrances when people are exiting in the morning.
Ngarunui Beach Reserve	Prohibited	WDC_2016_03	High use area - need to preserve access, concerns about rubbish being left behind by freedom campers in areas that have been used in the past.
Kopua Domain	Prohibited	WDC_2016_04	High use area - need to protect access, conflict with other users of car parking area, rubbish being left by freedom campers in this area.
Cliff Street, Puriri Street	Prohibited	WDC_2016_05	High use area, complaints received from residents regarding noise and other issues associated with freedom camping.
Riria Kereopa Drive, Wainamu Road	Prohibited	WDC_2016_06	Rubbish being left, noise and other issues associated with freedom camping have been reported.
Wainui Road	Prohibited	WDC_2016_07	Unsafe area due to narrowness of road.
Wainui Road	Prohibited	WDC_2016_07	Unsafe area due to narrowness of road.
Papanui Point Carpark	Prohibited	WDC_2016_08	Small high use area, need to protect the area as the environment not suitable for freedom camping, accessed over private property.
Swann Access Road, Ruapkue Beach	Prohibited	WDC_2016_09	Evidence of rubbish being left and toileting in sand dunes, Fire concerns.
Ruapuke Beach Road	Prohibited	WDC_2016_10	Evidence of rubbish being left and toileting in sand dunes, Fire concerns.
Bridal Falls Car park	Prohibited	WDC_2016_11	Small high use area, rubbish has been left on roadside.
Waikato Esplanade	Prohibited	WDC_2016_12	Feedback from Community Board: Significant esplanade land – concern about noise/disturbance for residents and safety issue for walkway users/campers.

This table identifies some of the problems that have been identified in each area and identifies the type of restriction that is proposed to be imposed.			
Description	Type	Map Ref	Council assessment for the need to protect the area; protect the health and safety of the people that may visit the area or protect access to the area.
Patterson Park	Prohibited	WDC_2016_13	Feedback from Community Board: Active sports park which needs to be available for the enjoyment of the public.
Horotiu Bridge carpark area	Prohibited	WDC_2016_14	Feedback from Community Board: The public land adjacent to Horotiu Bridge is isolated and used as a carpark area for cycleway/walkway users.
Wainago Road - Hakarimata Track	Prohibited	WDC_2016_15	Feedback from Community Board - Isolation with safety concerns, issues - rubbish and toilet waste left behind.
Brownlee Ave - Hakarimata Track	Prohibited	WDC_2016_16	Feedback from Community Board - High public usage, day care centre adjacent.
Hopuhopu	Prohibited	WDC_2016_17	Feedback from Community Board - Sensitive site, area needs to be protected, isolated with no services.
Maraetai Bay Reserve	Prohibited	WDC_2016_18	Evidence of rubbish being left in the area and fires being lit in this area.
The Point, Ngaruawahia	Restricted	WDC_2016_19	In order to allow for other users to enjoy area freedom camping parking has been restricted.
St. Stephens car park, Tuakau	Restricted	WDC_2016_20	To identify this site as a preferred location for freedom camping to occur.
Onewhero Domain	Permitted	WDC_2016_21	To ensure access for other users.
Te Kauwhata Domain	Permitted	WDC_2016_22	To ensure access for other users.
Sunset Beach carpark	Prohibited	WDC_2016_25	High use exposed area, exposed to coast and not safe for freedom camping.
Greenslade Road	Prohibited	WDC_2016_26	Submitter has identified that freedom campers have used road and restricted access to the area.
Earles Place	Prohibited	WDC_2016_27	Submitter has identified that freedom campers have used road and restricted access to the area.
Wainui Road Firestation carpark	Prohibited	WDC_2016_28	Submitter concern that freedom campers will use this area were emergency services are located and will reduce access to the area.
Raglan Wharf	Prohibited	WDC_2016_29	Submitter concern that freedom campers will use this area which has an identified shortage in parking availability.

This table identifies some of the problems that have been identified in each area and identifies the type of restriction that is proposed to be imposed.			
Description	Type	Map Ref	Council assessment for the need to protect the area; protect the health and safety of the people that may visit the area or protect access to the area.
Lorensen Bay Road, Sunshine Rise	Prohibited	WDC_2016_30	Submitter has identified that freedom campers have used road and restricted access to the area.