

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

Date: Friday 27 October 2017
Time: 10.00am to 1.30pm
Meeting Room: Tasman District Council's Motueka
Venue: Service Centre
7 Hickmott Place
Motueka

Council Freedom Camping Bylaw Submissions Hearing - Motueka

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

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13377

Submission on Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw

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I may wish to speak to my submission, depending on timing.

I am writing this submission on behalf of myself.

Introduction

Tasman, in common with many other places in the South Island, is experiencing strong growth in the **number** of visitors who want to park camper vans overnight for free; the vehicles are noticeably increasing in **size**, also. This trend can be expected to continue.

Area of comment and reason for submission

My principal concern is the application of the draft Bylaw to Motueka, and specifically to Motueka Beach Reserve and George Quay. Both are in urban areas with a speed limit <50 kph; residential housing is within 100 m of both Motueka Beach Reserve and George Quay parking areas. Overnight “camping” is permitted at these locations, which presently are designated “freedom camping” areas, although it is prohibited in similar localities in Mapua, Marahau, Kaiteriteri, Riwaka, etc. There have been numerous complaints from residents in the vicinity of Motueka Beach Reserve about disturbance by freedom campers, and there is growing dissatisfaction with their impact at the George Quay viewpoint, recently constructed by the *Keep Motueka Beautiful* volunteer group.

General points to consider

1. The principal issue is **access** – visitors are increasingly conflicting with local residents, and indeed have essentially taken over the Motueka Beach Reserve picnic/barbecue area and the George Quay viewpoint, and displaced residents from these sites during the daytime, as well as at night, because vans parked overnight for multiple nights occupy parking spaces throughout the intervening days. A second issue is **visitor safety**: these locations are at times dangerously crowded by closely-parked campervans, if one considers the risk of, for instance, a gas bottle fire in one vehicle. A third issue is **visitor and general public health**; the toilet/washing facilities at Motueka Beach Reserve are not adequate for the number of visitors that presently are over-nighting there, which impacts on day-users of the Saltwater Baths and North Street picnic area. (There are no toilet facilities at George Quay).
2. There are at least four commercial campgrounds within Motueka, half a dozen others between Mapua and Marahau, and numerous small reserves/domains along the coast and in nearby valleys (Riwaka, Motueka, etc.). NZMCA is working to develop an Association campsite on Old Wharf Road, and there are now a number of NZMCA “park-over” facilities in the district, such as the one at the junction of Old Wharf Road and Trewavas Street. In other words, there is no shortage of overnight camping for visiting camper vans. There is no need to permit free overnight camping in Motueka itself.

3. “Freedom campers” seek facilities – shower, toilet, washing facilities, rubbish disposal, overnight parking – at no charge. Only one in ten visitors to Motueka Beach Reserve pay into the honesty box the \$5 per night contribution requested. Most make minimal contribution to the local economy, apart from purchases of food and fuel – which they would need to make whether or not there is free overnight camping in Motueka. It costs the community several dollars per vehicle-night to provide and maintain facilities, and there is no need for ratepayers to subsidise visitors – indeed, this provides unfair competition for commercial campground operators.

4. Economists inform us that a good which is not managed/regulated or for the use of which there is no charge will in time become fully used, then used up – the “tragedy of the commons”. These localities demonstrate the principle; they are now overcrowded, and local residents have been displaced by visitors.

5. The distinction between self-contained and non-self-contained vehicles is relevant to public health concerns, but not to the principal issue in Motueka, which is congestion and restriction of access by local residents. Self-contained vehicles generally are considerably larger than non-self-contained, and have a greater negative impact in this regard.

Conclusion: decision sought

1. Overall, I support the draft Bylaw. It is necessary to manage growing numbers of visiting campers.
2. I support designation of George Quay (Schedule 1, item 16) by the draft Bylaw as an “Area of Prohibition”.
3. I oppose designation of Motueka Beach Reserve (Schedule 2) by the draft Bylaw as a Restricted Area”. Motueka Beach Reserve unquestionably is covered by Schedule 1, item 2; it is less than 100 m from permanently occupied houses along Everett Street and North Street, with 50 kph speed limit. I therefore consider that it should be included in Schedule 1 as an “Area of Prohibition”. The reasons are (a) access: heavy use and congestion by campers excludes residents from daytime use of the barbecue, petanque court, and shaded picnic area; (b) public safety: densely parked vehicles are at increased risk that a fire can easily spread; (c) public health: the toilet and washing facilities at Motueka Beach Reserve are provided for day users of Saltwater Baths and North Street picnic/playground area, and are inadequate for large numbers of visiting campers. The proposal in Schedule 2 that only a part of the parking area be designated for overnight stays is, I believe, unworkable and unenforceable. If the designated spaces are full, it is certain that later arrivals will simply park wherever they can, designated for camping or not. Enforcement officers will have an unenviable task.
4. More broadly, a strategic approach is required for managing campers. This approach must include making Tasman “motor home friendly”, by providing *convenient* and adequate public facilities that are unlikely to be provided commercially, that is, solid and liquid waste disposal and potable water supply. This is not the case at present in Motueka, which results in anti-social behaviour (depositing bags of accumulated rubbish by full wastebins; filling up water tanks at taps not designed for the purpose, etc.) Visiting campers no doubt contribute to some degree to the local economy, principally through purchases of groceries and fuel, and we therefore should be prepared to invest in providing adequate “public good” facilities for their use.

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 4 July 2017

FREEDOM CAMPING – DRAFT BY-LAW

Submission to Tasman District Council

You state in your draft Freedom Camping By Law that it is intended to allow freedom camping in certain "suitable locations" whilst safeguarding the environment and the wider community's ability to enjoy their local parks, swimming places and neighbourhoods.

My property includes the whole road reserve in Moonraker Way until the private driveway of Rapid Number 11. My property has an Easement to Split Apple Beach. For the past number of years I having been regularly seeking the Council's help to clean up the Car Park and bush at the entrance to the Public Track where dirty nappies, toilet paper and faeces have been evident. Even in June this year there has been more issues of insanitary conditions in the bush at the Car Park. Vehicles come in under darkness and park there for the night. Conditions reached a head earlier this year and the Council erected a sign Private Land but fouling is still happening. It is my view that all of Split Apple Rock is unsuitable for Freedom Camping. (attached photos) *Split Apple Rock Owners' Association will send their own submission*

Fire Risk: Some Freedom Campers also create a fire risk by placing their stoves too close to vegetation or worse still light a cooking fire or a fire to keep warm. There has been evidence of burnt embers within Split Apple where people have camped overnight.

I propose the following additions to your draft By Law:

AREAS where freedom camping is prohibited

- AFTER Kaiteriteri Beach to Breakers Bay add next line
- All of Split Apple Rock Sub division
- Entrances to Kaiteriteri Forest (Kaiteriteri Sandy Bay Road and Riwaka Sandy Bay Road) Freedom Camping at the forest entrance poses a huge fire risk for residential properties in Split Apple and those on the Kaiteriteri Sandy Bay Road and Riwaka S/Bay Roads

Areas where freedom camping is permitted

AREAS such as Motueka Decks Reserve Car Park

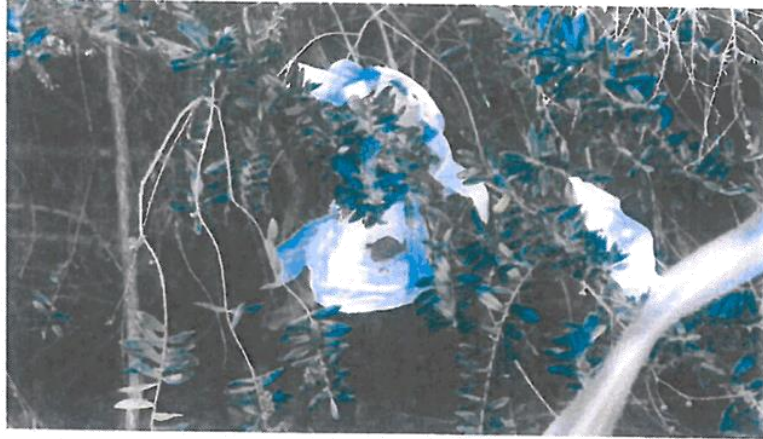
The Council needs to **provide sufficient funds** to clean up rubbish bins and the public toilets on a daily basis in the main holiday periods. I have noticed Freedom Campers in the day time parked in Super Market Car Parks where it is obvious they have unloaded their rubbish in and beside overflowing bins!

There should be easier provisions for travelling visitors to offload their rubbish sensibly!

Yours sincerely

Hilary Carson-Campbell (03 5278078)

Submission Mrs. W.Hilary Carson-Campbell resident Split Apple Rock
Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017



Photographs showing part of the bush at the Entrance to the
Public Walkway to Split Apple Rock Beach
Sent earlier to Mayor Richard and Lindsay 2017

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Glenda Crichton

From: Adrian Humphries
Sent: Tuesday, 4 July 2017 4:46 p.m.
To: Glenda Crichton
Subject: FW: Alcohol Ban

Please add to Hilary's submission,

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To: 'Hilary Carson-Campbell' <hcarsoncampbell@gmail.com>
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Subject: RE: Alcohol Ban

Thanks Hilary

Adrian will add that one to his list.

Regards

Lindsay

From: Hilary Carson-Campbell [<mailto:hcarsoncampbell@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, 4 July 2017 4:34 p.m.
To: Lindsay McKenzie <lindsay.McKenzie@tasman.govt.nz>
Subject: Alcohol Ban

Hello Lindsay

Alcohol Ban

I am a retired rural firefighter and I am acutely aware of the fire risk with people drinking in settings like ours out here in Split Apple. Every year prior to the summer the Council highlights the Liquor Ban in certain locations which usually is Kaiteriteri to Breakers Bay and excludes our area. We end up with people coming to Split Apple to have their booze parties. Drinking and smoking a real worry in our dry bush conditions at the height of summer.

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Like the dirty nappies and toilet issues we end up with bottles , cans and wine bags discarded on the beaches and in the bush. We have been most fortunate so far.

Split Apple is now a main tourist must go to place. Thousands now visit the Rock and its beautiful beaches. It needs some of the protection afforded to places like Kaiteriteri. It would be great if your officers would consider our community when deciding on major issues.

Hilary Carson-Campbell

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Subject: FW: Submission Freedom Camping
Attachments: Puriri Lodge letterhead Hills Version.doc

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From: Lindsay McKenzie
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Subject: Submission Freedom Camping

Hello Mayor Richard and Lindsay
 Geoff and I have been away from home for weeks & have just resurfaced here 20 June. During our absence our post was held so we did not receive free newspapers and the News Line Inserts. Luckily a resident has just alerted me to the Draft Freedom Camping proposed By Law. I am most disappointed that an officer in the Council did not include Split Apple Rock in the Freedom Camping Prohibited areas after all the issues I have had with Freedom Campers defecating in the Car Park and adjacent bush at the Split Apple Rock Track Entrance to the beach.

Hilary Carson-Campbell

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Submission Summary

Freedom Camping Bylaw - Submission #13845

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Speaker? True

Department	Subject	Opinion	Summary
Environment and Planning	Designated Areas		Camping needs to be prohibited in North Street and Everett Streets. There also needs to be policing of the specific area at the Beach reserve, North Street, to ensure that it is only self contained vehicles that park there. Vehicles of all sorts park along North Street and Everett Street limiting access along the streets. There is no respect for the residents or the area by some of these people, who leave rubbish behind and make noise at any time of the night. The sliding van doors are particularly irritating as well as the yelling and bad language.
Environment and Planning	Enforcement		The Council bylaws need to be enforced by some sort of policing, especially the one for self contained vehicles, as otherwise they mean nothing to the freedom campers. People camp in cars and ordinary vans of all sorts along North Street, Everett Street and in the designated camping site at the North Street Beach Reserve in spite of the Reserve being for self-contained vehicles only.

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Submission Summary

Freedom Camping Bylaw - Submission #13854

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Speaker? True

Department	Subject	Opinion	Summary
Environment and Planning	Designated Areas		<p>KEEP MOTUEKA BEAUTIFUL SUBMISSION ON TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL DRAFT FREEDOM CAMPING LAW</p> <p>Introduction Over the past three or so years, in addition to its work elsewhere, Keep Motueka Beautiful (KMB) has been actively involved in landscaping and generally improving the environment in the Area of Motueka Beach Reserve and George/East Quay. The intention has been to make these areas more usable to the people of Motueka in particular as recreation spaces they can be proud of and use, along with visitors to the area.</p> <p>KMB was the recent runner up in the Heritage and Environment Category of the Trustpower Nelson/Tasman Community Awards, in part for the work it has done in the George Quay and Beach Reserve areas.</p> <p>George Quay At George Quay KMB's local consultation made it quite clear that people wanted good access to the Eastern end so that, in addition to general access, they could take elderly/infirm relatives there to admire the view etc. It is surprising the number of people who specifically mentioned that latter aspect. It is very important locally.</p> <p>KMB completed the curbing, shingling of the parking area toward the end of 2016 along with the creation of a perimeter path and positioning of two picnic tables. The result turned out to be great for Freedom Campers but a disaster for Motueka residents. Freedom Campers totally took over the area all summer, parking in such a way that they took over the picnic tables for their own private use</p>

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and made use of the perimeter walkway difficult to near impossible. For several months, until the camping season started to do slow down, Motueka residents were effectively barred from their own coastal facility. Not only were they barred by a relatively small group of Freedom Campers but other visitors were denied access to enjoy the view, picnic and walk on the foreshore.

It should be noted that there are no toilet/wash facilities at George Quay
Motueka Beach Reserve

At Motueka Beach Reserve, throughout summer, the area has been jam packed with Motorhomes and there has been a general public health issue in that the toilet/washing facilities there are barely adequate for the day users of the Salt Water Baths and those having a picnic in the area, let alone all the supposedly self-contained Camper Vans. The current facilities are totally inadequate for the present demand.

Other Comment

The number of Motorhomes visiting the area is not going to reduce. It is noted that the NZCMA is working to establish an Associat

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Submission Summary

Freedom Camping Bylaw - Submission #13868

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Speaker? True

Department	Subject	Opinion	Summary
Environment and Planning	Designated Areas		Decks reserve carpark; camping to be for vehicles only, allowing tents would encourage use of playground and grassed park areas. Camping confined to areas with no time restriction. The 72 parking spaces available would probably accommodate 40-50 vehicles for camping purposes. The 100 mt restriction for uncontained vehicles encompasses the entire parking area either review the restriction or delete.
Environment and Planning	Designated Areas		Motueka Beach Reserve: Permitted area to be designated for contained, uncontained vehicles and cyclists with tents. There are two toilets and one fresh water shower available. The argument that local residents are prevented access to the area is not correct as the 26 space time restricted parking area on Everett/North Streets and the entire George Quay area available.

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Submission Summary

Freedom Camping Bylaw - Submission #13892

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Speaker? True

Department	Subject	Opinion	Summary
Environment and Planning	Designated Areas		<p>Freedom Camping Bylaw NOT Designated Areas etc</p> <p>New Zealand and Tasman DC have been hoisted by their own nomenclature. 'Freedom' does not assume 'Free'. This group will happily pay a modest overnight fee for basic facilities. TDC already have a working template - McKees Domain Mapua \$6 per night. In January it was packed 200 vehicles tents etc, Overseas and NZ campers.</p> <p>The idea that they spend \$60 a night in Backpackers or Holiday Parks is not an option on a 9 month budget. T D C's response to this important section of Inbound Tourism is 'Victorian'? Clamp, close down, fine, run out of town.</p> <p>FC's have chosen New Zealand for their big OE adventure. We should be thrilled! The majority are here for 7-9 months and so are on a tight budget. Most of them are career focussed, pre or post tertiary education, or often older - late 20's. They buy a cheap van or station wagon in ChCh or AKL as default accommodation and combine travel, activities, kayaking, tramping, sky dive, Bungey etc, some seasonal work, perhaps Wwoofing and also just hanging out with other FC's. We love these youngsters on their first big OE - they add to our summer colour and they do spend money - ask Golden Bay, Motueka or the Abel Tasman or AJ Hackett, Pak n Save or Mobil.</p>

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Locally we need seasonal 'Freedom Camper' parks in Nelson, Motueka, and Takaka with WCs and cold water washing facilities. A limit to stay – 4 days? 1 week? Maybe part of the Domain, sportsfields or spare Council Land and made attractive and pleasant. \$5 per night. WiFi? A flavour of New Zealand's friendly and 'can do it' style.

Check out Nelson at the rear of the Trafalgar Centre on a Sunday evening last January, - a peaceful scene with a variety of older vehicles, picnic stoves and chairs –a range of people enjoying our 'sunshine' City, booking trips at iSite and buying locally. Freedom Campers welcome - problem solved. So what went wrong? 'Narrow noses' complained. A contractor complained. Akersten St was a waste land anyway - so who expected tidiness there anyway?

We meet them as Wwoofers and they show us their adapted wagons or Previas etc with plywood beds and shelves. And they are here for 7-8 months and they don't want to spend money just on accommodation. They are all great people having the biggest adventure of their lives. Caroline & Viken - Armenian parents but now French. Markus from Germany. Florentea and Raphael from New Caladonia. Jacub from Germany - father was from Afghanistan. Ma

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

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- I would like to speak to our submission
- I am writing this submission on behalf of the Motueka Community Board

The Motueka Community Board agrees that a Bylaw is necessary to address the key concerns of residents as outlined in the DRAFT Freedom Camping Bylaw, Statement of Proposal, namely;

- Prevention of access and amenity for locals
- Nuisance such as noise for local residents
- Risk of fire
- Offence and antisocial behaviour
- Health and Safety risks such as flooding
- Deposition of rubbish and human waste
- Damage to flora and fauna
- Contamination of watercourses

It is noted that the Freedom Camping Act (2011), states that freedom camping is permitted on all public land controlled or managed by a local authority unless the local authority prohibits or restricts freedom camping in some areas for one or more of the following purposes;

- To protect the area;
- To protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area; or
- To protect access to the area.

In recognising both the limitations of both the Freedom Camping Act 2011 and the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 we support the majority of the DRAFT Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 EXCEPT;

The Motueka Community Board STRONGLY OPPOSES Schedule 2 of the DRAFT Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017; (Pg32)

The MCB requests that Schedule 2 in full is deleted from the DRAFT Freedom Camping Bylaw.

Furthermore, the Motueka Community Board proposes an Amendment to Schedule 1 of the DRAFT Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017;

The MCB requests the addition of;

Motueka Beach Reserve, (Part Lot 2 DP 4706 & Part Sec 289 Motueka DIST), reclassifying this as a PROHIBITED AREA for the reason of protecting access to the area.

Background to recommendation;

The location of the Motueka Beach Reserve is adjacent residential property and it is a concern to the Motueka Community Board members that even if rezoned as a Restricted Freedom Camping Area many of the problems currently experienced by residents will remain, those issues are listed as;

- Constant movement of vehicles 24hrs / 7 days
- Queuing of vehicles waiting for an allocated space to become available meaning access to the Salt Water Baths car parking access is also compromised
- Noise

The MCB met with residents of Everett Street, Motueka on the 27th July 2017 to hear the concerns of residents who have for many years now been experiencing many issues relating to Freedom Camping adjacent to their residencies. The Motueka Beach Reserve, Salt Water Baths car park and Everett Street are over populated throughout summer with Freedom Camping vehicles. Regardless of the Motueka Salt Water Baths car parking being the only current enforceable area within the Motueka Ward, residents advise that effective enforcement of this area still remains a challenge. The current situation is that local residents' have serious concerns based on actions to date that "the activity of some of the freedom campers" and the residents "ability to access reserve" will remain greatly impacted even if the Motueka Beach Reserve was reclassified to "self-contained vehicles only".

It is also important to mention through this submission, albeit more appropriate as a recommendation to the Motueka Reserves Management Plan that the Board also see the removal of the current outdoor shower and wash facilities located on the Motueka Beach Reserve as a key action to minimise the attraction of Freedom Campers to this area. Locals advise that these facilities are not utilised by locals.

The Motueka Community Board supports:

Education

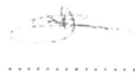
The Need to allocate sufficient budget to install clear signage in areas of high concern and such locations as;

- Motueka Beach Reserve and Salt Water Baths Car parking located in Everett Street, Motueka
- George Quay, Motueka
- Riwaka Resurgence

In addition the Board supports the ongoing utilisation of web-based apps such as *Campermate* to provide up to date information on what sites are provided and the areas that are prohibited.

Monitoring and Enforcement

An essential component of the new BYLAW will be Council's ability to monitor, respond to complaints and action enforcement as provided for within the DRAFT Bylaw. For this we see in the case of Motueka the need to have a local sub-contractor who through the 2017/18 year can be active in the education and enforcement of the new Bylaw. One such consideration would be sub-contracting the likes of Tasbay Security in Motueka who is actively patrolling the town at more suited hours to address any non-compliance.



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Brent Maru
 Motueka Community Board Chair

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Melanie Yeomans

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Subject: FW: Submission Freedom camping

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Subject: Submission Freedom camping

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to submit regarding the Freedom camping bylaw. I am a resident of Tasman District and a member of the NZ Motor Caravan Association.

It is an essential obligation of Tasman District to make land available for freedom camping. Failure to do so will result in increasing numbers of residents feeling they have the right to impose their views on others, dividing our community.

Common views are

- I have a mortgage and debt and its not fair that these free loaders do not
- I have an increased right to say what happens on Council land in front of my house eg At the Salt water baths in Motueka

The divide between rich and poor is growing and freedom camping becomes a crucial option for those who cannot afford rent or mortgage. The other option is to make better provision for affordable housing, which with our current laws is beyond the jurisdiction of local Authorities. Tasman District Council owns land on behalf of the Community. I would like to see this used for innovative solutions such as Tiny house villages as is occurring in Vancouver and Seattle in North America.

I would like the opportunity to speak to this at the hearing please

thanks

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Submission Summary

Freedom Camping Bylaw - Submission #13982

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Speaker? True

Department	Subject	Opinion	Summary
Environment and Planning	Designated Areas		<p>Freedom Camping. I wish to make it quite clear that I support the ability for people to freedom camp at designated spots in our beautiful Tasman district provided they have self contained vehicles.and have time limits.They respect the areas designated and don't leave their rubbish and other crap[yes crap] for others or council to have to clean up.costing ratepayers more money.Ratepayers already subsidize most of the infustructure to allow these people to travel and stay in the region, They also pay a considerable amount in subsidizing the Tourism Industry already.</p> <p>I also think council should fix the Balls Up that is around the Motueka Saltwater Baths.The parking restrictions that were put in place by Engineering Services because no one else wanted to listen, Have given the surrounding residents some respite but it does not fix the problem ,Remove any camping in North Street and the Saltwater Baths Carpark. Would any of u want this outside your properties every night.I think not.but if u don't object let me know and I will arrange it for u.</p> <p>As far as I'm concerned after having to deal with these ignorant freeloaders many who are just transients living in vans station wagons many that are not warranted or registered. If they are not self contained they should bugger off, They cannot do this in their own countries. We should not be providing areas for them to park up when our own campgrounds have heaps of rules and costs as to how they operate. Cr Sangster said he welcomed them all to Golden Bay. Perhaps u could designate the whole of Golden Bay as suitable for this . Or</p>

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would it end up another Reilly Street fiasco ?. I also note He was no where to be seen the day the community stepped in to clean it up and ratepayers subsidized the dumping fees.

Visit some of our once well used community picnic areas,u wouldn't run ya dog there,let alone your grankids,please do something about this.

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Submission Summary

Freedom Camping Bylaw - Submission #14022

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Speaker? True

Department	Subject	Opinion	Summary
Environment and Planning	Designated Areas		<p>Submission for Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 I have recently moved to the corner of Everett and North Street adjacent to the Motueka Beach reserve and opposite the Saltwater bathes carpark . I strongly oppose the proposal of a selfcontained freedom camping area at the Motueka Reserve on the basis of</p> <p>Prevention of access and Amenities for local residents Camp full prevents access for public and Special Olympics group to play petanque Saltwater Bathes carpark has queue of vans waiting fo a space in the camp. Vans can park from 6 til 10pm meanwhile cleaning out ,drying mattresses,charging solar panels ,showering at public shower , washing clothes , doing dishes at public sink , drying washing across carpark , socialising , drinking acohol ,jamming. House buses park sideways taking up 3 parking spaces. Carpark is also used for people to scoot from the camp into the carpark for day to make them less visable as to the lenght of time they are at the camp . Cars that permanants have are shifted back and forth from carpark to camp as a screen to avoid the rules . Monitoring by the TDC swings from ineffectual to non extistant , news gets about ,and permanants who know the ropes move in .</p> <p>Antisocial Behaviour and Offence</p> <p>Summer 50 to 60 showers a day. Public nudity at shower and especially in the</p>

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carpark , place to change after showering .

Noise for Residents

24 hrs a day comings and goings

Camping spills to road, yellow lines ignored, closer proximity to residents

Sudden whooping , yelling waking residents

Doors opening an closing all night

Protecting Environment

rubbishing strewn over carpark and seawall

Greywater emptied into carpark and camp

fauna areas used for a toilet, dumping water

Conclusion

Currently Motueka Beach Reserve is a undervalued asset of Motueka

I want this camp prohibited on the basis of it having the same issues if not more as the other areas that are proposed to be prohibited and it is in a residential area.

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Submission Summary

Freedom Camping Bylaw - Submission #14031

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Speaker? True

Department	Subject	Opinion	Summary
Environment and Planning	Designated Areas		I agree with TDC's desire to "encourage travellers and campers to use camping grounds and other accommodation facilities as much as possible". This should be really pushed more. I suggest that TDC establish more camping areas similar to McKee and Kina camp grounds where freedom campers can stay for a minimal cost and where they can be more easily controlled by the resident warden.
Environment and Planning	Enforcement		Re self contained vehicle stickers - many vehicles displaying these stickers are in fact not self-contained at all. Even if they do possess a small supposedly self-contained chemical toilet, it is never used. So these vehicles are NOT self-contained. There needs to be a much more stringent policing of the issue and proper use of self-contained stickers.
Environment and Planning	Miscellaneous		Infringement notices to travellers would seem to be quite useless unless they are strictly enforced. Suggest that the infringer has to show his/her passport and the details are then sent to airport authorities so that the fine/s have to be paid on departure NZ.
Environment and Planning	Miscellaneous		This is a slightly different topic - I think that all non-NZ visitors should pay a visitor's tax at the airport when they arrive. Suggest \$100 to cover their visits to DoC areas and freedom camping usage etc.
Environment and Planning	Miscellaneous		

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Submission Summary

Freedom Camping Bylaw - Submission #14046

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Town	Motueka	Received	8/7/2017 12:00:00 AM
Postcode	7120		

Subject Summary:

Summary

While I can comprehend the reasons as to the changes, there are a few elements to this change which I feel the need to question and counter. I will discuss each point in separate 'subjects' for clarity of expression

First point of question - "No person shall freedom camp within 1 kilometre of any location in which that person has undertaken freedom camping for two nights within the last calendar month or consecutive four-week period."
 Firstly I feel like the time restriction, especially the part about not returning for a month after 2 nights - is excessively restrictive. Some families and groups enjoy having a few days away from normality and to restrict their stay to only 2 nights doesn't really give them much time to unwind - its as if as soon as they arrive and get comfortable it's time to move on again. The very nature of camping is to get away from the pressures of normality on vacation, and only 2 nights doesn't really give much time for these activities to unfold. Also I feel that people should be able to return after leaving - one month is ridiculous and this aspect of the change needs to be edited. Many locals of the area love camping during their weekends and public holidays - especially within summer seasons, and to only give them 2 days in their favourite holiday spots in onemonth is actually excessively controlling and belittles the human right to enjoy 'their own backyard'. I don't believe this one month rule is treally necessary and should be looked into further.

It is of utmost importance that the enforcement officers respect the freedom campers as human beings with inalienable rights to exist freely on this land. I have in the past experienced these 'officers' abusing their power and being excessively restrictive on people , kicking them out of spot without reason etc. Freedom camping is an ASSET to the Tasman region and I hope that these officers realise this, rather than treating us as a 'nuisance' or a 'problem' as we are all valued members of the human race who work hard, contribute to our

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communities, and are respectful of the environments we visit. It states in the bylaw that the following are the reasons for the change in bylaw - I believe that, while protecting nature and waterways is important, a lot of the reasons listed in the bylaw are subject to the objective opinion of the 'officer' and that what is viewed as 'antisocial' by some is not so to others, therefore some element of perspective is required. I feel like so long as campers are responsible for their behaviour and waste then they should be treated as capable reasonable members of society who are able to make smart choices about their behaviour and campsites. IN NO WAY should the officer be allowed to take the belongings away from the people in question, regardless of the perceived 'safety risks or otherwise' - these are their personal belongings, and in many cases their homes, and should be treated as such. Any officer who attempt to lay claim on somebody's personal possessions is really abusing their power - it is theft and should be viewed as such.

Basically I feel like this section really gives excessive power to 'officers' who often lack the social skills and perspective to see things from a balanced and open-minded perspective. Freedom camping is a truly awesome and unique part of the Kiwi experience and excessive restrictions jeopardise our basic rights as locals on this land to enjoy our own backyard. Please consider.

i think it is great that council are going to help with waste collection and toilet facilities. if the individuals and the society can work as one, keeping respect of our beautiful planet as the priority, then we can collectively minimise the footprint of freedom campers. a volunteer program of people who are willing to go to popular sites on a semi-regular basis, as well as maps which signal where local rubbish/waste removal sites are, could help in minimising waste. setting up composting toilets could be a fun project for locals/an education activity for people interested in permaculture and sustainable living, and would provide a sustainable resource of compost which can be donated to local community gardens etc, sold/given away roadside for locals to add to their gardens etc. This which makes an organic resource out of the freedom camping experience, as well as educating campers on sustainable living and promoting bio-sustainable existence, which benefits all and is a vital part of New Zealand green's culture:)

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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:
Self Containment Officer NZMCA Nelson/Tasman

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

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Sites available for Self Contained Vehicles - I note that Hickmott Place, Motueka, is proposed to become a prohibited area. A more practical alternative would be to designate the Northern section adjacent to the Dump Station as suitable for Self Contained Vehicles only, with a 6pm to 7am Time limit. This would be mainly directed at the Rental Campervan market and provide a suitable central site for overnight parking.

Sites available for Non Self-Contained Vehicles - A suggestion for another possible location to be a designated site where Freedom Camping is permitted could be the Old Landfill Site in Robertson Road Mariri. With provision of Portable toilets and rubbish collection on the same basis as proposed for Rototai and Taupata sites in Golden bay it could be operated on a Seasonal basis as proposed for these two sites, with resultant easing of usage at Decks Reserve.

Whilst acknowledging the problems caused by a small number of visitors in non self-contained vehicles it is essential that facilities are provided for them as they do provide some Economic benefit to the District.

Infrastructure - The availability of Dump Sites to support any proposed changes to the "Freedom Camping" Bylaw is also essential. Provision of updated bylaws to control Freedom Camping is only part of resolving the problems associated with this, as without provision of suitable sites for Disposing of waste, there is potential for on-going issues.

The list of Self Contained Vehicle Waste Dumping Locations contains some anomalies – Mobil Murchison has been closed for almost 12 Months, but has been replaced by a site at Riverside Camping Ground.

Whilst there may appear to be a comprehensive number of sites available the majority of only available to persons utilising the facilities of the relevant camping grounds. There are currently eight (8) sites available for public use but some of those are extremely difficult to use and have on-going problems with spillage, blockages etc.

Golden Bay I Site Centre Dump Station is only relay suitable for small vehicles and/or emptying portable waste tanks and cassettes. It is almost impossible for large vehicles to access this site. Mobil Takaka provides an alternative but has the potential to cause traffic problems being located on the side of a busy road adjacent to a major intersection.

The Motueka Dump Station in Hickmott Car Park is the subject of many instances of spillage running across the car park to the adjacent stormwater drain, as the ground slopes away from the site. The pressure of the water supply is insufficient to successfully flush the site and rinse cassettes

A more suitable site [preferably on Council Property] needs to be identified in Motueka, and include Sewage/Wastewater Disposal, Fresh Water Supply, plus Rubbish Collection and Recycling Bins. Upgrading of other sites to contain the above facilities would also assist in mitigating the problem of

rubbish disposal etc. If the relevant facilities are not available visitors to the region will potentially dispose of their rubbish in inappropriate places

R.G.Geer

14321



**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):

I am concerned that freedom campers can just park almost anywhere in the Tasman area, who will count the number of days they stay, or they can leave rubbish, including body waste, no one will know who to ask to remove it, who will monitor this?

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I am glad the T.D.C. is restricting areas to 200 metres from the road, if they must freedom camp. I also think there should be a few designated places to camp. How do they know if a paddock is public or private property? The people who own paddocks should not have to mark it as private. I am happy with self-contained campers staying, provided they empty their waste correctly, but I think they should be restricted also. I have just learnt that, if one does not use the toilet facilities, so don't need it cleaned when they return the vehicle, the hirer gets some money back. That should be abolished in my opinion.

Perhaps some, or all, of the T.D.C. owned camp grounds could have an area dedicated to freedom camping, that way the leasees could monitor the camping, restrict it to one or two nights, reasonable use, and monitor the rubbish.

Alternatively, perhaps we should just say "No Freedom Camping."

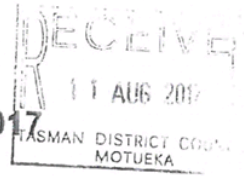
New Zealand is user pays, the freedom campers stay and my rates, or tax, go to pay for this privilege. I don't think so!

Dorothy Bradley
Rate payer
Murchison.

14322



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):

Please see attached.

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Access is restricted due to campers and their "campsites" taking up to 3-4 car parks with all their camping equipment and washing lines strung all around the reserve and between vehicles-unfortunately it is not just footprints they are leaving behind but rubbish, unwanted camping gear and human waste. This is NOT acceptable.

I also request that the wash basin/shower facilities are removed from the toilet block- this only encourages people to "camp" as the facilities are provided and it is free means of washing all and sundry - this is what a camping ground is for - the Motueka Beach Reserve is NOT a camping ground.

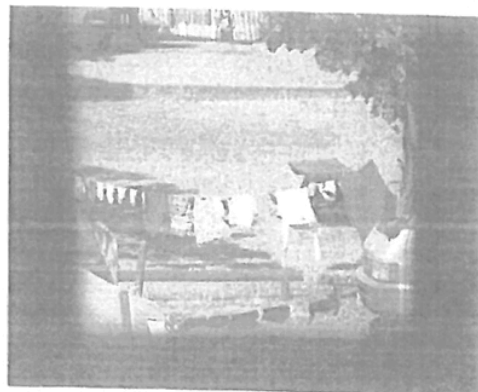
The TDC, I believe are required to provide one area for Freedom Camping in Motueka – as there is already the Decks Reserve car park and the Alexander Bluff Bridge sites available then the Motueka Beach Reserve most definitely is not required. Motueka Beach Reserve is a residential area with occupied houses whose residents are not prepared to put up with the Freedom Camping and all the issues that go with it any longer.

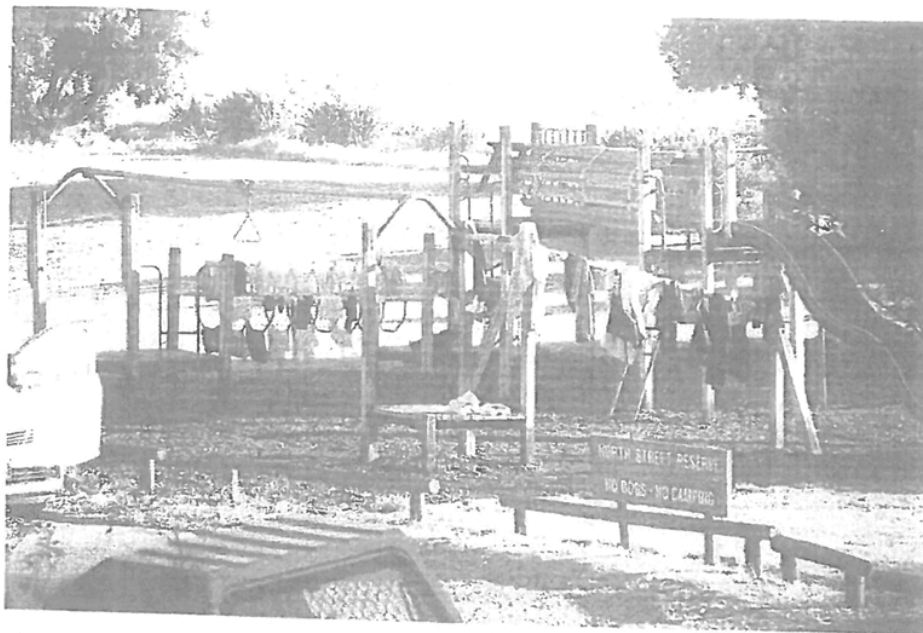
Once again, I ask, "Would this behaviour be acceptable outside your house"?

I request reinstatement of the original gate which is still at the Motueka Beach Reserve. If access is required then I suggest the TDC make a key available for events on the understanding that the gate is locked at the end of the day – as it used to be.

I suggest monitoring an enforcement be undertaken by a security firm whose hours of work are appropriate for patrolling of the area and that sufficient (plenty of) signage is displayed to educate and advise that Freedom Camping /overnight sleeping in vehicles and tents is NOT acceptable at the Motueka Beach Reserve including North Street, Everett Street and the Community Car Park.

This area needs to be returned to the community – how it once was. It is NOT a camping ground.





“Would you be happy with Freedom Campers outside your house”?

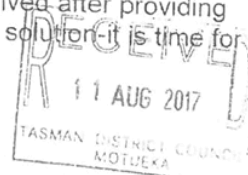
“Would you accept the noise, rubbish, anti-social behaviour and restricted access to your own property”?

I strongly oppose the Motueka Beach Reserve being classified as a “Restricted Area”

My Submission is that Motueka Beach Reserve is reclassified as a “PROHIBITED AREA”.

The reason for my request is due to 24/7 noise and anti-social behaviour which causes continuous disturbance to neighbouring properties. Whilst the by-law only refers to the Motueka Beach Reserve area, this does extend out to North Street, Everett Street and the “Community” car park- although recent signage has eased overnight parking in the community car park, it has not prevented Freedom Campers outside our residential houses. The people arrive to FREE camp at all hours, sometimes in groups which have no respect for those trying to sleep! Sliding doors, slamming doors, loud yelling/talking between campers to discuss where they are going to park. This is NOT acceptable.

This issue is ongoing for many years and remains unresolved after providing TDC with continual information/photos and requests for a solution- it is time for results, not excuses.



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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): This Draft law is coming from the negative view point of which I totally understand the reasons. I believe we need to make these persons more welcome not less. This will involve move toilets

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+ move signage + showers - solar-heated. + tourism officers who talk with these campers, not parents to move them on. + skills given to locals in how to relate to campers, how to feel secure in their own homes. + new sites away from houses

14020

Submission Summary

Freedom Camping Bylaw - Submission #14020

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Speaker? False

Department	Subject	Opinion	Summary
Environment and Planning	Miscellaneous		<p>There are only two class of freedom campers: those in Certified Self Contained motor homes, and all the rest.</p> <p>Those in CSC motor homes are either wealthy tourists, or NZ owners who have invested a six figure sum to buy their vehicle. The latter are predominantly mature, responsible, middle aged, and with the capacity to spend at local establishments. By contrast, the "all the rest group" tend to be the opposite, and should be discouraged.</p> <p>I have considerable experience of freedom camping, here and in Europe, where I owned a motor home for several years. In France many towns and villages have a "Aire de Camping Car" to attract motor homes. They understand that motor home owners will patronise the local businesses. They don't have a system for certifying self containment, but they don't seem to admit vehicles that are not self-contained. Many "Aire" are free, but some charge from five to ten euros. In some localities the fee is collected by volunteers and the fee goes to a local charity. There is an excellent book by Vicarious Books titled "All the Aires" which lists thousands of Aire de Camping Car. Most have a disposal facility for toilet waste, and a slot machine which dispenses fresh water. Some have electric power points and/or toilets. The location can vary from town squares, to river banks or canal sides, to seashores.</p> <p>In the U.K. (where they call it Wild Camping) it is</p>

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different due to problems caused by "travellers" (gypsies). The Wild Camping network lists a few thousand possible sites on their website. The best ones I've encountered are in country pubs, who generally encourage motor homes to boost their trade (many are struggling due to smoking and drink-drive restrictions). Many supermarkets allow motor homes to overnight in their car parks. One Tesco manager I spoke to said they like to have motorhome there as it discourages vandals at night. Scotland has a more relaxed attitude to England and Wales and it is possible to find spots similar to NZ.

Environment
and Planning

Miscellaneous

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Attachment 1



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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 alternte 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.