

Notice is given that a Submissions Hearing meeting will be held on:

Date: Thursday 26 October 2017
Time: 9.30am to 3.30pm
Meeting Room: Tasman District Council's Takaka
Venue: Service Centre, 78 Commercial
Street, Takaka

Council Freedom Camping Bylaw Submissions Hearing – Golden Bay

AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson Cr Hawkes

Members Cr Brown
Cr Canton
Cr Turley

(Quorum 2 members)

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AGENDA

- 1 OPENING, WELCOME**
- 2 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS**

Councillors are reminded to bring their folder of submissions to the meeting (via Diligent Boards). All submissions are accessible via the Tasman District Council's webpage.

A summary of the submissions to be heard today with staff comments has been provided.

Attached is a schedule of the submitters wishing to speak on the day. The schedule is subject to change prior to the meeting so a final schedule will be distributed to Councillors at the start of the meeting.

3 SUBMITTERS TO BE HEARD – GOLDEN BAY

Time	Submitter	Sub #
9.45 am	Mrs Johanna Fowler	13442
9.55 am	Mrs Carolyn McLellan	14406
10.05 am	Mrs Moira Tilling	13576
10.15 am	Mr Chris Petyt	13640
10.35 am	Mr Richard Price	13765
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10.55 am	Mrs Jo-Anne Vaughan	13874
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Break for Morning Tea		
12.00 pm	Mr James and Mrs Sonia Nalder	13994
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14.25 pm	Mr Gordon and Mrs Anna Mather	14398
14.35 pm	Mrs Carolyn McLellan on behalf of the Bainham Rural Women	14406
14.45 pm	Mrs Jennifer Haldane	14510
15.05 pm	Mr Brian and Mrs Ann Jones (Possibly withdrawing on the day)	14050
Close		

3 Attachments

Submissions of Those Wishing to Be Heard by Submission Number - Golden Bay

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13442

I agree with the areas you have designated as 'freedom camping areas' however these 'freedom campers' need to be in vehicles certified for use as freedom camping. This means that vehicles would need to have certified self contained status
<http://www.mfe.govt.nz/waste/guidance-and-resources/freedom-camping-and-caravan-waste>
and can be inspected by council officers to prove as such. Proper documentation of the self contained status would need to be displayed and up to date. Any vehicles that are in breach of this would be fined and wheel clamped until fines are paid. The money raised in fines should then be used to maintain designated camp sites and enforcing the by-law. By implementing this standard freedom campers in self contained vehicles still have the ability to enjoy camping in an unrestricted manner. It would merely target those who aim to abuse this right. By wheel clamping you ensure those at fault are paying for the spoils of their ways (by covering costs of cleaning up their mess and enforcing the rules).
Thank you.
I am happy to speak if no other people already are who have raised this point.

14406

Draft Freedom Camping By Law Submission

From Bainham Rural Women

c/o Carolyn McLellan

Bainham

balmac@xtra.co.nz

Discussion on this Draft Freedom Camping By law has elicited much discussion from our members.

There is a wide range of opinions from our membership on this topic.

We support the principle of this Draft Freedom camping by- law.

We have agreed that it is important to have Compliance Staff in Golden Bay over the summer months, to monitor, uphold and if necessary enforce the By law.

We support Tasman District Council making application to Central Government to assist with any costs associated with the installation of new toilets and with rubbish collection necessary to support Freedom Campers. Members do not support ratepayers bearing these costs.

We support the installation of Pay showers and washing facilities so long as they are user pays and they are not funded by ratepayers.

Members do not want to see the Library carpark being allowed to be used for Campers.

Members would support a ticketing system whereby freedom campers would pay a nominal fee for the privilege of staying in Golden Bay.

Some members find it very confronting when visiting the library to have lots of campers/travellers using wifi on the library steps.

We are happy to be consulted and do want to be kept in the loop.

We do want to be heard.

Carolyn McLellan on behalf of Bainham Rural Women

14406

Melanie Yeomans

From: Glenda Crichton
Sent: Monday, 14 August 2017 11:27 a.m.
To: Melanie Yeomans
Subject: FW: freedom camping by law
Attachments: Draft Freedom Camping By Law Submission.docx

Glenda Crichton | Environment & Planning
Executive Assistant - E & P
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From: Jill Mead On Behalf Of Reception Richmond
Sent: Monday, 14 August 2017 10:56 a.m.
To: Glenda Crichton <Glenda.Crichton@tasman.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: freedom camping by law

Reception Richmond |
Customer Services Team
DDI (03) 543 8400

From: J.D. & C.O. McLellan [<mailto:balmac@xtra.co.nz>]
Sent: Friday, 11 August 2017 4:36 p.m.
To: Reception Richmond <Reception.Richmond@tasman.govt.nz>
Subject: freedom camping by law

Submission from Bainham Rural Women

13576

Submission on the Designated Areas for Freedom Camping

I oppose the use of the two areas selected in Takaka for freedom camping because both areas are beside rivers (Takaka River and Motupipi River). We should not encourage litter and contamination –producing activities beside rivers.

In the case of the Rototai landfill, I oppose freedom camping there for another reason: it is close to the estuary famous for wading birds, including spoonbills. That was one of the reasons, the cycleway bridge was not allowed some years ago. One or two freedom camping vans would not be a problem, but in today's world, where freedom camping sites are advertised world-wide on Facebook, we know very well that freedom camping tourists will flock to this site. New Zealand is advertised on Facebook as one of the 10 cheapest places in the world to be a tourist – because freedom camping is allowed. All that tourists need to have enough money for, we are told on Facebook, is the air fare to NZ. Once here, living costs are minimal.

For this reason I propose that a sign at the top of Takaka Hill notifies prospective campers that :

“There is no freedom camping past this point.”

Hanmer Springs has such a sign at the Hanmer River. The Coromandel, Otago Peninsula and Banks Peninsula also have these signs.

Ratepayers would have to finance facilities for these designated areas and also the clean up after the campers. Why should the ratepayers have to subsidize cheap holidays for tourists?

13640

Glenda Crichton

From: Sara Doggett on behalf of Reception Richmond
Sent: Monday, 3 July 2017 12:11 p.m.
To: Glenda Crichton
Subject: Freedom Camping Submission pls check to make sure it is :)

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Reception Richmond |
 Customer Services Team
 DDI (03) 543 8400

From: website@tasman.govt.nz [mailto:website@tasman.govt.nz]
Sent: Saturday, 1 July 2017 11:49 a.m.
To: Reception Richmond <Reception.Richmond@tasman.govt.nz>
Subject: Contact Us from Council Website

Contact Us from Council Website

Your Details

Your name *

Chris Petyt

Daytime contact number (we may phone you if we require more information).

03 5258154

Your e-mail address *

cpetytnz@gmail.com

Your Address

56 Tukurua Rd Takaka R.D.2

Your Message

What would you like to do?

Other

Service Request - report a fault or item to fix

Please select a main subject for your service request. Provide as much detail as possible.

Please select from the list

General

Name or position of who you'd like to contact

Location of fault or issue to be solved - please include nearest property number or street address.

Description of what needs to be done

Your message *

Item 3.1

Last week GB Weekly said TDC was proposing 3 freedom camping sites for Golden Bay, including Taupata Point. The day before I'd been pin-pointing important bird roosting and nesting spots for Mike North. Taupata Point is a very important roosting site for many birds - gulls, terns, spoonbills and waders including arctic migrants such as godwits. An influx of freedom campers with dogs, fires and noise would have a very adverse effect on its value.

Would you like us to contact you?

Yes, by phone

Optional: Upload a photo or file

You can attach a file or document if you wish

Attachment 1

13765



Submission Form for
Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
(Publicly notified 10 June 2017)



Your name: Richard Price

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High Bay
TAKAIKA

Your daytime phone number: 0277563238

Your Email address: RICHARD AND SANDRA PRICE @ GMAIL . COM.

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Hearing Panel meeting held for this purpose? (Dates and Locations will depend on the number and origin of submissions)

YES NO

Are you writing this submission as an individual or on behalf of an organisation? INDIVIDUAL

YES/NO?

If an organisation, please name the organisation:

Your comments (please continue on a separate sheet if you require more space):

Letter Attached

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Attachment 1

Item 3.1

What is needed is more signs in the area, travellers made aware of no freedom camping areas, areas of where fully certified camper vans can park legally and containment certificates checked by wardens after the hours of 7pm as they do in Wellington and other freedom camping towns. We have come across vans on our travels who have self containment certs and stickers on the windscreen which you know are illegal someone must be printing them who is not a registered certifier that's how devious some people are, as for free WiFi I have to pay for mine and other free benefits these free leaders get no by getting this offer seen you have to pay to camp. I think the answer is that tourists need to be made aware of our land at entry to our country many do not know about

freedom camping and the name (freedom) is misleading, but but not least you need to have more than one ranger in Golden Bay and who works after the hours of 4-30 pm and 7-00 am. Anyone who is illegally parked is fined to pay for the Ranger.

Your Richard Fries

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Ngaru Bay

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Submission Form for Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 (Publicly notified 10 June 2017)

Your name: DERRY KINGSTON

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Would you like to speak to your submission at a Hearing Panel meeting held for this purpose? (Dates and Locations will depend on the number and origin of submissions) YES/NO

Are you writing this submission as an individual or on behalf of an organisation? YES/NO

If an organisation, please name the organisation:

Your comments (please continue on a separate sheet if you require more space):

- 1. CONGRATULATIONS! A well considered By Law.
2. Windsays Bridge Reserve should be a Permitted Area at Umuhenua, SH60.
3. I strongly support the seasonal use of Former Landfill, Rototai as a Permitted area. If successful could it become an all year round permitted area?

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Submission Form for
Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
(Publicly notified 10 June 2017)

Your name: Jo. Anne Vaughan

Your postal address: 20 Hiawatha Lane Takaka 7110

Your daytime phone number: 03 5256031

Your Email address: java@xtra.co.nz

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Hearing Panel meeting held for this purpose? (Dates and Locations will depend on the number and origin of submissions) YES/NO

Are you writing this submission as an individual or on behalf of an organisation? YES/NO

If an organisation, please name the organisation:

Your comments (please continue on a separate sheet if you require more space):

see attached - this submission has also been forwarded by email to aid your systems for sharing it. I am happy with what TDC is proposing, my submission is my reaction to over reaction by public based on personal observation.

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SUBMISSION ON DRAFT FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2017

To: Tasman District Council,
Private Bag 4,
Richmond 7050

From: Jo-Anne Vaughan,
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Takaka. 7110
17th July, 2017.
Phone: 03 5256031
Email: javn@xtra.co.nz

I would like to address a Hearing Panel with my submission.

I am writing this submission on my own behalf.

55 years ago, living in Invercargill as newly marrieds, my husband and I put together all our resources and bought a second-hand dry cleaner's van. Between us we modified this van and created living and sleeping accommodation in the back of the van. What followed was one of the happiest times of our life. My husband was a recently departed Londoner and pharmacist, I was a Kiwi/Canadian, partly trained general nurse plus officer manager, both of us making our life in the South Island. Almost every weekend found us out in our self-designed camper van, exploring the countryside, tramping and climbing. Both of us shared a fascination with geology, geomorphology, native plants, birds and animals. It was a magic time, and yes, we became confirmed freedom campers, though we didn't use that term, and we were willing to stay in a camping ground where appropriate. When it was time to leave a site we made sure we left it as we found it.

Our children came along and it became less easy to freely explore the countryside. After eight years and for various reasons we left Invercargill and moved to Victoria, Australia, spending a further 8 years there. Because of fire risk, freedom camping wasn't permitted in Australia. It was a happy day when, having made very good financial savings by living and earning in Australia, we returned to New Zealand and were financially equipped to purchase our own business. I can remember my utter joy on arrival back home to realise that New Zealand still allowed freedom camping.

I currently live 5 minutes by walking from the centre of the Takaka township. I am in and around the township on most days, walking and observing. In the height of the summer season, I have experienced waiting time whilst someone was using the library toilet to have a wash, but I thought little of it. And yes, I saw someone trying to wash dishes in the fountain at the RSA Memorial Park. Mostly though, the tourist season for me is a happy time watching young and old enjoying my town, and for some, our river, our bush, and camping out in a magical part of Golden Bay, free of charge, by the river on land not specifically belonging to anyone, making friends with each other around a campfire or just by being together, whatever culture or language. They seemed like lovely young people, having the same kind of experience my husband and I had enjoyed over 50 years ago.

I have dear friends who have come to Golden Bay as young people to do freedom camping, visiting and exploring. They had then gone back to Europe or wherever they came from when their holiday here was over, and made the decision to come back to Golden Bay to create their own life, work and raise their families in this beautiful safe place, where life-style is paramount. In coming here many chose to desert their high quality university degrees to set up in small businesses in Golden Bay. We

are so lucky to have these people as part of our community. It makes an incredible community, unique as far as I have observed.

I'm really sad that part of our Golden Bay community is unwelcoming and making judgements on the odd example of unsocial behaviour by a very few. The other side that I mostly observe is the amazing vitality brought to our sleepy little town for a couple of months in summer as foreign and kiwi young people enjoy their great and safe experience away from home, freedom camping and being free of day by day life for a spell.

Let's try to make it more possible for all of us to enjoy each other and not let the community become overwhelmed by situations which have somehow become out of control. I listened to Adrian Humphries speak to local people today at the Kahurangi Function Centre. I was very impressed by his understanding of the situations people spoke of and how he offered mitigation strategies to help keep situations under control. I did feel embarrassed that some people in our community nit-pick on small instances they have observed on the behaviour of a few. It is beyond me to understand how they cannot see how vital and exciting life is whilst the tourists are around, and be pleased that they are enjoying being in Golden Bay, a place so special, there is nowhere they would rather be. They will return back to their old life from whence they come, but they will remember the magic of Golden Bay and, I hope, the warmth and acceptance of the local community. Meantime, all of these tourists have contributed to our local economy and making it possible for businesses to sustain the slow period through winter. As I understand it, next to the dairying industry, tourism makes the biggest economic input to our economy and provides more of our population with work than dairying does.

Jo-Anne Vaughan.

Jo-Anne Vaughan
18th July 2017.

13883



Submission Form for
Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
(Publicly notified 10 June 2017)

Your name: WILLIAM (BING) BRABANT

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Would you like to speak to your submission at a Hearing Panel meeting held for this purpose? (Dates and Locations will depend on the number and origin of submissions) **YES/NO**

Are you writing this submission as an individual or on behalf of an organisation? **YES/NO BOTH**

If an organisation, please name the organisation: ROTOAI CONCERNED RESIDENTS

Your comments (please continue on a separate sheet if you require more space):
See Separate sheet under
① CONCERNS for the ENVIRONMENT
② CONCERNS for the Welfare of the 'FREEDOM CAMPERS'.

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Submission on the TDC proposal to use the former Rototai landfill area for freedom camping.

1) I have serious concerns for the ENVIRONMENT with the high potential for further and cumulative despoiling of the Rototai Estuary and Motupipi river where the risks of sludging, sedimentation, leachate and algal blooms have been identified in previous reports.

See : Wriggle report 2015 on the vulnerability of the Motupipi/ Rototai area was identified and management advised.

The siting of the area for a freedom camping ground goes against Best Management Practice (BMP) as advocated by the report.

2) I have even greater concerns for the HEALTH and WELFARE of the freedom campers in siting the camping ground on such a potentially dangerous place.

See: Community Board meeting 2007 where it was stated that engineering costs for removal of the landfill (and its toxins) was too great (possibly \$36 million) for a clean-up. Better to leave the site well alone.

The issues in relation to this site can be discussed under the following headings:

- a) The possibility that there will be a large increase in the number of campers, given the clamp-down in other areas see: Motueka beach front problems.
- b) The distance from Takaka (essential services of food, water and internet) along the narrow road.
- c) The winding and narrow Rototai Rd often flooded at high tide (inundation and debris)
- d) The danger of inundation by sea water with future storm events and tidal surges.
- e) Landfill toxins (? DDT drums and others) subject to disturbance and gas-venting subject to explosion .
- f) Risks of Disease outbreaks (Norovirus, E Coli, Giardia etc)
See photo of recent warning sign –‘spillage to estuary’.

- g) Difficulty with enforcement of rules and fines related to the camp and the inevitable camper progression to the adjacent Rototai Reserve without on-site management.
- h) Other concerned parties : IW1 , Rural Fire Service, Ambulance and G B Community Health Service, Civil Defence, Forest and Bird and Land Transport re roading.

Yours faithfully
William B Brabant



13994



Submission Form for
Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017
(Publicly notified 10 June 2017)



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Would you like to speak to your submission at a Hearing Panel meeting held for this purpose? (Dates and Locations will depend on the number and origin of submissions) YES/NO

Are you writing this submission as an individual or on behalf of an organisation? YES/NO

If an organisation, please name the organisation:

Your comments (please continue on a separate sheet if you require more space):
See Separate sheet.

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ROTORUA DUMP (LANDFILL)

- ① DEFERRAL for use of Rotorua Landfill as a freedom camping area until an Independent Group (other than TDC) can prove this area is not a contaminated sight and is fit for camping
- ② The effect 400+ people staying nightly at Rotorua Landfill will have on the environment and especially how it will affect Motupipi Estuary. The approved Motupipi Hill subdivision however The Environment Court opposed this subdivision one reason being the effects it would have on the Motupipi Estuary ^{and} environment.
- ③ Rotorua Road would need upgrading if 400+ people nightly were using Rotorua Landfill for Freedom Camping. Dangerous area lies between Wicksworth intersection and Rotorua Cemetery. From Abel Tasman entrance onto Rotorua Road serious tidal flooding has become a problem and likely to become a greater problem in the future.

14016

Submission Summary

Freedom Camping Bylaw - Submission #14016

Mr Matthew Rountree

Oldseadog@gmail.com

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Takaka 7110

Speaker? True

Department	Subject	Opinion	Summary
Environment and Planning	Designated Areas		<p>No freedom Camping should be allowed at any local rivers.</p> <p>The Takaka River is a valuable safe small boat launching area for safe kahawai fishing in the calmness of the river mouth.</p> <p>Freedom campers block up the access to our rivers.</p> <p>I assume the suggestion to use the old dump at Rototai as a freedom Camping area is a belated April</p> <p>Fools joke, seriously are there people being paid by the rate payer coming up with such suggestions?</p>
Environment and Planning	Toilet Facilities		<p>The toilet facility at the Takaka a River bridge is not addaquit.</p> <p>We don't want freedom campers at the Takaka River Bridge.</p>

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14018

Submission to TDC Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017

By Sol Morgan. 4 Aug 2017.

The bylaw is **unrealistic**. TDC has had a bylaw for a number of years and its done very little to deal with the issue in Takaka especially at Riley st. These travellers are not going away. They check an APP which says stay here or there.

- If the bylaw is to be realistic it **NEEDS to provide suitable facilities**:
 1. Provide sound compost toilets -most effective way of dealing with waste long term. DOC use the BioLoo 'clivus multrum' model. <http://www.bioloos.co.nz>.
 2. picnic tables and
 3. running water.

Establishing infrastructure will deal with lot of the current issues. Tourism is vital for our region.

- **Change the concept** from freedom camping to CHEAP CAMPING. I think visitors (not locals) should be charged a small fee for staying in designated areas which have basic facilities. This will lesson tensions between visitors and locals . who see them as bludgers and improve respect for OUR PLACE because they had to pay something.
- It needs to have **suitable people monitoring** the areas on a DAILY basis. Ideally collecting money and educating those staying as to what is expected in terms of behaviour. The money would go towards maintaining these facilities. This maybe a TDC officer or someone contracted like Nelmac staff.
- TDC needs to create **good signage** as to what IS expected of traveller, to help with education.

It states in the report "This report does not address the issue as to whether the Council should be directing funds to provide more infrastructure to service freedom camping activity."

- I think that TDC **should** be setting aside further funds to increase infrastructure to meet the demand for Freedom camping.
- I also understand funds are also available from govt. for this provision. TDC should apply for more to meet the obvious demand.
- TDC should increase the possible areas to camp (i understand in takaka other areas are being looked at instead of Riley st). This would lesson the pressure on some sites.

Re Takaka: Rototai dump site is not a suitable area for a freedom camp site. The potential for mishap from toxic materials, public perception (its alright that viisitors stay in an old dump site isn't a good look) and therefore litigation are best avoided. Ideally somewhere closer to town is better as the visitors want easy access to town.

-Another option is for TDC to also offer FAST TRACK resource consensus to land owners close to Takaka township for the provision of CHEAP Camp grounds. This will help with the over load that Riley st has had.

14034

Melanie Yeomans

From: Melanie Yeomans
Sent: Monday, 7 August 2017 9:46 a.m.
To: Melanie Yeomans
Subject: FW: freedom camping
Attachments: TDC Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017.docx

From: Nancy Bell [<mailto:buzzknj@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, 6 August 2017 12:09 p.m.
To: Adrian Humphries <Adrian.Humphries@tasman.govt.nz>
Subject: freedom camping

Hello Adrian

I attended the meeting you chaired at Kahurangi Lodge, and was inspired to put a few thoughts in writing about this issue.

The Council staff in Takaka suggested that I send this through to you directly, if this is inappropriate, please let me know.

Hopefully the enclosed submission arrives intact. Please present it to those involved in drafting the proposed bylaw.

I am happy to speak publically on this matter.

Thanks

Keith

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Melanie Yeomans | Environment & Planning
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DDI 03 543 8441

TDC Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017

Submission by K . Tomlinson

6/8/2017

I would like to thank the Council for being pro-active and even- handed on this matter. I recently attended a public meeting about Freedom Camping chaired by Adrian Humphries at Kahurangi Lodge. I was surprised and pleased to find that Mr Humphries gave a clear and balanced report on the freedom camping "problem", and he is to be congratulated on his conduct of the meeting and his extensive knowledge of the subject. My comments below on freedom camping are primarily concerned with my local area, Golden Bay, and principally Takaka, although in general they can be extended to the wider NZ context.

I wish to state my support of the Council in establishing areas for freedom campers. I am in full agreement with Mr Humphries when he stated that there are increasing numbers of tourists and locals who want to experience the pleasures of basic camping, such as enjoying open campfires, living in the outdoors in a clean environment, and like-minded company, free from the constrictions that may be imposed by campgrounds and the like. Tourism now is the biggest industry in NZ and whether we like it or not, many more people are visiting Golden Bay, and these people do not all want to stay in camper-vans, public campgrounds or motels. The freedom to camp in public areas is something that I and my family have enjoyed for decades in Golden Bay and elsewhere in NZ, I do not want that this freedom be restricted to other NZ citizens or overseas tourists.

As Mr Humphries said, at peak holiday times, the public and private campgrounds in Golden Bay are booked out, leaving many people with no option other than to camp on public land. In addition there are some who stay longer- term and work in the local area and either cannot afford or find suitable accommodation. Others still prefer the ambiance of a "gypsy" lifestyle as part of a holiday in NZ. Such places as the campsite on Reilly St, Takaka, fulfil most of these criteria.

I am aware also of the negative publicity attending these "illegal" campsites, discussed at the meeting. I would like to congratulate Mr Humphries for dealing with these often strident complaints in a fair and calm manner. I have personally visited the Reilly St campsite both in the role of Search and Rescue member (looking for a lost person) and other times simply exercising my dog by the riverside there. I feel I can honestly state that the riverside there, despite the large number of campers, was tidier and better maintained than properties both up and downstream from it. Certainly it had less long-term environmental damage concerns as are stated in the "Statement of Proposal" (sec. 2 page 3), than adjoining properties. Indeed if such criteria as are mentioned in the above section were to be applied to the environment as a whole, it would be difficult to justify the present system of farming in Golden Bay! In addition I found the people camping there to be entirely friendly, and unthreatening in any way. I also support local businesses such as "the Wholemeal Café" and the "Schnappdragon" for providing portaloos last year. I only hope that such a positive precedent can be followed by other businesses benefiting from the tourist industry.

Indeed there are a lot of businesses profiting from this boom in tourism. Personally I don't see why I as a ratepayer, or the Council as our representatives, should support with public money these businesses. Of course I see that we cannot stop the increase of tourist numbers, however I feel it is

totally unfair that as locals, we have to follow the dictum of “privatising profits and socialising the costs”.

I see no reason why the whole industry should not pay for the downstream costs such as establishing campsites such as are being discussed in the “Statement of Proposal”. A simple per capita tax on tourists could easily finance a string of campsites, and keep DOC happy into the bargain!

But I digress.

Sites for campsites.

Ideally such sites would be: close to attractive features such as rivers, beaches, Takaka township etc ; also safe from flooding; have basic toilets and rubbish collection (skips?):have basic water supplies for drinking: have firepits.

An honesty box system would be well supported. In my experience, most people support the principle of user pays and would welcome such campsites as mentioned above, and donate to the maintenance of them. Of course some would be unlikely to pay.....we have to accept that also.

I support such campsites close to Takaka township. Ideally I'd like to see the Council develop the Reilly St campsite area as a freedom camping area. Basic facilities would be easy to establish and the site fulfils most of the location requirements. If it is privately owned, then purchase it from the present owner who may be only too happy to divest himself of a small patch of flood prone riverbank. Similarly, the area immediately upstream, on the other bank is also ideal in many ways. At present this area at the end of Long Plain Road is bounded by Council owned land (occupied by the Pony Club and RDA), and is fenced off from the local landowner who does NOT own to the riverside. The Council have long used this area as a gravel dump site, and has also been a de facto camping area for a long time. Water facilities are available at the Pony Club, which could easily be extended. Access is simple along a formed road which could be easily improved.

There is also a large parcel of land owned by the Council at the end of Haldane Rd which could easily accommodate a simple campsite, although this is only a short distance from the established site at the Waitapu bridge.

The old dump site at Rototai has many possibilities also, although I would only support this if it is proved that the ground is uncontaminated and safe for camping.

I would also strongly suggest that the Council look wider to the community for providing suitable areas. DOC for instance has suitable reserves in Golden Bay which could easily support freedom camping sites such as mentioned above. Paynes Ford area would be an ideal site in many ways and deserves to be hugely popular. Even progressive private landowners might support Council initiatives in providing suitable sites. It does no harm to appeal to the wider community!

I would be happy to speak in public to my submission as an individual.

Yours faithfully

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**Submission Form for
Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017**
(Publicly notified 10 June 2017)

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YES NO

Are you writing this submission as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

YES NO

If an organisation, please name the organisation: N/A

Your comments (please continue on a separate sheet if you require more space):

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To Council,

Re Freedom Camping Submission August 2017

Reasons for submission

Its with increasing concern that I observe formally simple rights of citizenship being eroded and replaced with rules/ Bi Laws that affect my rights as an individual within my rating area of Golden Bay. I have travelled with a family of four and freedom camped extensively throughout New Zealand for some years before becoming a ratepayer of this district. I can speak from a position of informed experience of the trials of this within my own region and country.

Within a short time I have observed in Takaka and surrounds the emergence of seemingly instant signage highlighting new rules ticky tacked to beaches and recreational areas. These seem to challenge the everyday rights of its citizens and what it means to live in Golden Bay.

Although such new rules appear normal and mundane such changes have changed my way of living in the bay and represent a “death by a thousand cuts” in which we are “allowed” to live. For example in only a couple of years I can no longer walk my dog at Tata Beach [unless its dark!] nor where I have always done at Rototai estuary. I cannot launch my boat at Rototai due to implementation of bollards surrounding favourite areas. I cannot stroll my dog down the main street any more nor at certain areas of Patons rock foreshore [legality of this?,consultation?].

So now what will freedom camping changes mean to me and the locals in Golden Bay?

For example can I take a tent to the beach overnight and go surf casting?. Can I camp under a bridge for a night to go hunting, boating, biking etc at sunrise?. Can I simply park up have a beer, decide to light a wee fire, listen to music and sleep?. The examples can be endless. Yet all will be decided by new rules implemented supposedly to control visitors to our country?. I'm not a visitor! I pay council wages!, my forebears fought wars for my freedoms!. New laws will affect all of our rights and reek of generational hypocrisy.

My question?. **The Freedom Camping Act 2011 provides an exemption for recreational activities or “day trip excursions”, just exactly how will this be defined and enforced please?**

The Freedom Camping By-law

My submission is heavily in support of freedom camping. Pre the 2011 British Lions Tour such camping matters weren't even considered. Poorly thought out national legislation and some councils fervour and greed in fining tourists, sometimes within hours of landing, changed the camping landscape completely. Media beat ups helped distort public image, even of house truckers and caravaners and emboldened the many whingers, complainers, and those with vested interest.

This 2011 legislation is far too broad and sweeping. It overly empowers Councils. They can simply identify an area and under the banner of “area protection” or good old S&H effectively close down any parking /camping rights within this area. Indeed to then fine someone even without the need for due proof of intent ! [section 21 of the act] its just draconian.

This runs directly against the intent of the NZ Bill of rights act 1990.

The 2011 legislation also prevents Council totally banning freedom camping throughout its domain. The acts implementation is regarded as never intending bans to be so widely spread and restrictive [May Chen, NZMCA vs Westland District Council]. The definition however of freedom camping is anywhere within 200m of a road and excludes parks and domains. What's left?, basically it becomes an unofficial ban counter to the bills intent.

Council runs the real risk of killing the very freedoms and cultures that make Golden Bay so appealing and magnetic to the very travellers who come from societies that have no such freedoms remaining. This is our attraction!

Decisions I'd Like To See Made

Freedom Camping can be embraced in Golden Bay. Implementation of two night maximums and by opening as many attractive camping zones as possible will dilute many problems that can be attributable to over crowding. Trying to herd people into too few defined spaces will only cause problems.

Efforts to procure by lease or purchase suitable pleasant areas, needs to be prioritised and areas such as the river bridge need levelling and maintenance attention. Stop placing people in a pot holed, muddied hard fill site!. Is that the best we can do?. Council should get some "skin in the game". At one point Pakawau, Marehau, Puonga and Tukurua camps were all for sale. What happens if they go?.

Monitoring of such camping areas could be done by a permanent seasonal camper. This exists now, very effectively, at the Kina Beach reserve. Older NZMCA members can be utilised as done throughout North Island sites. As a compromise to my own thoughts, a nominal nightly charge could cover much improved rubbish facilities and a toilet. Hey what about a timed \$2 shower / bathroom facility in town?. We are lucky most foreign visitors who come here are environmentally conscious. The appalling litter problem on the Tasman regions main roads is testament to how New Zealanders are the ones increasingly trashing this beautiful country via their vehicles.

Done well, our town businesses will reap the rewards. If we allow the experience, so cherished by these travellers, we will get them returning to NZ. I've met such people and many will return in years to come as very high value family travellers.

Conclusion

Inventive, timely, and workable solutions have been sorely lacking by council. The fact that motivated individuals had to take action at Reilly Street, after many years of a building issue, is completely unacceptable and heads should hang in beauracratc shame.

A carrot approach, rather than the all too easy stick needs consideration. Be very mindful we don't confuse transients and homelessness in Golden Bay with simple and wholesome camping!. Redeem yourselves and take a bold step. Take a national lead and show that Golden Bay can be special, well managed and most of all free and welcoming. Protect locals and New Zealanders rights to watch a sunset and don't submit to those who may now lack acceptance but were happy to have enjoyed their own free Golden bay....back in the day.

I wish you well in this process

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Submission Summary

Freedom Camping Bylaw - Submission #14104

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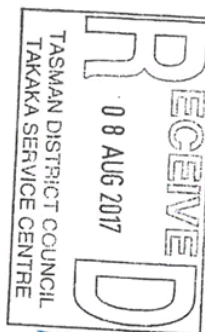
Department	Subject	Opinion	Summary
Environment and Planning	Designated Areas		Freedom camping is a worldwide problem. In Europe villages have set aside camping areas ,but users pay. And so they should:Even the ground they occupy costs . water even from streams have a cost, Rubbish collections etc come with costs---. Can council look at renting some farmland over these busy summer months installing basic composting toilets , rubbishbins,water even if it needs a notice "Not for Drinking"Like in many places in France\?Costs to be recuperated from campers.

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in TAKAKA - + please similar

YES/NO

Are you writing this submission as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Time as Ann Jones + Big Brabant.

YES/NO

If an organisation, please name the organisation:

Your comments (please continue on a separate sheet if you require more space):

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TDC FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2017

1. I emigrated from Europe 27 years ago and am now an enormously proud Kiwi.
2. As such I/we welcome overseas visitors, friends ,woofers and family to Rototai/Takaka throughout the summer months and enthusiastically show them the sights and introduce them to the locals.
3. I attended the recent presentation by Adrian Humphreys and appreciate and empathise with the difficulties and costs faced with the upcoming incursion of Freedom Campers (FC).
4. I object to the inference that there have been no issues with fires, rubbish, noise and human waste at the Rototai Reserve and other areas in the bay “because there have been few complaints”. To a large degree the residents of these areas do their own control/tidy-up and advising of picnickers, in order to avoid complaining and unnecessary phoning of TDC, DOC and FIRE service etc , knowing their limited resources and ability to respond.

We would hope not to have to change this approach !

5. I am in total agreement with the submission of my husband Bing Brabant but would like to approach the problem from a ‘Welcoming of Freedom Campers ‘ perspective.

However:

6. MY FIRST APPROACH WOULD BE THAT ALL CAMPING HAS A COST!

New Zealand needs a strategy going forward- WE must PROTECT what we have now for all NZers and Tourists while we have the CHANCE.

Other Districts have made their choices- like the Mc Kenzie country.

They have acted and provide basic facilities for a reasonable fee. Not competing with Council owned Camping Grounds but differentiated! Ad Hoc decisions will not alleviate what is now a growing problem NZ -wide and especially amid TDC’s environs.

BYLAW definitions clearly delineate differences between Fully compliant self-contained vehicles and those without facilities.

“Compliant vehicles require ‘on-board ablutionary & sanitary needs for occupants for a minimum of 3 days without discharge’
The latter are not the problem!
NZ has a burgeoning issue with Kiwi and overseas visitors who travel-‘ill-equipped’ and lack respect for our environment.
They CHOOSE to FREELoad on the communities they see as Green and Clean and Beautiful. They often have lengthy stays and leave the area with less than minimal impact for others who pay the costs.

WE DO NOT HAVE THE MONEY TO SUPPORT THIS ON A LONG TERM BASIS,

so I **strongly** advise to see if you, as TDC, can look towards a **LONG TERM PLAN** to implement these regulations as they did in the Mc Kenzie country.

7. **In case TDC can not** implement such strategies for the upcoming Freedom Campers
I suggest the following:

After I visited all the TDC owned sites around Takaka I believe that we could and should make a number of them available to small groups of FC as a **SHORT TERM PLAN**

Some of these areas are under-used despite the significant funding that has already been paid by Rate Payers. We should avoid further rates money wastage where possible and utilize what we have!!

The intention would be:

- a) to make them feel part of the small local communities, (welcomed in brochure information and signage.)
- b) change the 2 night stay to a max of 4 nights allowing them to settle in, feel welcomed, feel safe and interact. Thereby also avoiding the increased traffic.
- c) enhance their ability to see the sites, preferably on foot or cycle.
- d) enhance their ability/ resources to maintain their camping area themselves (not the overworked or unavailable compliance officer)

All areas in and around Takaka/Pohara that are available can be flood-prone. Adequate signage and warnings would put the campers on the same footage as the residents of Golden Bay.

8. Possible sites :

a) Clifton cemetery/recreation area with a needed change of the rules relating to some Reserves.

This is potentially a large area, little used, but with walkways existing to Pohara, shop and café's with little adverse environmental impact.

b) Adjacent to the Pohara Hall/bowling club where toilets are already on site.

Both these sites (a and b) would give a beautiful experience, enhancing camper compliance.

c) To the north of state highway 60 just before the Takaka river bridge, T.D.C owns a huge area all along the river bank and adjacent to the bank. Surely a section of this, linking in from the road, could be made available for FC.

d) Directly opposite the end of Haldane Rd where it approaches the river and to the right where there is a stop bank. (suitable for tenting with some gravel-fill to the depression that currently fills with rain).

e) Along Haille lane, below the water intake is a small area for tenting.

f) Behind the RDA grounds with access from Long Plain Rd. with river or southern boundary access.

C, d, e, and f would all require some development and may or may not allow for all vehicles. (size and on-board facilities dictating) The brochures would state this.

- e) At peak times / overflow or when there is flooding, the strip along the north-eastern boundary of the AMP grounds adjacent to the soccer fields (ideal for self-contained vehicles) and also the triangle of ground at the start of Park Lane next to the tennis courts for tents.(would need a drive on.)

9. In the event that the Rototai landfill area is still considered appropriate it must be appreciated that:

a) Monitoring will be almost impossible given that the freedom campers will transition back and forth between the Rototai landfill and Reserve, night and day so that they can avoid the 'timing rules'/ compliance officer visits.

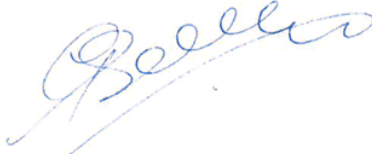
- b) To the costs of the resource consent and feasibility study there will be the added 'Worksafe' inspection (see Inspections regulatory function policy under section Policy Scope 'the result or end product of the work does not pose a risk to the health of others'.)
- c) There will be a significant cost for making the site secure, including fencing (without broaching the 'cap and containment') to exclude access to the estuary for water or bathing and the inevitable disturbance of toxic sediment.
- d) There has to be an onsite compliance officer , or at least twice daily compliance officer visits. The site realistically needs to be made into a low key campsite with facilities in place for showers and waste-water, toilets and drinking water, or problems will occur !
- e) There will be significant adverse effects for the local population with noise, disturbance of the many horses, possibly escaping etc, campers trying to access water from farms, campers collecting wood from the beach for fires, trampling the berm that barely protects properties from high tides already at risk (just planted up by TDC to prevent erosion.)

These are regular events now. Remember we already host the monthly 'full-moon drumming' at the reserve.

The people of Golden Bay pay rates to live here and while they do not wish to withhold the GB experience from others, they must fit in, pay their share and respect our precious environment as we do.

10. If all else fails TDC must purchase land and build and charge for a purpose made camp ground near existing infrastructure. If the government does not direct funds for this purpose then council must take independent action for their Rate-Payers.

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Submission Summary

Freedom Camping Bylaw - Submission #14186

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Speaker? True

Department	Subject	Opinion	Summary
Environment and Planning	Designated Areas		The designated areas include a potential Hazard site at the old Takaka landfill. Hazards include Toxins in the soil and possibly atmosphere. Hazards also include the possible uncovering of physically dangerous waste. The plan also makes no specific mention of roadside camping along Reilly Road (Takaka) where people camp safely off the road in their hundreds.
Environment and Planning	Enforcement		The proposed plan does not make clear how the compliance officer is to make decisions. There seems to be too much room for ad-hock decisions and assumptions by the compliance officer; especially for seizure of property. There does not appear to be a clear pathway for people to get their possessions back.
Environment and Planning	Miscellaneous		TDC is responsible for the safety of residents (temporary and permanent) within the district. When people are camping near a flood prone area and a heavy rain warning is in place; it is the place of the TDC AND Civil Defense AND the Police to get them to safety. A disaster was averted by a local farmer earlier this year at 3.00am when he helped freedom campers escape the Takaka river as water flowed through their camp. In this case I believe that the TDC and Civil Defense (Takaka) behaved in a criminal negligent way by not moving these people earlier, knowing the impending situation.
Environment and Planning	Public Relations		By not engaging with the the public of Takaka and continually obfuscating their responsibility for ANY of the camping issues i.e Toilet and rubbish and

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Environment and Planning	Toilet Facilities	<p>public (including the campers themselves) safety, the TDC has opened itself up to accusations of negligence, incompetence, ridicule and petty finger pointing.</p> <p>Knowing in advance, as the TDC does, that many people are likely to be camping in a particular area for some time, they [the TDC] have a responsibility to provide services of an adequate nature to cope. Claiming surprise at the results of tourism is just another example of incompetence in the planning branch of TDC.</p>
Environment and Planning	Public Relations	<p>A lack of TDC funding towards local visitor information centres has lead to a social media noticeboard style of information. Freedom campers now completely bypass 'official' sites because they are now irrelevant. This is a direct result of years of local and central government denial about the effects of tourism. All too happy to clip the ticket on the way through but never taking responsibility. The TDC appears to still hold views about tourism that were barely true last century.</p>
Environment and Planning	Public Relations	

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Hi Glenda, As requested. My details.

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Attendance at hearing. I would like to attend if I can and it's in Takaka.

Thanks for your help.
Helen

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I agree that it is necessary to establish guidelines on the topic of freedom camping in the Tasman District and uphold local Kaitiakitanga, the guardianship, of the area.

I disagree with the fact that three out of six permitted camping areas for Tasman District are in Golden Bay.

I disagree with the selection of Rototai Landfill as a permitted site. But I see it as an *opportunity* to take a new look at Rototai and its values

I disagree that the proposal's activation in Golden Bay by October as its guidelines are not viable for this area.

I disagree with the perception the bylaw gives that the rules made can be easily enforced in a remote area such as Golden bay.

In this submission I address (a) public perceptions of freedom camping (b) the 'overwhelm' factor implicit in the arrival of large numbers of 'free' campers (c) Freedom camping's *particularly unique* challenges for Golden Bay and (d) the need to protect Rototai.

(a)

There's a lot of confusion around the meaning of freedom camping therefore I think it essential to know who we are talking about so we can work out personal and public guidelines in relation to the topic. People ask who *are* the freedom campers? And there used to be a simple answer to that. The FC Act states the following: "In this Act, *freedom camp* means to camp (other than at a camping ground) within 200 m of a motor vehicle accessible area or the mean low-water springs line of any sea or harbour, or on or within 200 m of a formed road or a Great Walks Track, using 1 or more of the following: which

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include “a tent or other temporary structure, a caravan, house truck, or other motor vehicle.”

Apart from the 200 metre rule this definition fits with the *old and persistent ideal* of freedom camping which kiwis and others still romanticise. To confuse things further the act sets out guidelines for how local governments can make their own guidelines for freedom campers.

My own extensive research tells me that there are *roughly* three main types.

1. The ones who use large self-contained campervans, to take a break from staying in hotels and other more upmarket places and stay in the outdoors.
2. Those who use self-contained campervans all the time and like to stay for free when possible though it may not be a *major* concern and
3. those who use smaller vans, or tents etc. need toilet and water facilities and expect to stay for free for the majority of their travels. Large numbers of these are international travellers. It is this last group the totally ‘free’ freedom campers who are the cause of

(b) The Overwhelm Factor

It was bound to happen. We’ve been catering for tourists who pay to stay and at the same time holding onto our historic ideal of freedom camping. New Zealand is a small country with a small population, not long out of ‘European pioneer days or even the pioneer days of the tangata whenua compared to Europe for example. Add to that we are renowned for our empty beautiful countryside. Add the factor that we are now much more accessible *and* by cheap flights; that we love the tourist dollar; that we are ‘clean green and friendly.’ One of the first questions visitors get asked is do you like New Zealand? It matters to us!

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As a 'new' country (it is only a few years since we talked of England as 'home.') we have taken a while to work out our own identity. But now we need to accept that we are of this land and be strong about the social behaviours necessary to uphold the people and environment of Aotearoa New Zealand; not just in National Parks and other usual tourist haunts, but in our local living spaces. It's unfortunate that we were discovered 'bigtime' before we got to work out a new set of guidelines. No wonder that in recent years a number of local areas, have been overwhelmed with the extra needs of non-paying guests and increasingly these campers are expecting free camping close to or in town areas. *Not the freedom camping most of us think about at all.* Is it the need to use the free internet, be close to other facilities or to be sociable?

From my experience most small towns have only one or at the most a couple of public toilets, let alone the other necessary facilities needed for this type of freedom camper. Also, the number of toilets on our highways and byways are few in number.

The majority of kiwis, being of a 'number 8 wire mentality' have coped but add thousands of extras to the scenario and chaos results. We need to be straight with tourists. We need new guidelines, clear noticeboards, infringement notices, and new limits, all of those.

But it's no use putting rules into place and then leaving locals without the resources to enforce them properly. The best hosts are the ones with self-respect. No matter how many visitors we welcome or how many new facilities we build' it will be the way people, be they locals or visitors, respect us and each other that counts.

(c) The Golden Bay Perspective

According to the Freedom Camping Act of 2011 'A local authority may not make bylaws under section 11 that have the effect of prohibiting freedom camping in *all* the local

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authority areas in its district.’ *Note the word “all.” It is not a requirement for Golden Bay to have freedom campers.*

In the Tasman District Council Freedom Camping Bylaw, 2017 Tasman District Council, hereafter referred to as TDC, has provided for six permitted areas for freedom camping in the whole of the Tasman District. I am at a loss to understand why this isolated and under sourced area should be allotted three - half of all the permitted camping areas in the TDC district. The main responsibilities fall upon the main town of Takaka (population 1,236 people), with a permitted area just out of town and another one proposed adjacent to a beach reserve five minutes away. Our facilities have been stretched beyond limits already over the last few years. And there have been some very unpleasant situations arise from this,

Background

Many of our population first visited as campers of one sort or another. But from my experience we had to work hard to stay here. There were few jobs and not a lot of accommodation when I came. So a lot of us understand the attraction of the Bay as somewhere to live a different kind of lifestyle, to be freer, but a place with its own challenges. I believe there is an empathy for campers and we have been free with our welcome, climbing over the queues of internet users who block the library entrance, waiting patiently to use toilets while visitors perform ablutions.

Enforcement of regulations

This is not as easy as the bylaw makes it seem. Nelson still had problems with an added donation of 80,000. TDC’s whole freedom camping budget for its enormous district, is a mere \$100,000. How will that pay for the extra toilet and rubbish facilities needed and the people who look after them? How will it pay for those who must then enforce the

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regulations and prohibitions as on pp13-17 of Chapter xx of the proposed bylaw? It is clear that a number of officers are needed in Golden Bay alone to check out each proposed area and the prohibited areas as well. It is often at night that people light the fires or park up in prohibited places. And as regards infringements who is expected to approach the person who is drunk, abusive, or other?

Challenges for the local Population: Firstly we are very isolated and secondly we have a small population. These factors mean we lack the necessary resources to deal with a large influx of people seeking to camp for free.

No one really understands the isolation factor until they have lived here in all seasons and weathers. It's not necessarily a negative and often it's a positive but it can be a huge challenge. We are a population of around 5,000, spread across a huge area. Our population more than triples in summer. We have four policeman, a once a day bus service over the marble mountain to Motueka and Nelson, no taxis, one main supermarket. We locals like to call Golden Bay a paradise but we have our own problems including drug abuse, depression, and work shortage. We also have a high proportion of people over 65.

We have a health service which is overworked and often understaffed. Our fire service and ambulance is just adequate for us. When it comes to our parks and reserves we have a small efficient local staff but not enough to carry the weight of enforcing camping rules now let alone if the bylaw is adopted.

We enjoy having visitors but most of us know to go to the supermarket early in the morning and avoid certain areas of the town especially over the last few summers.

WHAT ABOUT COMMUNITY SAFETY? Why should a lone council officer take this responsibility? I have been in situations where I have felt intimidated by people parked

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in prohibited areas. It's a very real occurrence. Many of us have felt intimidated by tourists in one way and another as we seek to enjoy our summers. And lately other times of the year. We have been locked out of toilets for extended periods, while tourists do their washing. In one situation the police were called and the tourists still refused to move until they'd finished. Our health and safety is compromised by all the above and so is that of the tourists for whom we can't always provide. The people of our community deserve respect. We have a right to enjoy our surroundings too. We are the ones left behind when everyone else leaves.

Some people avoid the whole issue of what to do because they feel helpless, or are too busy to take in the ramifications of this particular situation. Others are worried and yet they don't know what to do. Others are vulnerable and don't have the ability to speak out. Many have no faith in the council as they say TDC do what *they* want.

I am not against freedom camping and I think the injection of tourism we receive has many blessings but...

In regard to the large influxes of younger tourists who seem to make up the majority of freedom campers in Golden Bay, I acknowledge that for some this is a rite of passage experience. Golden Bay, where the living seems easy and there is lots of room and few people. But the bottom line is that this particular type of freedom camping has not been a success for the locals.

You have asked us to suggest an area for freedom camping to keep it out of town *but without firm limits to behaviours and numbers the above issues still exist*. Some of my best travelling experiences when young were negotiated under the strictest of conditions and I am grateful for what that taught me about the cultures I was in. We must remember 'Freedom camping is a privilege not a right.

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(d) Rototai Landfill – A freedom camping permitted site?!

The old landfill is obviously a no go for a number of reasons.

1. It is toxic and locals who have worked on the tip when it was in use use can vouch for that. Why would any camper want to stay on a toxic site?
2. A few toilets have been proposed for the area but there is no mention of water. They will have to use the inlet, and will probably go to the beach reserve.
3. The road is not suitable for a lot of campervans or other traffic. And the vision is not good when coming out of Nees Road back toward Takaka.
4. NB TDC freely admits that hundreds of campers are expected.
5. The site proposed is very close to the vulnerable Motupipi estuary. It is also very close to the Rototai Beach reserve in Nees Road. To outsiders, that may seem like a separate place but it's all part of the same delicate ecosystem. As TDC who commissions the reports on estuarine health knows Motupipi has been classed as vulnerable for a number of years. We need to concentrate on getting it back to health, for the sake of the fish and the birds which depend on the estuary marshes for food. In latter years, with trees growing in parts of the landfill and with the plantings at Rototai Reserve, the healing of the area has begun. It needs to continue. How will the beach and estuarine areas of reserve and landfill cope with an influx of up to hundreds of people when it is still in recovery mode?

Q. Having been given permission to camp on the landfill who in their right minds would not choose to camp at the beach instead? it being so close and much nicer. However in spite of it being a *reserve*.

In regard to Rototai Reserve, I myself and other locals have seen the estuary there treated as a sink and a toilet. I have seen 'respectable' camper vanners who have lit fires within several metres of the newly planted area. Do they know they 400 trees have been planted by school children council and others to help preserve the foreshore? Do they care? Do they read the No Fires notice? Do they know about the birds? That the estuary is necessary to bird and fish health?

I have enjoyed talking to some of them but it is always amusing to see the way they make themselves at home. Have they read any of the notices? Why do they continually camp across the entrance to the beach? I think many travellers coming from the city have not always adjusted to the smaller things and don't realise that they are in the midst of a thriving community of Rototai Beach worshippers.

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Does council know what a treasure Rototai is to locals? That many people love it and use it; far more than I ever realised until I began asking. It's not your posh café golden sands area but so valued for its natural surroundings and ever changing tidal beauty. Please respect what a special therapeutic place it is for locals. Is council aware of how many people come here for rest and peace? That women feel safe to come with their children. That families use it. As one husband said recently, 'How will I know they are safe? Who are these people?' Rototai is the main beach for Takaka residents.

AN OPPORTUNITY

Let's make this an opportunity to continue the healing and hard work that has gone into Rototai Reserve; the landfill too would make a wonderful nature reserve. Other coastal rubbish tips in NZ have been detoxified and returned to their natural state, Why not do it here? There has been much talk about 'sharing paradise' but as the guardians of 'paradise' we are responsible for keeping it that way. What an asset it would be to the region.

I ask TDC to respect our community and respect our need to enjoy it and feel safe. I am sure by now council will have seen a small amount of the angst this proposal has caused especially in regard to Rototai. I wish you all well in finding solutions to this challenge.

"Freedom makes a huge requirement of every human being. With freedom comes responsibility. For the person who is unwilling to grow up, the person who does not want to carry his own weight, this is a frightening prospect." Eleanor Roosevelt.

References

Extensive talking to locals. My own experience of living in the Bay and owning property here since 1981.

The Freedom Camping Act 2011

The proposed Tasman District Council Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017

The NZ tourism website.

Multiple websites about the experiences of freedom campers including

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<http://freedomcamping.org/>

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Submission Form for Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 (Publicly notified 10 June 2017)



Your name: PAUL CROCKFORD

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Would you like to speak to your submission at a Hearing Panel meeting held for this purpose? (Dates and Locations will depend on the number and origin of submissions) YES/NO

Are you writing this submission as an individual or on behalf of an organisation? YES/NO

If an organisation, please name the organisation:

Your comments (please continue on a separate sheet if you require more space): THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A FREE LUNCH. (THE RATE PAYER IS PAYING). IF YOU ARE GOING TO SUPPLY A SITE FOR NONS PAYING TRAVELLERS IT SHOULD NOT BE IN A PLACE OF THEIR CHOICE.

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AS AN EX TOURIST SUPPLIER WE HAVE TOURISTS HAVE IN GOLDEN BAY AND DIRECT THEM TO AS MANY PLACES THE EXTRACT MONEY FROM THEM. THE PEOPLE THAT THE COUNCIL IS TRYING TO CATER FOR PTC

ARE ONLY TAKERS, THEY FEEL IT IS THERE RIGHT TO HAVE A FREE HOLIDAY IN OUR CLEAN COUNTRY AND LEAVE A MESS.

⇒ WHEN IS FREE CAMPING GOING TO BE FULL?

⇒ WHY DO WE PUT IN EXTRA SEWAGE FACILITIES TO CATER FOR 2 MONTHS? A BUSINESS WOULD NOT SURVIVE!

⇒ ALL BUSINESSES HAVE A MAXIMUM NUMBER REGARDING WC FACILITIES.

⇒ TDC OWN 2 CAMPING GROUNDS, YOU NEED TO SUPPORT THEM.

⇒ FREE CAMPING IN LARGE NUMBERS IS DANGEROUS!

⇒ FREE CAMPING AS WE KNEW IT HAS CHANGED FROM SMALL NUMBERS IN LOTS OF AREAS TO LARGE NUMBERS IN ONE LOCATION. (POWER IN NUMBERS)

P. Lovell

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Melanie Yeomans

From: Glenda Crichton
Sent: Monday, 14 August 2017 11:26 a.m.
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Submission on Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw

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We do not have objection to the general thrust of the proposed bylaw. We support and encourage strongly better measures to manage the presently uncontrolled and seemingly uncontrollable situation that has developed to everyones disadvantage.

As residents of Golden Bay, drawn to the area by its outstanding natural beauty, among other reasons, we are supportive of reasonable measures to control the present unacceptable situation, of random, unauthorised, and inconsiderate overnight parking and camping. The dramatic increase and proliferation of freedom camping vehicles has despoiled the countryside and damaged the experience of other visitors, and

inconvenienced residents. This detracts from the very experience that visitors generally should be able to enjoy in travelling through this area.

We believe the best approach is to encourage visitors, whether from within the country or for overseas, to stay overnight in designated areas only that have appropriate facilities to ensure the surrounding environment does not suffer from the overnight stays of the campers, and also that the presence of the camping vehicles (that can be large up to bus size), does not create a visual blot on the landscape, to interfere with permanent residents and others from fully enjoying the outstanding features of the natural environment.

Our Principal concern is in ensuring full knowledge of the bylaw and its enforcement.

We believe that in order to put this approach into full effect, there will be need for **comprehensive and ubiquitous signage in all public areas** such as road-end carparks, laybys, public playgrounds and parks of all sizes and viewing vantage points that currently attract overnight parking by camping vehicles. Most of these will not fall into any of the three designated categories of permitted freedom camping, but will continue to attract campers without good signage to warn of the prohibition of overnight camping.

We are particularly aware of unwanted camping practices in the general area of the Parapara Inlet in Golden Bay, where we live. Campers presently park in public space at Parapara, and road ends at Milnthorpe Quay near the wharf, and the end of Kendall St at Milnthorpe. In none of these areas are there public toilet facilities, apart from a toilet in Milnthorpe Park near the junction of Kendall St with Nelson St, which is inadequate to handle more than walkers through the park.

These are places near to us that we are particularly aware of. There will be many others throughout the TDC region.

We also urge that there be adequate funding to ensure **routine monitoring and enforcement**, particularly through the warmer months of the year when the peak pressure from freedom campers occurs.

Has the council considered the possibility of empowering local citizens of areas that attract freedom campers with the capacity and authority to request campers to move? A status akin to that for honorary rangers employed by Fish and Game to enforce the freshwater angling regulations should be considered as a means to utilise the eyes and ears of locals, and provide greater coverage and ability to enforce the bylaws effectively.

Many residents living near to areas that come under pressure would be capable of providing the council with effective support in raising awareness, and requesting compliance, without necessarily having the power to fine those blatantly breaching the bylaw. However, they could easily provide details of offenders to the council with photographic evidence to enable council staff to provide effective follow-up enforcement.

Item 3.1

We are writing this submission as individuals and not on behalf of any organisation.

I am prepared to speak to this submission at a Hearing Panel meeting.

Gordon and Anna Mather.

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Attachment 1

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Melanie Yeomans

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Attachments: Draft Freedom Camping By Law Submission.docx

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Submission from Bainham Rural Women

Draft Freedom Camping By Law Submission

From Bainham Rural Women

c/o Carolyn McLellan

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Discussion on this Draft Freedom Camping By law has elicited much discussion from our members.

There is a wide range of opinions from our membership on this topic.

We support the principle of this Draft Freedom camping by- law.

We have agreed that it is important to have Compliance Staff in Golden Bay over the summer months, to monitor, uphold and if necessary enforce the By law.

We support Tasman District Council making application to Central Government to assist with any costs associated with the installation of new toilets and with rubbish collection necessary to support Freedom Campers. Members do not support ratepayers bearing these costs.

We support the installation of Pay showers and washing facilities so long as they are user pays and they are not funded by ratepayers.

Members do not want to see the Library carpark being allowed to be used for Campers.

Members would support a ticketing system whereby freedom campers would pay a nominal fee for the privilege of staying in Golden Bay.

Some members find it very confronting when visiting the library to have lots of campers/travellers using wifi on the library steps.

We are happy to be consulted and do want to be kept in the loop.

We do want to be heard.

Carolyn McLellan on behalf of Bainham Rural Women

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**Submission Form for
Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017**
(Publicly notified 10 June 2017)

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So called freedom camping should be of no cost to the local ratepayers. Well over half of Golden Bay is administered by non rate paying Dept. of Conservation. All camping has a cost necessary to protect our health and environment. The user should pay for that

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TDC FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2017

*Proposed Freedom Camping sites in Tasman District?
Freedom Camping per se > Is this now a misnomer?*

Outcomes & Consequences

All camping has a cost!

New Zealand needs a strategy going forward – WE must protect what we have now for all NZ's and Tourists while we have the chance.

Other Districts have made their choices – Coromandel, Tekapo & McKenzie country plus Otago did a U-Turn then there are others who have added fees to invest in infrastructure.

They have acted and provide basic facilities for a reasonable fee. Not competing with Council owned Camping Grounds but differentiated!

Ad Hoc decisions will not alleviate what is now a growing problem NZ wide and especially amid TDC's environ.

BYLAW definitions clearly delineate differences between Fully compliant self-contained vehicles and those without facilities to meet those conditions.

Compliant vehicles require “on-board ablutionary & sanitary needs for occupants for a minimum of 3 days without discharge”

Such travellers are not the problem!

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NZ has a burgeoning issue with Kiwi and overseas visitors

who travel - “ill-equipped” and lack respect for our environment.

*They **CHOOSE** to **FREELoad** on the communities they see as Nirvana but sadly leave in less than Nirvana-like state after often lengthy stays.*

We appreciate TDC’s dilemma, but “sites out of sight” such as the Rototai Landfill, are not the answer.

For years this site has been problematic for the Locals, Council and the Environment!

*“**WRIGGLES**” report details the fragility of Motupipi Estuary – special mention references the lower reaches. The remediation required and in 2006 the Golden Bay Community Board “closed” all further discussion and debate regarding this Toxic site.*

Contractors working on the site regularly reported incidents of concern re Health & Safety issues; Gas venting etc. Those workers would not eat the fruit from a selfset tree despite the temptation in front of them! Questions regarding the mandate to bund and prevent future leachate escaping into the estuary have gone unanswered.

TDC correspondence from 2008 state that “despite the southern end being capped with approximately 500mm of clay” they could provide NO guarantee as to the status of the land”

Current contract holder had no idea of what was being proposed until revealed in the media and these two uses are definately not compatible.

THIS SITE IS DEFINATELY NOT SUITABLE FOR HUMAN HABITATION

Proposed amenities of WC (to be used???) and Rubbish collection do not alter these facts. Without potable water? A “feasibility study” has been mooted in order to Prove or Disprove this site is a complete waste of Ratepayers funds..

To remediate this site is prohibitive – think Mapua... Environmentally – the Motupipi Estuary and mudflats are home to a regular wintering for Royal Spoonbills, Godwits and a variety of seabirds that nest on the adjacent sandspit and frequent farmlands. Locals are respectful of this habitat and are fearful of such a large influx as was experienced in 2016.

Environmental concerns and health & Safety issues must preclude the old Rototai landfill as an alternate camping site.

Taupata Gravel Reserve and Rototai Landfill sites are both deemed to be “SEASONAL” - USEABLE FROM October 1 > 31 March as Permitted Activities. Along with Waitapu Bridge reserve – this site is flood prone and without neighbours to raise the alarm (as occurred at Reilly Street in 2016) lives could be seriously at risk. It is the narrowest portion of the Takaka River below the confluence of the Waikoropupu Stream outflow.

Prohibited areas are those that impact on access and recreational activities of the local community – This MUST be TDC’s purpose also!

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*While appearing critical on many fronts, we do not wish to exclude Freedom Campers – just **NOT Free Campers** anymore...*

We PROPOSE that TDC do one of two things going forward >

*1 Reclassify Rural land close to all the amenities as a “casual short-term” site for the periods suggested as **“SEASONAL”** for Non-Compliant young travellers! Provide the basics of WC. Potable water, Shower, Rubbish collection and a covered table suitable for cookers in all weather.*

A “permitted” firepit in a safe area for communal evenings.

This is not new – it is available in similar forms in other districts.

*To pay for this infrastructure, **EVERYONE** must contribute. Over time under standard fiscal practice this becomes a written off asset with recoverable operating costs rather than the ongoing liability to ratepayers.*

A user pays system by electronic means or similar voucher that “clips the ticket” literally – transferable within TDC’s jurisdiction.

Regular supervision will be required BUT at a central site rather than all over the district

OR

2. Licence someone to do this!

Fast track legislative powers will be needed as “Land use change” must surely require a Resource consent for proposed sites.

*Under current definitions a Camping Ground is subject to Certification – could this **SEASONAL** area be defined under another Legal entity to comply?*

Choices are then available under current law and all other random campsites would be deemed an illegal activity.