



## Hearings Committee

### Freedom Camping Bylaw Hearing Wednesday, 29 November 2023

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#### Notice of Meeting:

The meeting will be held in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, 62 Texas Street, Martinborough and will commence at 9.00am. The meeting will be held in public with the express purpose of hearing submissions on the Freedom Camping Bylaw proposal.

**Committee Membership:** Mayor Martin Connelly (Chair), Councillors Alistair Plimmer, Kaye McAulay, Rebecca Gray and Pip Maynard.

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1. Karakia Timatanga - opening
2. Apologies
3. Conflicts of Interest
4. Confirmation of minutes

**Proposed resolution:** *That the minutes from the Hearings Committee meeting held on 16 August 2023 are a true and correct record.*

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5. Hearings on Submissions as per Schedule

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7. Karakia Whakamutunga - closing

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**Hearings Committee**  
**Minutes for Hearings and Deliberations on Dog Control Policy and Bylaw**  
**20 September 2023**

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<b>Present:</b>	Mayor Martin Connelly (Chair), Councillors Rebecca Gray, Pip Maynard and Kaye McAulay.
<b>Apologies:</b>	Councillor Alistair Plimmer.
<b>In attendance:</b>	Kaity Carmichael (Lead Policy Advisor), Amanda Bradley (General Manager Policy and Governance), Russell O’Leary (Group Manager, Planning and Environment), Rick Mead (Environmental Health Manager) Andrew McEwan (Bylaw Officer) and Amy Andersen (Committee Advisor). Adam Mattsen, Charles Barker, Owen Jeffries and Justine Jones (Wellington Water Limited).
<b>Submitter:</b>	Alex Beijen.
<b>Conduct of Business:</b>	This meeting was held in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, 62 Texas Street, Martinborough and via audio-visual conference. This meeting was live-streamed is available to view on our YouTube channel. The meeting was held in public under the above provisions from 11.00am to 12:01pm except where expressly noted.

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**A Open Section**

**A1. Karakia Timatanga – opening**

Mayor Connelly opened the meeting.

**A2. Apologies**

HEARINGS COMMITTEE RESOLVED (HC2023/09) to accept apologies from Cr Plimmer.

*(Moved Cr Gray/Seconded Cr Maynard)*

Carried

**A3. Conflicts of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**A4. Confirmation of minutes**

HEARINGS COMMITTEE RESOLVED (HC2023/10) to accept the minutes of the Hearings Committee meeting held on 16 August 2023 as a true and accurate record.

*(Moved Cr Gray/Seconded Mayor Connelly)*

Carried

**B Submissions Hearings on Dog Control Policy and Bylaw**

The Committee heard one submission from Mr Beijen on behalf of Tina Day, Cape Paliser Residents and Ratepayers Association.

Mr Beijen responded to queries from members regarding the preference for dogs being leashed at all times and what should Council say to those who do not agree with the the Cape Paliser Residents and Ratepayers Association's submission.

**C Deliberations on Dog Control Policy and Bylaw**

**C1. Dog Control Policy and Bylaw Deliberations Report**

Ms Carmichael spoke to matters included in the report and responded to queries from members regarding support for change to the bylaw in coastal areas.

Mr Mead responded to queries from members regarding leashing of dogs and sheep measles, camping in coastal areas/grounds and defining locations where dogs are permitted; dogs in swimming pools (Dogs in Togs event in Featherston); dogs at events with large numbers of people and concerns regarding dogs being left in cars; lifetime dog tags and whether a provision for this is relevant to the bylaw; the list of banned breeds; whether the Ngawi Campground could include a section for dogs.

*HEARINGS COMMITTEE RESOLVED (HC2023/11) to:*

1. Receive the *Control of Dogs Policy & Bylaw Hearings and Deliberations Report*.
2. Receive the 10 submissions made for the formal Control of Dogs Policy and Bylaw consultation.
3. Note that there was one member of the public who spoke to their submission.

[Items 1-3 read together]

*(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Cr McAulay)*

Carried

4. Recommend to Council at its meeting on 27 September 2023 that it adopt the Control of Dogs Policy.
5. Recommend to Council at its meeting on 27 September 2023 that it amend the Control of Dogs 2013 bylaw, including the following amendments:
  - i) Page 91 - Schedule A, part i to read: Any public building or public place, including any swimming pools, cemeteries, library buildings or recreation centres, under the control or management of the Council and any other

areas where dogs may pose a threat to the public. The Chief Executive may make an exception for special events in the interest of community building and education.

- ii) Page 91 Schedule A, include part v - Any part of the District that is subject to events notified by the Chief Executive.
- iii) Page 91 Schedule A, part iv - to allow for dogs in the Ngawi Campground and Ngawi surf breaks.

[Items 4-5 read together]

*(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Mayor Connelly)*      Carried

**F      Karakia Whakamutunga – closing**

Mayor Connelly closed the meeting.

The meeting closed at 12:01pm.

**Confirmed as a true and correct record**

.....(Mayor)

.....(Date)

..... (Chief Executive)

.....(Date)

## Freedom Camping Bylaw Hearings Report

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### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to inform the Hearings Committee (the Committee) of the submissions received and for the Committee to consider all submissions on the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw (the proposed Bylaw).

### 2. Executive Summary

The proposed Bylaw was approved for consultation by Council at the meeting on 27 September 2023. The Statement of Proposal including Draft Bylaw, maps and summary of site assessments can be viewed [here](#). Consultation occurred between Friday 13 October and Monday 13 November 2023. A total of 52 submissions were received within the consultation period, and 1 submission was received after consultation closed but before the agenda was finalised for this meeting. A full set of submissions received is provided for the Committee to consider in Appendix 1.

At this meeting, the Committee will listen to those who wish to present their views in-person and consider all the submissions received. At time of writing 9 submitters have requested to speak at the Council hearing.

To prepare for deliberations and decision making at a Council meeting to be scheduled in early 2024, the Committee are invited to request further information from staff and, if necessary, investigate any amendments that may be required to the Bylaw (based on the submissions received).

### 3. Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Committee:

1. Receive the 'Freedom Camping Bylaw Hearings' Report;
2. Receive 52 submissions received during the consultation period;
3. Receive 1 late submission from submitter de Groot, # 53, received Monday 20 November;
4. Note that there are 9 members of the public who wish to speak to their submission;
5. Consider all submissions received, including submissions presented in person;
6. Request any further information and/or clarification required from Council staff prior to the Council meeting to be scheduled in early 2024 for the deliberations of the Freedom Camping Bylaw.

## 4. Background

[Section 11\(2\) of the Freedom Camping Act 2011](#) (the Act) enables Council to adopt a Freedom Camping Bylaw to apply some protections to areas within the district that Council controls and manages. This includes protecting an area, protecting the health and safety of the people who may visit an area, and to protect access to an area. In response to some recent changes to the Act, Council received funding from MBIE to support the development and implementation of a Freedom Camping Bylaw.

At the 28 June 2023 Council meeting, Council received the [Freedom Camping Bylaw Development and Determinations Report](#) and determined to make a bylaw under the Freedom Camping Act 2011. Staff developed a [Statement of Proposal and Draft Bylaw](#), including a schedule of [maps](#) and [site assessment document](#), which Council adopted for public consultation at the 27 September 2023 Council meeting.

Consultation on the proposed Bylaw took place, in accordance with section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002, from Friday 13 October to Monday 13 November.

## 5. Discussion

### 5.1 Pre-consultation

Initial engagement and pre-consultation activities were undertaken to gain an understanding of current practice, issues and expectations of freedom camping in the district. Workshops and discussions were held with key stakeholders including the Martinborough, Featherston and Greytown Community Boards, the Māori Standing Committee, mana whenua including Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua Settlement Trust and the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association.

The information collected through this pre-consultation was considered and incorporated where appropriate into the proposed Bylaw.

### 5.2 Special Consultative Procedure

Consultation on the proposed Bylaw occurred between Friday 13 October and Monday 13 November. The opportunity to make a submission was provided to the community via an online survey, emailing the Council directly or dropping off a printed or paper submission form at the Council offices and public libraries around the district.

Feedback during the consultation period was encouraged using a combination of broad and targeted communications through the Council website, email, social media, print media and in person community meetings. The Council website published a news item to announce the opening of consultation and the website also gave access to the Statement of Proposal and proposed Bylaw as well as information and links for how to make a submission.

At the beginning of the consultation period, emails were sent to key stakeholders including elected members, Community Boards and the Māori Standing Committee, mana whenua and those who had expressed interest in consultation via the Council website. Social media communication included five posts on the Council Facebook page spaced throughout the consultation period as well as one post on Antenna at the beginning of the consultation period. Print media communication included public notice in the Wairarapa Times-Age, as well as advertising promotions and other media coverage in the Wairarapa Times-Age, Midweek and Featherston Phoenix.

Council officers and elected members held two community drop-in sessions at Ngawi on Friday 3 November 2023 and at Tora on Sunday 5 November 2023. 11 members of the community attended the session at Ngawi and 5 attended at Tora. A summary of the notes from these sessions is attached in Appendix 2.

### **5.3 Submissions**

A total of 53 submissions were received throughout the formal consultation process. The complete set of submissions are attached in Appendix 1. 47 submissions were made online using the online platform SurveyMonkey, 5 submissions were made via email or hard copy. 9 submitters requested to speak to their submission.

Submissions received communicate a diverse range of views held by the community about freedom camping. There are many positive comments which support Council continuing to provide opportunities for freedom camping in the district. There are some submissions which encourage Council to investigate opportunities to reduce restrictions on freedom camping and provide more areas and facilities. Other submissions seek greater restriction on freedom camping due to concerns over perceived negative effects that freedom camping may have on surrounding communities, residential areas and the environment.

Submissions generally support the amendment to the Clifford Square Reserve Management Plan and the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard (the Standard), though some submissions highlight concerns of the Standard's impact on individuals and families of lower socio-economic status.

Some submissions show an awareness of the challenges the district faces regarding monitoring, enforcement and maintenance given the large geographical area and the isolation of some communities. Some submissions raise concerns which fall outside the scope of the proposed bylaw such as rubbish and illegal activity.

More comprehensive analysis will be conducted following the completion of hearings and presented at the deliberations meeting to be scheduled in early 2024.

## **6. Options**

Options will be considered at the deliberations and decision making meeting to be scheduled in early 2024. Options previously considered by Council can be found within the report dated [28 June 2023](#) (where Council determined to make a bylaw) and the meeting dated [27 September 2023](#) (where Council adopted the proposed Bylaw for consultation).

## **7. Strategic Drivers and Legislative Requirements**

### **7.1 Significant risk register**

Relationship with iwi, hapū, Māori

Climate Change

Emergency Management

IT architecture, information system, information management, and security

- Financial management, sustainability, fraud, and corruption
- Legislative and regulative reforms
- Social licence to operate and reputation
- Asset management
- Economic conditions
- Health and Safety

## **7.2 Legal and policy considerations**

### Freedom Camping Act 2011

**Section 11B(3)** of the Act requires councils to use the special consultative procedure in sections 83 and 86 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) when making freedom camping bylaws.

### Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) Special consultative procedure

**Section 83** of the LGA sets out the special consultative procedure (SCP) which requires Council to make the statement of proposal and other relevant documentation publicly available and to provide interested persons with the opportunity to provide their views on the proposal for a period of not less than 1 month.

**Section 86** of the LGA sets out the use of the SCP in relation to making, amending, or revoking bylaws.

## **7.3 Significance, Engagement and Consultation**

Significance is assessed against the criteria as per Council's Significance and Engagement Policy (SEP). Details of the assessment are included in the report dated [27 September 2023](#) where Council adopted the proposed Bylaw for consultation. The assessment indicates the proposed Bylaw is of medium significance.

The Freedom Camping Act requires Council to make a freedom camping bylaw using a special consultative procedure under the LGA, which is the "consult" engagement level within the SEP. As per the LGA, consultation period ran for a period of one month from Friday 13 October to Monday 13 November 2023.

During the consultation period, all relevant documentation, including a submission form and relevant supporting information such as the summary of the site assessments were available on our website. Physical copies of the statement of proposal were available at the Council Office and libraries in each of the three townships. Additional copies were made available at other venues on request.

Further details of the consultation period and compliance with LGA requirements were described in the discussion section earlier in this report.

## **8. Financial Considerations**

Financial considerations associated with developing the Proposed Bylaw have been met using funding received from MBIE for this purpose. It is planned that the MBIE funding received will also



meet costs associated with the initial implementation of the bylaw, for example to deliver additional signage and educational activities to communicate the new Bylaw.

## **9. Prioritisation**

### **9.1 Mana whenua considerations**

Māori make up 14.2% of the South Wairarapa District population (Census 2018). Camping is an activity that can accompany the exercise of customary rights in coastal areas. Recent Settlement with Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki Nui-a-Rua impacts some existing Council-managed camping areas which come under the scope of the proposed Bylaw.

Specific engagement was conducted with mana whenua including the Māori Standing Committee and Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki Nui-a-Rua Settlement Trust to understand some of the issues of importance, sites of significance and immediate preferences for land under settlement. This feedback was considered and incorporated into the proposed Bylaw where appropriate and the consultation period was promoted to ensure that mana whenua had an opportunity to submit feedback.

### **9.2 Environmental/Climate Change Impact**

The Policy and Bylaw have no direct impact on Environment and Climate Change.

## **10. Conclusion**

The Committee recommendations will be put forward to Council for consideration at a meeting to be scheduled in early 2024.

## **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Full set of Submissions received

Appendix 2 – Community meetings: Summary notes

Contact Officer: Emma Wright McHardie & Natalie Street, GMD Consultants

Reviewed By: Amanda Bradley, General Manager, Policy and Governance  
Rick Mead, Manager Environmental Services

# **Appendix 1 – Full set of Submissions received**

## Appendix 1



# South Wairarapa District Council Freedom Camping Bylaw Consultation

## Full set of submissions

November 2023

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Submission #1

**Goldstein, Lina**

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**Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw**

Name	Lina Goldstein
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	I don't think there need to be designated areas at Ngawi or Tora. Or keep them as they currently are, it works fine as it is.
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	That's fine
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	I don't like the restrictions, shouldn't need to be a self contained vehicle, there is a toilet available so that's an unnecessary restriction.
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	I don't think many people would want to camp there anyway? The council needs to create some better camping spots, lakeside, beachside etc... with LESS restrictions so all our whanāu can enjoy our beautiful
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	I think it excludes people, it only suits the rich and doesn't make our oceans and lakes, rivers etc accessible to all people of Aotearoa. The council should be paying for amenities at camping spots so everyone to enjoy. Self contained vehicles suit people with money, not families with children. It excludes children and families, because who can afford a 6 berth vehicle to take their whanau camping? Rich people only!
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	Yes, the council needs to provide more freedom camping amenities so children and families can afford to go camping and enjoy the outdoors without needing expensive self contained vehicles. It seems like a cost saving measure by the council, whereas the council should be developing inclusive outdoor free camping areas for whanāu to enjoy. Not exclusive camping for the rich
Supporting documents or files	

Submission #2

## Bunney, Evan

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### Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw

Name	Evan Bunney
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	Keep the areas that are available now.
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	I think max of 3 nights and csc is fine
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	Only Self contained vehicles unless there are toilets available.
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	That is fine
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	Should be the same all over NZ
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	
Supporting documents or files	

**Tim**

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**Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw**

Name	Tim
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	Palliser area and other coastal areas should remain free to camp. Everyone in this country is entitled to enjoy these areas. You cant prohibit them from being there or cash in on them simply being there either. Dont change anything its fine the way it is
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	
Supporting documents or files	



Submission #4

**Farmer, Sam**

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**Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw**

Name	Sam farmer
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	I would be a shame to change the current situation as me and my family love camping at these spots we take care of the environment and would be gutted if it changes
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	Rubbish we use this coastline all the time to surf and it's a great for family's who haven't got heaps of money to spend on camping fees
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	I think there is toilets at these spots so should need to be self contained
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	
Supporting documents or files	

## Magnus

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### Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw

Name	Magnus
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	No
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	I don't think the coastal areas should be prohibited. I think the council creating so many restrictions it will a) difficult to manage b) you will lose tourism to wairarapa. c) so many specific rules so campers wouldn't know. d) setting up signage every where will visually impact the wild coast line. e) camper will camp anyway. I have never seen any issues with freedom camping on the coast. I think it will be too many detailed rules and people will ignore and use common sense anyway, the health and safety is just council micromanagement of citizens.
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	Well I think it shouldn't need a self-contained if there are public toilets available 24/7. ITS GOOD FOR THE TOWNS TO HAVE TOURISM! even if they just stay for 1 hour or overnight for free.
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	Don't agree with all restrictions, use common sense, if people don't then the restriction doesn't matter and scaring with a fine and cost of management doesn't work on people with no common sense anyway.
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	Will restrict tourism that doesn't have a self-contained Van. I don't see the issue with allowing none self-contained to sleep where there is a toilet. Again common sense.
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	To many unnecessary restrictions just costing the council money and actually not changing anything. Has there been a detailed assessment made by the council about damage to historical site, major littering from campers, health and safety of campers that is up to the individual, how many campers have been swept away due to camping or in erosion etc.. even with all the proposed restriction it will always happen anyway because the majority will comply but it's always the minority that ruin it for the majority.
Supporting documents or files	

Submission #6

**de Schot, Samuel**

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**Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw**

Name	Samuel de Schot
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	Strongly disagree. This is taking away holiday options for everyday kiwis, especially surfers and divers. Increase designated areas instead of placing more restrictions
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	This sounds like a great way of losing business in the south Wairarapa. Campers and freedom campers spend money and thus support local business. Increase designated areas since swdc charges some of the highest rates in the country
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	52 nights in a 12 month period is better
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	Who comes up with 3 nights in 4 weeks? Have any studies been done to see how much these self contained vehicles spend on average whilst in south Wairarapa per day? Sounds like a good way to put off campers coming to south Wairarapa
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	Increase available facilities
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	Swdc should be encouraging responsible freedom camping not restricting it.
Supporting documents or files	

Submission #7

**Chris**

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**Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw**

Name	Chris
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	Silly
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	Silly too restrictive
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	Very restrictive
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	Restrictive
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	Restrictive
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	Wasting time and ratepayers money
Supporting documents or files	

## Macdonald, Hayden

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### Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw

Name	Hayden Macdonald
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	Cape palliser before kupe sail and tora coasts should not be restricted or banned freedom camping. Past kupe sail should be banned due to idiots lighting fires etc. Maybe just target people who are there for 48hrs or more?
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	Sounds good to me
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	Fell museum yes. The coast should not be banned or limited.
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	Good
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	Ok
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	Leave the coast alone. The coast should be accesiable to anyone and there family to camp for a day or two. Maybe target people who are staying longer than 48hrs or something?
Supporting documents or files	

Submission #9

**Eilers, D**

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**Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw**

Name	D. Eilers
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	Agree
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	Agree
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	Yes, except where non-self contained vehicles; or tents are permitted are there going to be appropriate and serviced toilet and shower facilities in place?
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	Agree
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	Agree
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	
Supporting documents or files	

Submission #10

**Rachel**

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**Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw**

Name	Rachel
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	I agree
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	I agree
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	I agree
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	Sounds fair
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	Agree
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	No
Supporting documents or files	

Submission #11

## Brailey, Sarah K

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### Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw

Name	Sarah K Brailey
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	No
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	Agree
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	I think this needs to be clearer... can they camp 3 nights in each SWDC town.
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	Ok
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	Ok
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	Ok
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	N/A
Supporting documents or files	



## Stuart

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### Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw

Name	Stuart
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	No restrictions around know surf breaks.
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	In favour
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	This could only be policed over consecutive days. No way of policing it over a 12 month period.
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	Unfamiliar
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	In support
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	Due to the isolation and weather, the exposed south Wairarapa coast is almost self regulating. Nobody can stay for long periods but on a good weekend, everyone can turn up at once. There should be more focus on single weekends or weeks rather than a 12 month period.
Supporting documents or files	

Submission #13

## W, Jerome

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### Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw

Name	Jerome W
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	No
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	Looks good
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	Agree with these
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	Pleased to see the council doing something about these areas
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	Looks good
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	makes sense to refer to other relevant material
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	
Supporting documents or files	

**Coy, Robert**

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**Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw**

Name	Robert Coy
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	Yes
Do you currently freedom camp?	No
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	Commercial paua diving boat launching at South Tora reserve should be prohibited. They take over the reserve and have destroyed vegetation and roading with heavy machinery and bulldozers. Commercial enterprise should not be allowed in reserves.
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	
Supporting documents or files	

**Rick**

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**Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw**

Name	Rick
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	Let people camp however they like,, , but respect the land and sea
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	They have camp grounds in every town!!!!!!
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	Let people enjoy life!!
Supporting documents or files	

**Karauria, James**

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**Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw**

Name	James Karauria
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	I personally think it is wrong, taking away some rights of freedom camping & putting a time limit on it. You are taking the actual experience of camping away from people. Not very good idea from you people.
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	Ridiculous
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	Ridiculous
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	I don't camp there but for those that do, it sounds ridiculous.
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	This is a joke.
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	Not supporting these crazy by-laws at all. Totally disagree.
Supporting documents or files	

Submission #17

**White, Nathan**

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**Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw**

Name	Nathan White
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	In towns, in suburban areas there is a safety aspect for the freedom campers that is there, . Solo freedom camping by young women especially is a big thing, so they camping those urban well.lit areas for safety.. I think that should be taken into control
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	The coast should be allowed to freedom camp on. Penalties for making a mess and leaving rubbish. Perhaps a community warden that can act on behalf of council amd enforce clean up around the freedom camping areas by the campera
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	B s. If staying for.a night only "self contained " should not be necessary.
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	
Supporting documents or files	

## Hayden

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### Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw

Name	Hayden
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	F off
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	Get f
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	Absolute garbage
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	Not keen f the self contained b i was born here and ill camp and fish with my family were the f i want
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	Alot of people going to be pisses off about this we go to the beach for space and to relax and realign ourselves from the streses of life not to camp 2 metres away from people at certain spots absolute b if anyone tries telling me and my family to move ill be refusing and abusing f ur laws
Supporting documents or files	

## Hargreaves, Kane

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### Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw

Name	Kane Hargreaves
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	Main streets and city centres should really be allowed random freedom camping unless for a specific reason. It's unfair on us that are into surfing or fishing or just camping in remote area to be not allowed to, especially when we are responsible. Late night fishing or early morning surfing.
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	Dont need to fill street with freedom campers, I agree. But there is the odd occasion that it should be allowed. Being in the motorhome association we have a fully self contained and certified caravan. We often. Travel the country and call in on friends and family within city centres. Mostly we can park on their property as our caravan is large so we use it outside their house for sleeping. And use house toilet and showers. We normally stay one maybe two nights and we make sure neighbours are all aware and ok with our caravan on the street. We make sure it's not in the way at all. So this should be allowed
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	Yes that is good. Allowed everyone to have a chance and staying at these special places and not let some people think they own it
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	Okay
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	I dont think being self contained is the issue. It's more that there isn't enough public toilets around to accommodate day travellers. So we are getting penalised for staying overnight somewhere either in our self contained caravan or ute with roof top tent.
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	More long drops or simple toilet system need to be placed all around the county. I travel all over the country and it very evident that toilets are very few and far between when you have a toilet training 3 year in the back wanting to go when he needs to go. There is many of times we've pulled over in the country for him to wee and or poo. Some clever person needs to make a app that we can buy into yearly that shows item and



	places of interest and also toilets. The money made then can be put into placing DOC type toilet all over the show. Brand it and advertise it and more people will be into it. Composting toilets
Supporting documents or files	

Submission #20

**Davis, Willie**

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**Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw**

Name	Willie Davis
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	Completely unfair We have been camping along this coast for years with no issue It is never packed and we leave it better than we found it
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	It makes complete sense
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	Don't hem us in to one area, by doing this you make an informal campground
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	Makes sense
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	Makes sense
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	.
Supporting documents or files	

Submission #21

**Venter, Chris**

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**Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw**

Name	Chris Venter
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	Agree
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	Agree
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	Agree
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	No problem with the proposal.
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	All good
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	Not at this point
Supporting documents or files	

Submission #22

## Davey, Ngahuia

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### Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw

Name	Ngahuia Davey
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	Reasonable but more flexible in off season
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	If there are toilets I don't think you should need to be self contained
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	If no toilet available at muesum then all good to be self contained
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	All good
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	All good
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	No
Supporting documents or files	

**Petcy, Jason**

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**Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw**

Name	Jason Petcy
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	It's disgusting! And breaches basic human rights in a supposedly free country! There's 52 weeks in a year and if someone has a favourite spot they want to stay every weekend and on holidays they are free to do just that! Who the hell thinks they have some god given right to tell people otherwise? We are all free beings of this land and are meant to be free to roam it and close our eyes under the night sky happily and safely wherever we please. Only at the hands of the greedy does earth require a fee.
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	Disgusting
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	Disgusting and breaches human rights
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	Disgusting
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	Disgusting
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	We live in a country now where unless you can raise the funds to acquire a million plus dollar property then you don't get to stay and enjoy most beaches and other beautiful places with you family or children, it's capitalist greed gone mad. And greedy governments and councils help enforce it. The country and planet exist for everyone to enjoy, not just the rich! Only at the hands of greedy does earth require a fee.
Supporting documents or files	

**Blithe, Allan**

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**Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw**

Name	Allan Blithe
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	Disagree with the cape palmistry prohibition area it is far to big, my family have camped around that coast for 3 generations. There is ample places in that area to safely freedom camp causing no damage or other issues to the coast line etc.
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	To restrictive, we go over the hill to these areas often, should be more like 8 nights max in a 4 week period
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	They're ok
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	That's ok
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	Fine with this
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	No
Supporting documents or files	

**Eagle, T**

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**Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw**

Name	T.Eagle
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	I agree with the urban restrictions but I disagree with the restrictions at cape palliser
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	I agree as they are high density areas
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	These restrictions seem fair enough
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	This sounds fair enough
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	This is fair enough.but I feel there needs to be areas permitted for people and travelers to sleep in vehicles for limited times and with access to public toilets
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	I think the restrictions at our coasts should be more flexible.not everyone wants to be squashed into small areas.and alot of people want a bit of space around them.also people need to bring there dogs with them so being squashed into confined areas is only going to create problems.i feel that as long as people have self contain vehicles and respect the environment which most do.i can't see why anything needs to change from what kiwis have grown up with.
Supporting documents or files	

**Scadden, Jane**

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**Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw**

Name	Jane Scadden
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	I think you have them about right. Please keep the all the coastal or lake ones currently and include Ocean beach. DOC has Corner Creek site with toilet and shelter but s/c vans can freedom camp across the road on the shore line or in the trees?
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	Not one to camp in the middle of a township but have found ourselves occasionally wishing there was one when travelling late at night. Anywhere semi lit, safe and restricted to 1 night only would be good for s/c vehicles. A parking area (by a hall, or park) that could be accessed after 8pm and out again by 7am?
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	Works for me!
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	Perfect. Now we just need one in Greytown
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	I think it isnt fair. A porta loo does the same job. So to speak :) Why does it have to be plumbed in? You are restricting a lot of campers, especially young ones.
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	Freedom camping is about inclusivity and freedom, the ability to travel relatively cheaply and see our nation. Dont let the actions of a few ruin it for everyone else. Keep the balance
Supporting documents or files	



Submission #27

## Rotman, Louis

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### Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw

Name	Louis Rotman
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	I think the more areas of the coast should be open to freedom camping and the council should provide bins and toilets at more locations.
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	Fair enough
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	Fair enough for long periods in these areas but more locations should be opened up for shorter stays
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	Cool
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	Good
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	No
Supporting documents or files	

Submission #28

**Moore, Owen**

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**Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw**

Name	Owen Moore
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	They are fine as long as there are sufficient other areas in the region
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	That is fair enough
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	all ok
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	as long as there is enough parks for at least 10 vehicles
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	Makes sense
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	
Supporting documents or files	

Submission #29

## Garth

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### Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw

Name	Garth
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	[Blank submission received]
Supporting documents or files	

Submission #30

## Fawdray, Trevor

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### Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw

Name	Trevor Fawdray
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	It is understandable to prohibit camping in main centres.
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	Maximum 5 days would be more suitable for us to visit family/funerals, etc
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	Very reasonable.
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	Ok
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	Even though we are fully CSC compliant, I think when vehicles with portable toilets that can be used with bed made up, they should be included on the CSC standard.
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	In our experience day trippers and night time revellers cause more damage and rubbish than freedom campers.
Supporting documents or files	

**Cain, Pippa**

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**Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw**

Name	Pippa Cain
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	I would prefer that the coastal areas remain available for freedom camping
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	Fair enough, but I disagree with the whole Certified Self Contained definition - I am a responsible camper and have a portapotti
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	I think that to alleviate the problem with freedom camping/certified self contained there should be long-drop toilets at each reserve. You do not need to be camping to need public conveniences and freedom campers generally are the ones blamed
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	Doesn't affect me
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	I disagree entirely with the standard. I am a responsible camper with a portapotti - there are many irresponsible campers who have fixed toilets but don't like to use them as then they have to empty them (ridiculous as it sounds). People who defaecate in public also aren't necessarily camping, they are just caught short and the problem could be solved by more long-drop toilets.
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	I am hoping that responsibly self-contained will be an adequate certification as I am aware of my environment and care very much not to spoil it. I take home more rubbish than I create and I do not see a need to be limited on how many days I camp.
Supporting documents or files	

## McCartney, Keith and Cathy

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### Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw

Name	Keith and Cathy McCartney
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	They are good and represent little change apart from the restrictions of overnight stays which is good
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	Excellent
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	Fine
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	Fine
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	It is ok, hopefully doesn't restrict whanau from gathering together on the coast.
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	It is a measured and sound proposal that supports the many and diverse users of the areas whilst respecting and supporting local community interests.
Supporting documents or files	

**McBride, Aidan**

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**Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw**

Name	Aidan McBride
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	Cape Palliser coast restrictions are excessive. There should be more places for self contained vehicles. Only places that are suffering for significant erosion should be banned for self contained vehicles.
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	Town restrictions are reasonable
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	Time restrictions are reasonable
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	N/A
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	Self contained vehicles should be a requirement where there is not a toilet within 200m
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	Restricting self contained vehicles along coast lines that are there to be enjoyed and looked after is a very bad idea. People have spent large amounts of money to be able to explore and enjoy NZ with out impacting the environment. Jamming everyone in one place takes away from the freedom everyone has a right to. The only places that self containment matters on your proposed maps are the back streets of Featherston, Graytown and Martinborough. Not much point in being self contained in South wairarapa unless you plan on a 3 day holiday in a residential street.
Supporting documents or files	

## Holiday Accommodation Parks Association of New Zealand Inc (Brown, Fergus)

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### Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw

Name	Fergus Brown
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	Holiday Accommodation Parks Association of New Zealand Inc (Holiday Parks New Zealand)
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	No
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	We support prohibiting all freedom camping in the detailed areas.
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	We support the submission of Martinborough TOP 10 Holiday Park that freedom camping is not permitted within 500m of a Public Dump Station. (Schedule 1). That Vintners lane be included within the urban zone (Map 11) We agree with Council's assessment that freedom camping for an extended period of time can limit access to residential areas and have a negative impact on the health and safety of residents and visitors alike. As such we recommend that Council revises the Martinborough township area (Map 11), restricted area, to include the entire 50kph town zone. This not only better reflects the residential nature of an area but is also a clear and easily understood guideline to Freedom Campers.
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	We are concerned with the number of areas that permit vehicles that are not self contained. This will increase the cost to ratepayers in maintaining facilities for free campers.
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	We support this as long as the number of free camping sites are limited.
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	Yes this should be included along with reference to the new legislation. The penalties of not complying with the legislation should be included.
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	We support option 5
Supporting documents or files	



**Richard**

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**Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw**

Name	Richard
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	Hi, as an individual who enjoys surfing/freedom camping and also has close relationships with one of coastal landowners, i have two pieces of feedback. Firstly, nice work plotting the line of where people are responsibly freedom camping at the moment and the need for more rules around when and where freedom camping is appropriate. The one thing that I think both groups would agree on is the need for more resource towards the public toilets and rubbish bins at these freedom camping locations out on the coast. They always full, dirty or mis-managed. Which isnt a bad thing as it means kiwi's are visiting and enjoying the region. But, more attention needs to paid to when the rubbish bins fill up (the weekends) and when would be most appropriate to empty them, (right before the weekends) say friday. Whilst people will take the view that individuals who come into the region from elsewhere are not the councils top priority. Consider the commercial impact their regular visits are having to the region? The Wairarapa has a unique domestic tourism segment, and the small shops and pubs would be significantly benefited from an improvement in the infrastructure and council managed facilities. Thanks, Richard
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	Good
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	Hi, as an individual who enjoys surfing/freedom camping and also has close relationships with one of coastal landowners, i have two pieces of feedback. Firstly, nice work plotting the line of where people are responsibly freedom camping at the moment and the need for more rules around when and where freedom camping is appropriate. The one thing that I think both groups would agree on is the need for more resource towards the public toilets and rubbish bins at these freedom camping locations out on the coast. They always full, dirty or mis-managed.

	<p>Which isnt a bad thing as it means kiwi's are visiting and enjoying the region. But, more attention needs to be paid to when the rubbish bins fill up (the weekends) and when would be most appropriate to empty them, (right before the weekends) say Friday. Whilst people will take the view that individuals who come into the region from elsewhere are not the council's top priority. Consider the commercial impact their regular visits are having to the region? The Wairarapa has a unique domestic tourism segment, and the small shops and pubs would be significantly benefited from an improvement in the infrastructure and council managed facilities. Thanks, Richard</p>
<p>What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?</p>	
<p>What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?</p>	
<p>Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?</p>	
<p>Supporting documents or files</p>	

## Sohl

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### Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw

Name	Sohl
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	Think it's against our freedom, just let everybody camp responsible wherever we want.
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	That's ok, four nights would be better.
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	It's ok but again don't make all these rules so complicated.
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	Ok
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	Again too many rules, councils make it so hard to understand their own rules.
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	Try to be a council that's welcoming to all campers. Don't use the term 'freedom camping' if there are so many rules attached to it. Doesn't feel like 'freedom camping'!
Supporting documents or files	

Submission #37

## Macnamara, Steve

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### Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw

Name	Steve Macnamara
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	Our family gathers seafood as part of our family tradition, we set cray pots and need to leave them overnight then collect them the next day so need to stay overnight
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	Ok
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	Seems reasonable
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	Ok
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	Ok
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	No, other than please dont restrict camp and dive areas and would like to see a detailed map where camping is permitted
Supporting documents or files	

**The New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Incorporated (Imlach, James)**

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**Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw**

Name	James Imlach
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	The New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Incorporated
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	The NZMCA has no major concerns with the prohibited areas within the main townships and coastal roads. We agree the extent of prohibition does not need to cover the broader township areas, particularly when urban freedom camping is a legitimate option under the FCA and one that many of our members enjoy. We agree with the Council's interpretation of s 44(1) of the Reserves Act 1977; however we also note that freedom camping can be permitted on reserves either by a provision in a RMP or by resolution exercised under the Council's delegated authority. The latter option should not be discounted for future use, particularly in the absence of a RMP that explicitly prohibit camping on a reserve.
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	The restrictions appear reasonable.
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	The restrictions seem reasonable.
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	We support this proposal.
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	We agree with the intent of this proposal.
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	Thank you for proposing a bylaw that endeavours to strike a fair balance between permitted/restricted and prohibited areas. We support the Council's interpretation of 'the Area' to mean 'Local Authority Area', the scope of the site assessment matrix, and the matters considered relevant when undertaking site assessments in accordance with s 11(2) of the Freedom Camping Act. It is important to note many campers travelling in vehicles with portable toilets certified under NZS 5465 but unable to comply with the new self-containment regulations

	<p>are still responsible campers. The Council acknowledges camping is an important pastime for local residents and visitors; and appears willing to do its best to uphold the permissive intent of the Freedom Camping Act 2011. We hope Council keeps this in mind when determining outcomes that affect the ability for non-self-contained campers to enjoy exploring the South Wairarapa.</p>
Supporting documents or files	

**Wootton, Roger**

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**Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw**

Name	Roger Wootton
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	Yes
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	Narrow
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	Limited narrow Commercial thinking
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	Limits are OK and limit NON legitimate Campers
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	OK... Freedom Campers DETER Hoons. DETER Vandalism. DETER CRIME....
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	Have You calculated the Value \$\$\$\$s received from Campers?? Do you want More or Less Income from Campers...
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	The Proposed move from Porta Pottis to Fixed cassette type toilets is a Farce.. Both have Cassettes. Both have to be removed to be emptied... NO GAIN...Just Financial Pain.. No Clear Proof provided by Government that PPs are a problem..
Supporting documents or files	

Submission #40

**Rait, Howard**

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**Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw**

Name	Howard Rait
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	No
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	I like to entire proposal, however I note the maps provided (Ngawi and Cape Palliser Coast road areas) which are the areas I associate with, seem to incorporate some privately owned properties/areas.
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	I like the proposal
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	I kill the proposals
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	I like the proposal
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	I like the proposal -it gives/provides consistency across the country
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	No
Supporting documents or files	



Submission #41

**Beattie, Tom**

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**Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw**

Name	Tom Beattie
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	Yes
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	I think every costal beach should have toilet facilities and let people camp where they want as long as they tidy
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	Agree
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	Only for campervans tents should be aloud
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	Agree
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	Disagree
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	No
Supporting documents or files	

**Joe**

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**Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw**

Name	Joe
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	The coastal prohibitions are excessive
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	Too heavy handed and excessive - I do not camp in these sorts of places but the ability to do so in a non self-contained vehicle even just for a night should be there.
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	They are not inclusive enough of the many smaller suitable campsites that exist around Tora and Ngawi
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	Does not affect me
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	Being "Self contained" is not reflective of how the campers conduct themselves or dispose of waste and shouldn't be as much as a ruling guide as it seems to be.
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	This seems like a law for the sake of a law and I suspect that good meaning and land respecting people may find themselves on the wrong side of it. There is a long and rich history of freedom camping along the wairarapa coast which contributes to the local economy. Give the bureaucracy a break, maybe think more about the road to Ngawi.
Supporting documents or files	

Submission #43

## Mckinley, Barney Martin

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### Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw

Name	Barney Martin Mckinley
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	its a load of c███,who gives the council the right to tell us the Tangatawhenua what we can and can't do on our whenua.I have been to the high court fighting my own cousins on whenua and I don't want to take this council to high court as well so back off and don't tell my people what they can and can't do on our whenua
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	thats ok inside of the township
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	3-5 nights is good
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	ok
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	ok
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	just as long as its ok by our whanau
Supporting documents or files	

**Dean, Austen**

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**Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw**

Name	Austen Dean
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	Yes
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	The prohibited areas seem reasonable to narrow down the locations where freedom campers can stay.
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	Acceptable
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	Concern only lies with the necessity to be self-contained when there is toilet facilities available.
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	The incorporation is an unreasonable approach to camping in the Wairarapa. The self-containment requirement is an unfair rule to apply to areas that a public toilet is available. The new rules restrict camping to only those who can afford an expensive vehicle with a fixed toilet. These vehicles only carry toilets, and don't intend to use them as why would you use it? You can leave it clean and use a public toilet? Do not require self containment for restricted areas with toilets.
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	Do not require self-contained vehicles where there is a public toilet available, especially in area outside of townships. Its an unfair and unreasonable rule to apply and makes freedom camping only for wealthier individuals who can afford expensive motorhomes. Toilets in vehicles are only "token" toilets to meet poorly thought out regulations. Why would you use a toilet in your vehicle when something else is available? You stink out where you sleep and then need to clean out the toilet at a later time. The Wairarapa has an extensive coastline that is very isolated so maintaining places to stay is very important. Forcing non-self contained vehicles to travel back and forth each day is unfair, dangerous(driving when tired), and increases carbon emissions. Encourage responsible camping through education and providing appropriate facilities to do so - even charge a small fee if necessary. The Wairarapa coastline should be available for all

	responsible users not just the wealthy - self-containment does not equal responsible.
Supporting documents or files	

Submission #45

**Anstis, Scott**

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**Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw**

Name	Scott Anstis
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	No
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	All townships and settlements should be prohibited if they are in front of houses
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	Waterfront freedom camping should be prohibited. Ngawi has a great camping ground (Waimeha) and council should be supporting this business. Currently we have not got enough toilet facilities and rubbish for the amount of freedom campers that turn up. The sand dunes are used as bathroom facilities and the parking area in front of Ngawi village is now ruined for day trippers and rate payers. Why should freedom campers get prime realestate?? They are ruining it for rate payers and locals. I have attached a photo from near the end of a 3 day weekend - and its much worse over summer
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	
Supporting documents or files	IMG_9984.jpeg



## Hight, Louise

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### Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw

Name	Louise Hight
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	No
Do you currently freedom camp?	No
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	Should include all settlements, including Tora and Ngawi
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	Why not camp in camp grounds
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	I think 28 consecutive nights is excessive. There are limited toilet and rubbish facilities available. 3 nights every four week period would be more suitable, but freedom camping in prime realestate I don't believe is a good idea. Also having freedom camping in front on Waimeha Camping Ground is council not supporting a local business. This business could open up for freedom camping and then the water front would not be unsightly with freedom campers; day trippers would be able to enjoy the picnic tables and the small reserve in front of the Ngawi settlement; rubbish and toilet facilities would be the problem of the business owner where the campers were staying. Last year there was rubbish, toilet paper and faeces all through the sand dunes, it was disgusting, this is not looking after our eco system. Last year I counted over 150 freedom camping vehicles at one time camping along the Ngawi waterfront. Rubbish was everywhere and the locals who have purchased waterfront property at Ngawi are now looking through and walking past freedom campers who contribute nothing to Ngawi (except rubbish), this is not fair on the rate payers. There are other areas that visitors who contribute nothing (except maybe buy a hotdog) to Ngawi can freedom camp. The Pinnacles have a great camping area - find somewhere else that is not water frontage in front of rate payers and this would also give the day trippers the nice area back again
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	



What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	yes
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	Maybe a vote by ratepayers if they think freedom camping is a good idea - or if they think that campers should be paying their way by staying in camp grounds, this is how we (and council) could support local business.
Supporting documents or files	

**Tora Station Ltd (Boyne, Alistair and Jenny)**

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**Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw**

Name	Alistair and Jenny Boyne
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	Tora Station Ltd
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	Yes
Do you currently freedom camp?	No
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	In regard to the South Tora reserve, we would like you to re survey the permitted camping area on the seaward side on the Tora farm Settlement road where the camping area south of the fence line out to sea is now in the ocean . We would also like you to acknowledge that the formed road due to erosion is now insu on our land. Please see attached photo We are also happy that caravans, campers park on the South Tora reserve.
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	good idea
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	Realistically unless you are handing out a concession card how do you propose to police this?
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	no comment
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	no comment
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	Would you consider reducing the camping area in the South Tora reserve to finish at the fence with the white posts as this delineates our boundary
Supporting documents or files	IMG_8720.jpeg



Submission #48

## Aburn, Alistair and Popova, Deyana

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### Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw

Name	Alistair Aburn and Deyana Popova
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	Yes
Do you currently freedom camp?	
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	[See attached submission]
Supporting documents or files	



# Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw

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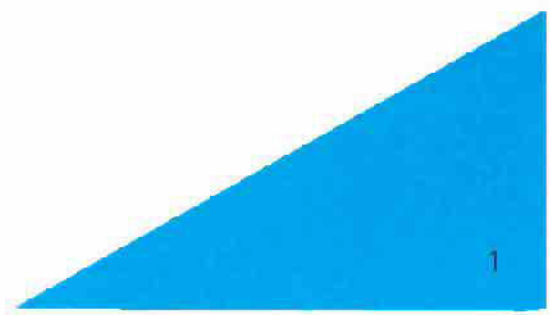
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## Freedom Camping Areas

The Bylaw proposes to prohibit and restrict freedom camping in certain areas throughout the district. All of these sites have been assessed using the criteria in the Freedom Camping Act 2011. A summary of the assessments can be viewed on our website at link here. The proposals below highlight where people cannot freedom camp ('prohibited' in the Bylaw) and may freedom camp with restrictions ('restricted' in the Bylaw).

Please note in addition to these locations, freedom camping is prohibited on all parks and reserves under the Reserves Management Act - unless otherwise identified in this proposed bylaw or the Reserve Management Plans. So even though many of the district's parks and reserves are not listed below, freedom camping is still not permitted at those reserves. We are also proposing a change to the Reserve Management Plan (RMP) for one of these areas, to make sure our approach to freedom camping is consistent across Council documentation. See the full document on our website.

### Question 1: Prohibitions

The proposed Bylaw prohibits all freedom camping in the following areas. Maps for these areas can be viewed on our website.

- Martinborough Square Reserve, Martinborough
- Clifford Square Reserve, Featherston
- Ōtauirā Reserve, Featherston
- Hastwell Street Carpark, Greytown
- Fitzherbert Street, Featherston
- Main Street, Greytown
- Cape Palliser Coast (with the exception of designated areas - see below specific area restrictions)
- Tora-Te Awaiti Coast (with the exception of designated areas - see below specific area restrictions)

#### What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?

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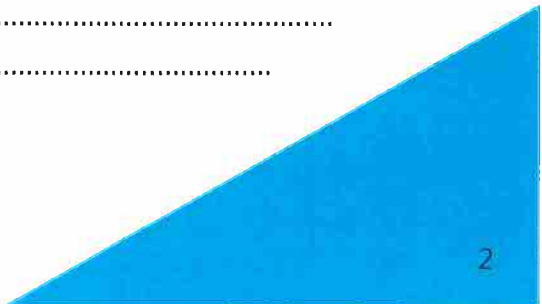
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*Agree that Martinborough Square Reserve should be a prohibited area.*



## Question 2: Township Restrictions

The proposed Bylaw places the following restrictions on freedom camping in the urban areas of the three townships of Featherston, Greytown and Martinborough. Maps for these areas can be viewed on our website.

- A certified self-contained vehicle must be used
- 3 nights maximum within a four-week period

### What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?

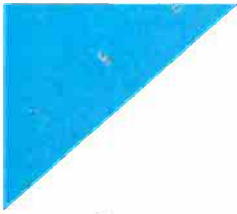
*The Martinborough Township (chap 11) should be extended to include the full length of Vintners Lane (minimum required change) - refer attached submission*

## Question 3: Specific area restrictions

The proposed Bylaw includes some restrictions for camping areas located on specific reserves or parts of reserves. These restrictions seek to reflect where possible the way these areas are currently used and managed.

The proposed bylaw enables Freedom Camping with restrictions in the following areas. Maps for these areas can be viewed on our website.

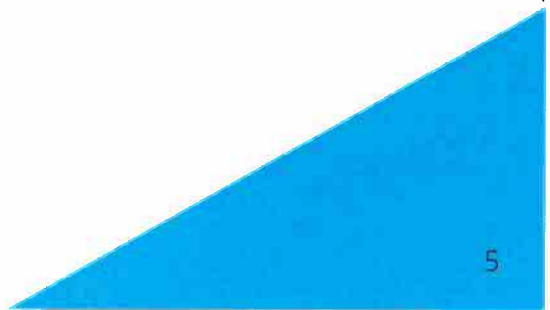
Location	Restriction
Te Awaiti Reserve	28 nights maximum within a 12-month period. Vehicles which are not self-contained permitted.
North Tora Reserve	28 nights maximum within a 12-month period. Vehicles which are not self-contained permitted.
South Tora Reserve	28 nights maximum within a 12-month period. Freedom camping restricted to tenting or other structures for freedom camping (no vehicle camping).
White Rock Reserve	28 nights maximum within a 12-month period. Vehicles which are not self-contained permitted.
Ngawi Reserve	28 nights maximum within a 12-month period. Vehicles which are not self-contained permitted.
Ngawi Surf Breaks	28 nights maximum within a 12-month period. Vehicles which are not self-contained permitted.
Lake Domain Reserve	28 nights maximum within a 12-month period. Vehicles which are not self-contained permitted.
Fell museum Carpark (Clifford Square Reserve)	3 nights maximum within a four-week period. Certified self-contained vehicles must be used to freedom camp.



## Further Feedback

Council is interested to hear any other feedback about the proposal. Please tell us below.

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TO: SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

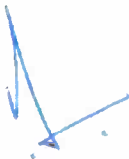
RE: PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW

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**SUBMISSION BY ALISTAIR ABURN AND DEYANA POPOVA**

1. We are the owners of 22 Vintners Lane, Martinborough a rural/residential property and neighbour to the Martinborough TOP 10 Holiday Park.
2. We appreciate the opportunity to provide Council with feedback on the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw.
3. We fully acknowledge the rights of freedom campers to find appropriate locations for short stays when visiting Martinborough.
4. In our opinion Vintners Lane is not an appropriate location for unrestricted freedom camping, as we understand would be the case if the Bylaw in its current form was approved, with approximately two-thirds of Vintners Lane being excluded from the Martinborough Township (Map 11).
5. We consider that the full length of Vintners Lane should, at a minimum, be part of the Martinborough Township such that freedom camping (township) restrictions would apply.
6. However, given the location of the community dump station at its eastern end and the 'no-exit' nature of Vintner's Lane, we consider a prohibition of freedom camping in Vintners Lane would be appropriate, and that is what we request.

Signed by Alistair Aburn



on behalf of:

Alistair Aburn and Deyana Popova  
22 Vintners Lane  
Martinborough

Submission #49

## **TOP 10 Holiday Park Martinborough (Cornelissen, Frank and Lisa)**

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### **Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw**

Name	Frank and Lisa Cornelissen
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	TOP 10 Holiday Park, Martinborough Camping Limited
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	Yes
Do you currently freedom camp?	
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	[See attached submission]
Supporting documents or files	

We own Martinborough Camping Limited, and operate Martinborough TOP 10 Holiday Park on land leased from Council on Considine Park. We have had issues with freedom campers on Vintners Lane in the past, but otherwise our experience is positive, with many tourists enjoying access to the coastal and lake areas, alongside a visit to Martinborough.

It is also important that locals (ratepayers) retain access to coastal camping, and affordable holidays.

The majority of freedom camping issues we experience are generally related to overnight camping on Vintners Lane, including on the Dump Station. Generally speaking people who choose to freedom camp outside holiday parks do so with the intention of accessing holiday park facilities without paying for them. This directly affects the health and safety of our employees and our guests, it makes them feel less safe, and has in the past led to direct confrontations between “shower stealers” and those who are rightfully on our leased area.

Even when complying with the new self containment standard, most motor home bathroom facilities are cramped and uninviting, and still require the occupants to dump their toilet waste – a task that many find unpleasant. Our experience with international campers, suggest that often the bathroom space can become storage or for emergency use only.

In addition, Self Containment doesn't guarantee a power supply or rubbish disposal. As the bylaw is currently written Council is inviting people to camp for an unlimited amount of time within metres of our facilities – an attractive proposition for those who don't mind climbing a fence after dark to charge their phones, dump their rubbish and use our showers and toilets.

By not including most of Vintners lane within the urban zone (Map 11) Council is effectively permitting freedom camping for any length of time in a self-contained vehicle. This has the potential to negatively affect the health and safety of our team and our guests at Martinborough TOP 10 Holiday Park.

The current plan also permits Freedom Camping in a Self-Contained vehicle for up to 3 nights on the Dump Station on Vintners Lane. This will compromise access to a public facility that is well used by locals and tourist alike. The space is level, off the road side, has fresh drinking water and vineyard views, making it an attractive option for a free three night stay.

To effectively mitigate the health and safety and access issues, we request that the full length of Vintners Lane is included as a prohibited area (Schedule 1) to preserve access to the Dump Station, and for the health and safety of the residents and guests of Martinborough TOP 10 Holiday Park.

And/Or

That freedom camping is not permitted within 500m of a Public Dump Station. (Schedule 1).

We agree with Council's assessment that freedom camping for an extended period of time can limit access to residential areas and have a negative impact on the health and safety of residents and visitors alike. As such we recommend that Council revises the Martinborough township area (Map 11), restricted area, to include the entire 50kph town zone. This not only better reflects the residential nature of an area but is also a clear and easily understood guideline to Freedom Campers.

Submission #50

## Porter's Pinot (Porter, John)

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### Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw

Name	John Porter
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	Porter's Pinot
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	Yes
Do you currently freedom camp?	
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	[See attached submission]
Supporting documents or files	



**TO: SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**RE: PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW**

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**SUBMISSION BY PORTER'S PINOT**

1. Porter's Pinot has road frontage to both SH 53 (Kitchner Street) and Vintners Lane, with the frontage to Vintners Lane depicted on Figure 1:



**FIGURE 1:** western end of Vintners Lane

2. Over the years we have experienced considerable deleterious material (general rubbish, bottles and human faeces) being left/deposited by freedom campers in our vineyard, mainly behind the trees on our road boundary at the far end (unformed/grassed portion) of Vintners Lane. This is completely unacceptable
3. With the proposed bylaw not imposing any restrictions on freedom camping on this section of Vintners Lane, and notwithstanding the requirement under the Freedom Camping Act 2011 for freedom campers to have self-contained vehicles, I have grave concerns that this behaviour will continue. This probable/continued eventuality would be completely unacceptable.

4. With the location of the community dump station at the eastern end of Vintners Lane opposite the entrance to the Martinborough Top 10 Holiday Park, Vintners Lane is likely considered to be a 'favoured location' by freedom campers.
5. I am aware of the problems that the operators of the Martinborough Top 10 Holiday Park experience with freedom campers illegally accessing their facilities.
6. I support the submission made by the Martinborough Top 10 Holiday Park including the request that the full length of Vintners Lane is included as a prohibited area under Schedule 1 of the proposed Bylaw.
7. I consider that such a prohibition is fully warranted in relation to the full length of Vintners Lane.
8. I do wish to speak to my submission in the hearing process to be convened by the Council.

Signed

John Porter  
Director  
Porters Pinot

10 November 2023

Submission #51

**Sykes, Daryl Richard**

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**Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw**

Name	Daryl Richard Sykes
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	Yes
Do you currently freedom camp?	
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	[See attached submission]
Supporting documents or files	



**POWER SQUADRON MARINE MANAGEMENT**

Phone: [REDACTED]  
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**SUBMISSION:**

**SWDC - Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaws**

November 13<sup>th</sup> 2023

This submission is made by *Daryl Richard Sykes*. My residential address is #3 Hemi Street Ngawi. I have been a resident at Ngawi since November 1971 and I have been a property owner and ratepayer since 1982/83.

**THE BIG PICTURE ISSUES**

I support freedom camping opportunities at South Wairarapa coastal locations. However I have concerns that the camping opportunities are not yet particularly strategic or properly tuned to the needs of the general public, those of coastal residents and ratepayers, and the protection of the environmental and conservation values along the Cape Palliser coastline. My submission deals in particular with the area commencing at the Hirupi Bridge though to the Cape Palliser Lighthouse.

The strategic issues that concern me are that the freedom camping by-laws seem not to be linked to a more important overarching commitment to maintaining safe and long-term road access from Whangaimoana to Cape Palliser Lighthouse.

It seems to me that vehicle traffic counts will continue to justify the Waka Kotahi and SWDC investments in coastal road repairs and maintenance. For that reason it is very useful to coastal residents and ratepayers, and to the SWDC, to have regular tourist traffic. The challenges are to adequately manage the effects of tourism so that the coastal landscape and natural environment are not despoiled.

So tourist traffic therefore drives a need for the SWDC to provide some basic services to visitors – whether they are day trippers or freedom campers intending a longer stay. The protection of the environment and conservation values of the coast generate that need and in my view Council must (a) maintain toilet facilities commensurate with expected visitor numbers and (b) place signage at carefully selected locations to prompt and guide visitors.

**WHERE THEY PARK NOW**

The extent of freedom camping opportunity is currently restricted not only by available space, but by accessible toilet facilities. The eco-toilets at the Surf Break and in the Ngawi Reserve are well used and

they operate to capacity on busy weekends and during holiday periods. However I do think that there is capacity for extending the designated freedom camping areas in both locations.

The eco-toilet at the Lighthouse carpark is also well used, but because of the longstanding camping prohibitions is of little use to freedom campers. I don't wish to encourage freedom camping in that general area because it will encroach on private land and because the area is more remote than the Ngawi and Surf Break camping areas and therefore not under easy observation or scrutiny as to the behavior of campers.

There are already occasional problems with some day trippers, extending across illegal fishing, toileting, 'hooning' vehicles on the flats by the Fish Rocks, and general littering.

### **OPEN NEW AREAS**

I encourage Council to progressively expand freedom camping availability by opening up new locations at Whatarangi, Turners Bay, and Ngawi. (See attached site maps).

I also support an extension to the boundary of the freedom camping area at the Surf Breaks – but moving it south and east to the edge of the small wetland area. That extension would spread the camp sites but still have campers within reasonable walking distance of the eco-toilets opposite the Waimeha gate.

With regard to new freedom camping sites – the coastal margin at Whatarangi is a very attractive location. There is an area currently being used for gravel storage and machinery parking which would be an ideal camp area for fully self-contained vehicles only. The camp area is located where it will not impede the views of any coastal residents and on a clear section of roadway so that traffic hazards due to turning vehicles would be minimal.

Ideally another eco-toilet should be constructed at Whatarangi – the coastal margin from the village through to the other side of the Washpool Stream is a very popular parking area for day-trippers. It would be naïve to assume that many or even most of them would not be taking a toilet break somewhere down on the beach where they are out of sight from the road. That cannot be discouraged unless toilets are available within reasonable proximity – calls of nature have to be anticipated and provided for.

My second suggested 'new' site for freedom camping is in Turners Bay, which is an increasingly popular location for surfcasting. There is a site further past the Parakahi Bridge and along to the eco-reef embankment that could be groomed to provide a safe overnight parking area – again only for self-contained camper vans.

**Please note that until such time as reasonably adjacent eco-toilet facilities are built I believe that other than for the Surf Break and Ngawi Camp, Council must restrict overnight camping to self-contained vehicles only<sup>1</sup>.**

However, I do make the point again that day-trippers also require toilet facilities if Council and coastal residents are genuine in our respective commitments to the protection and preservation of the coastal environment.

The third suggested new freedom camping site is an area in the vicinity of the Waiwhero Bridge – also regularly used as a gravel dump site. There is room for fully self-contained vehicles (only). The site is well off the road, will not impede sight lines, and with a small amount of site grooming will be very accessible. I do concede that I am currently uncertain of the status of this location as reserve land.

My final suggestion is an expansion of the existing Ngawi Reserve camping area. There is a section of the reserve that requires some minimal earthworks and drainage to tidy it up, but it will serve as a useful camping area. It is within an easy walk to the existing toilet and refuse disposal facilities. The additional campers would again not impede sight lines for village residents and there would be no additional traffic hazards.

## **SIGNAGE AND OVERSIGHT**

I submit that well designed and well-located signage is important in terms of guiding and encouraging visitor behavior. Unfortunately there is an abiding problem with trying to deal with day-trippers and overnight campers – the former are pretty much able to spend a day anywhere they can park a vehicle off the road – which during busy periods is quite literally anywhere along the coast which is not fenced off at the roadside. The intending overnight campers must be clearly guided to the designated camping sites.

To be honest I am not certain of the best approach to doing so – we could litter the coast road with “no camping” signs or we could clearly mark where camping is allowed and the conditions that apply (for example, self-contained vehicles only). I submit that Council should liaise with local community groups to confirm the most appropriate and acceptable design and location of relevant signage.

For the summer months I strongly urge the services of a *Council Ranger* to make routine inspections of the coast and keep both visitors and campers properly informed as to their obligations as visitors. A Ranger role could be incorporated to the Animal Ranger responsibilities, or Council could possibly work with the established coastal community groups and provide a ‘warrant’ to selected local residents. I stress that I am recommending an *inform and assist* role for a coastal ranger, not a policing role – but I do see great advantage if both can be incorporated to the position.

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<sup>1</sup> See page 4 discussion about self-containment standards

## **SPECIFIC AREA RESTRICTIONS**

I do understand why specific area restrictions might be necessary but I think the areas are poorly described in the consultation documents – they are too general. For example in references to the “Cape Palliser Coast”/ “Tora - Te Awaiti Coast”. Freedom camping is not prohibited on those two coasts, it is restricted.

Council need not concern themselves about prohibitions on private land – that is the business of landowners and if they have their boundaries clearly marked/fenced and sign-posted they should not be troubled by campers.

Council may need to notify prohibitions or possible seasonal restrictions on potentially unsafe areas of reserve land – for example riverbeds. Again, liaison with representative community groups is a useful way to identify what is appropriate.

For the Ngawi Reserve and Ngawi Surf Breaks I support the proposed 28 nights maximum within a 12 month period and vehicles which are not self-contained being permitted.

I recommend that the maximum “occupancy” applies to the areas, not to the site occupied by a camper van.

## **INCORPORATION OF NZ SELF CONTAINED STANDARD.**

I do not support the new self-containment standard. I do not agree that the risk to the environment and to public health from the absence of “fixed” toilet facilities is one that can be laid only at the feet of freedom camping. I do not doubt that there is a problem associated with a small minority of people who travel in New Zealand using camper vans without fixed toilets or who make day trips to remote locations and have no provision for safe disposal of human waste. However the new standards possibly affect not only those van owners who create a problem, but all users of such vehicles, whether or not they act responsibly (if indeed they are compliant), as well as other groups with whom no problem at all is associated.

It was interesting to listen to the Green Party arguing during the freedom camping parliamentary debates that territorial local authorities, the Department of Conservation, and the Police already have powers to deal with any real problems that occur with freedom campers, meaning that the provisions of the current Act are not necessary. .

I am strongly apolitical, but I do agree those observations. I believe that there is a very credible argument that a more positive approach of providing more places for camper vans to stay the night that have rubbish disposal facilities and toilets would be a better solution to the potential hygiene and public health problems. And I repeat my contention that day-trippers on the Cape Palliser coast represent as

much or even more of a problem in regard to disposal of human waste, and general litter.

However I do concede that the SWDC and local community groups currently have limited resources to deploy to general tourist support infrastructure. In which case we should at least require camping vehicles to be equipped in line with the existing "Blue" self-containment warrant system.

This of course leaves a gap in standards for those using tents or even sleeping in the open, but a basic requirement of overnight camping in locations distant from toilet facilities should be a portable toilet – and that it be used. This is something that I anticipate would come under the purview of a Ranger.

I also note that the recently revised self-containment standard is contentious across various mobile travelling communities and given that it does not fully come into force until June 2025 I submit that Council should hold off any formal endorsement at this stage. In my view, having read much of the debate around the new standards there is a very real prospect of further regulatory amendments.

### **Oral Presentation**

Please note that I would like to make an oral presentation to this consultation if the SWDC timetable aligns with my work commitments. Otherwise I am content that my written submission be considered and discussed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary R. Sykes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G'.



WHATARANGI



TURNERS BAY







WAIWHERO



NGAWI RESERVE

Submission #52

**Riddiford, Dan**

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**Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw**

Name	Dan Riddiford
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	Yes
Do you currently freedom camp?	
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	[See attached submission]
Supporting documents or files	

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Good Morning Martin and Councillors

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## **1 PERSONAL INTRODUCTION**

I and my wife Diana live and farm at Te Awaiti Station 6552 ha an hours drive on the Coast to the east of Martinborough. GW Soil mapping has calculated that over 80% of the property is greywacke soil type equivalent in nature to the Rimutaka Road summit so that only 1000+ ha can be effectively farmed. (Aerial Farm Plan. GW Soil Mapping and Hicks Report). This makes the Coastal Strip and the area around the Stationhead essential to our economic survival as a working farm.

## **2 TE AWAITI STATION OWNS APROXIMATELY 80% OF THE LAND COMPRISING THE “TE AWAITI CAMPGROUND” ie the bed of the Te Awaiti lagoon and riverbank up to the CT boundary for Tora Station**

Attached (1) is Crown Grant 5017 antevested ie effective from 1863 showing that Daniel Riddiford father of my Great Grandfather Edward Joshua Riddiford owned the Coastal Strip from the Pukemuri Stream in the south to the Rerewhakaitu River in the north. The land has never been transferred from the Riddiford family nor compensation paid by the Crown. This is not an “argument”. It is a fact.

Attached (2) (3) is CT 110/66 1906 showing part of the land of the present Te Awaiti Station then in the name of Edward Joshua Riddiford This was followed in 1906 by the issue of a CT for Tora Station and separately for Tuturumuri Station and separately for Te Awaiti Station, each Station intended for each of the surviving sons of Edward Joshua Riddiford being Vivian Riddiford (Tuturumuri Station), Eric Riddiford (Tora Station) and Daniel Henry Strother Riddiford (Te Awaiti Station) my Grandfather.

I have read the 1906 notes of the Registrar General at the then Land Transfer Office. They fully accept the validity of survey and legal details of Crown Grant 5017 to justify the subsequent issue of CT 110/66

The CT boundary of Tora Station to the north was surveyed 3/4 of the way up the roadbank in a practical place to avoid all observed flood limits so that the fence would not be washed away. Later when a road was surveyed across Tora Station prior to construction of a bridge across the neck of the Te Awaiti Lagoon from 1958 a cattlestop was erected near the “Te Awaiti Settlement” of houses. This cattlestop and the rights of grazing and passage preserved by it is a property right protected under the Prescription Act 1832 (Imperial Laws Application Act 1990).

The gazette notice appearing on later documents is now a legal nullity, because it **2** was never acted on with payment of compensation or a consensual transfer of land. The gazette notice was for roading reasons.

In 1948 my Great Uncle Eric Riddiford sold Tora Station for soldier settlement with a CT boundary on the north “surveyed 3/4 of the way up the roadbank in a practical place to avoid all observed flood limits”. This, subject to the surveyed road, was the only land acquired by the Crown and now administered by the SWDC

The land acquired for the road under statutory powers was only acquired for roading purposes (including the East Coast Road as a “customary road” with its own restrictions in caselaw). The documents do not mention camping, so an issue of further compensation would arise.

Recently Mayor Connelly has informed me that many local Maori as original owners of the land have told him that it was inappropriate to have a campground next to their remaining Te Awaiti Maori block in front of the Te Awaiti Station Homestead. I have heard this Maori view on many occasions.

### **3 RELEVANCE OF THIS SUBMISSION**

I phoned Mayor Connelly and he assured me that my submission should be addressed towards all SWDC Camping policies and bylaws and not limited to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2024,

The broad context is in any event relevant. For example the Freedom of Camping Act 2011 states at Section 3 Line 15 “This Act does not regulate freedom camping on private land” Some 80% of the land in the so called Te Awaiti Campground at the mouth of the Oterei River remains in the Crown Grant title name of my Great Grandfather Edward Joshua Riddiford and so remains part of the private land comprising Te Awaiti Station

I see nothing in the regulatory powers given by the Freedom of Camping Act 2011 that usefully contributes to the powers in the Reserves Act 1977 in respect of Council administered reserves. I conclude that the Freedom of Camping is political grandstanding and believe that the Consultation is a waste of public and private time (eg my time as a Farmer), not withstanding that the District Council is only participating because of a substantial grant from MBIE.

Rather than duplicate regulatory powers, when the existing bylaws are seldom followed and seldom enforced, I would be grateful if the SWDC would focus on the economic efficiency of its camping operations.

**4 S101 (1) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2002 DIRECTS ALL COUNCILS TO MANAGE ALL ASSETS INCLUDING CAMPGROUNDS TO PROMOTE THE INTERESTS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. FREEDOM CAMPING DOES NOT BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF TORA AND TUTURUMURI 3**

John Locke Philosopher to Bill of Rights Act 1689 “Who benefits and who pays”

*Mackenzie District Council v. Electricorp* [1992] 3. NZLR 41 Court of Appeal held that : (1) following English caselaw Councils owe a fiduciary duty (like trustee and beneficiary) to ratepayers (2) which requires inter alia a duty to treat all ratepayers rateably equal (rateably means according to circumstances) (3) which cannot be achieved unless a Council groups all ratepayers into categories according to receipt of benefits. That resulted following privatization of SOE’s in category *Electricorp*, a sole legal entity in the Mackenzie District paying rates for the first time achieving a huge reduction in proposed rates since it did not read books or enjoy parks, but built its own roads.

These principles are reflected in s101 Local Government Act 2002 (underlining added)

**S 101 Financial management**

- .(1) A local authority must manage its revenues, expenses, assets, liabilities, investments, and general financial dealings prudently and in a manner that promotes the current and future interests of the community.
- (2) A local authority must make adequate and effective provision in its long-term plan and in its annual plan (where applicable) to meet the expenditure needs of the local authority identified in that long-term plan and annual plan.
- (3) The funding needs of the local authority must be met from those sources that the local authority determines to be appropriate, following consideration of,—
  - (a) in relation to each activity to be funded,—
    - (i) the community outcomes to which the activity primarily contributes; and
    - (ii) the distribution of benefits between the community as a whole, any identifiable part of the community, and individuals; and
    - (iii) the period in or over which those benefits are expected to occur; and
    - (iv) the extent to which the actions or inaction of particular individuals or a group contribute to the need to undertake the activity; and
    - (v) the costs and benefits, including consequences for transparency and accountability, of funding the activity distinctly from other activities; and
  - (b) the overall impact of any allocation of liability for revenue needs on the community.

*Dogs*

The High Court and Court of Appeal decisions in *Wairoa* are clear authority that Councils must consider the detriments as well as benefits arising from their actions and inactions (s101LGA (3) (a)(ii) Dogs on the Te Awaiti campground have long been a problem for our farming business so that at one time we suffered the highest incidence of sheep measles for any farm in the South Wairarapa This was aggravated by a SWDC Ranger deciding that contrary to the then SWDC bylaws dogs could be kept by campers on the Te Awaiti campground. Attached is my submission of 25 7 23 to Ms Kaitlyn Carmichael (4,5,6) deliberately expressed as being under LGOIMA. To date Ms Carmichael has not replied Answers to Questions 38,39,40 would assist my submission

*Drowning*

There are two gravesites at the Stationhead of drowning victims There is a strong off shore rip just south of the padlocked coast gate. Low barometric pressure in Winter resulting in 1000+mm of sealevel rise is not often understood

*Illegal Fires and fighting with the local Volunteer Fire Party**Environmental destruction...sand dunes and native plants.....and native fish habitat**Illegal Fishing**Illegal vehicles**Litter**Eutrophication of Lagoon water due to human excrement and urination**Disturbance of livestock**Breaking and entering Station property*

The problems could be mitigated either by a prohibition on camping on the “Te Awaiti Reserve” or a registration process of paying \$20 per vehicle on line for the right to stay over for a designated night. The application process would require the names, mob phone numbers and email addresses of each VISITOR

**6            2005 DEED OF MANAGEMENT DOC/SWDC/TE AWAITI 7,8,9**

To date I am not aware of any attempt to implement the Deed of Management 7 March 2005. I now formally give notice that all provisions of the Deed are contractually essential and time is of the essence including the obligation to pass the required bylaws under the Reserves Act and or successor legislation. At law the remedies of Te Awaiti Station include (1) rescission of the coastal reserve (2) payment of additional compensation. Please formally give notice to DOC Wellington Conservancy on behalf of His Majesty the King.

Yours Sincerely

Dan Riddiford





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Application 2942

### CERTIFICATE OF TITLE UNDER LAND TRANSFER ACT.

This Certificate, dated the fifteenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety, under the hand and seal of the District Land Registrar of the Land Registration District of Wellington, witnesseth that Edward Vivian Riddiford

is seized of an estate in fee-simple (subject to such reservations, restrictions, encumbrances, liens, and interests as are notified by memorial underwritten or indorsed hereon; subject also to any existing right of the Crown to take and lay off roads under the provisions of any Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand) in the land hereinafter described, as the same is delineated by the plan hereon, bordered red, be the several admeasurements a little more or less, that is to say: All that parcel of land containing fourteen acres being Sections 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 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*H. Stuart*

District Land Registrar



Mortgage. Mortgage dated 31st March 1900  
Edward Vivian Riddiford to the Mutual  
Mutual Provident Society of part  
*H. Stuart* S.R.

Mortgage. 1st 30th produced 22nd April 1900 at 11.30  
am Edward Vivian Riddiford, to the Mutual  
Mutual Provident Society of part  
*H. Stuart* S.R.

Transmission 8606, to Eleanor Coroline Riddiford, of  
Lower Kaiti, Widow; Edward Vivian Riddiford, of Lower  
Kaiti, Sheepfarmer; Daniel Henry Strother Riddiford, of  
Tahurangi, Sheepfarmer; Eric Leslie Riddiford, of Orongo-  
roanga, Sheepfarmer; and Oliver Ashby Bunny, of De Aarssen,  
Station manager

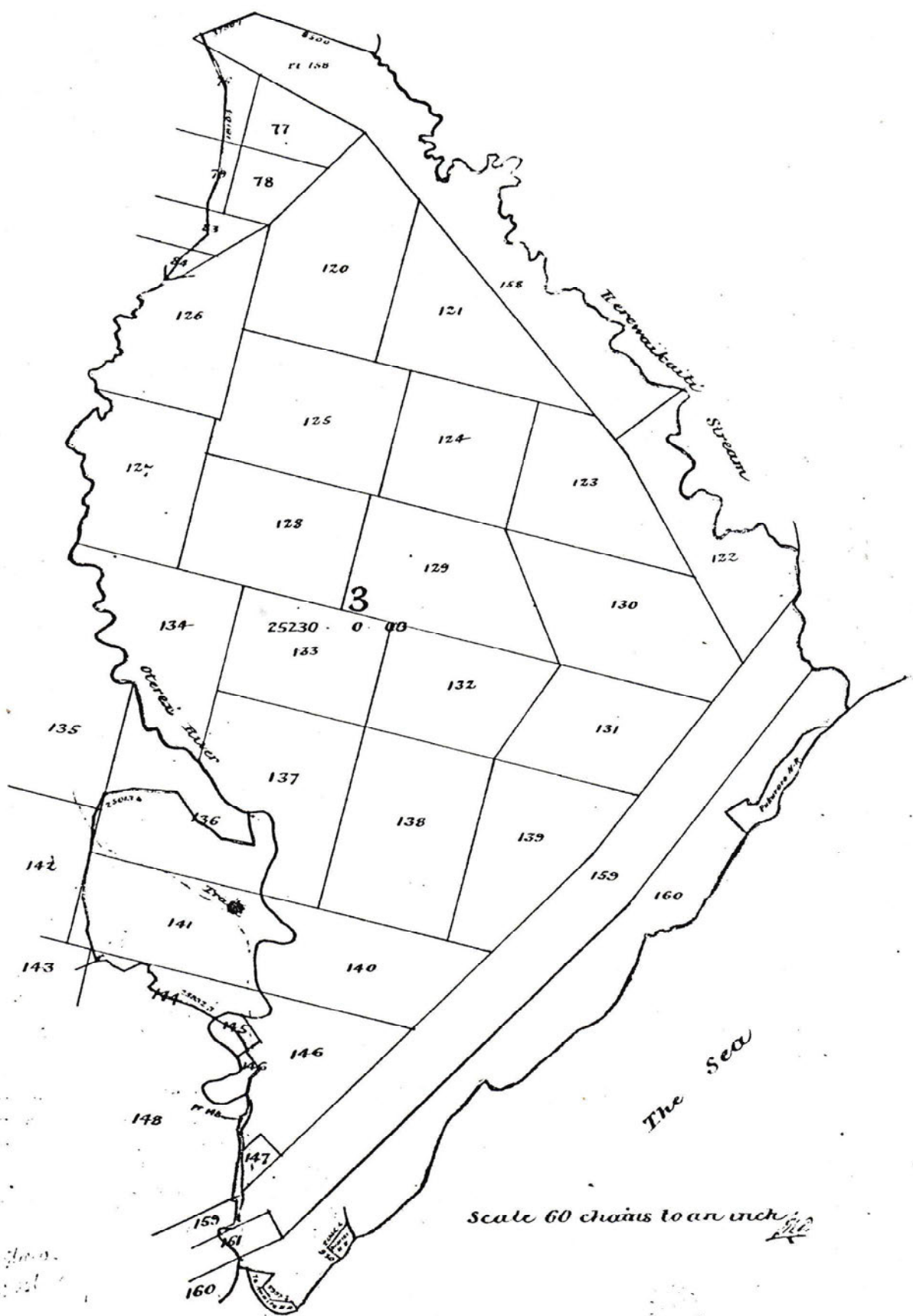
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Transfer 94314 produced 24th April 1914 at 2 p.m.  
The registered proprietors to Edward Vivian Riddiford,  
Daniel Henry Strother Riddiford, and Eric Leslie  
Riddiford of part, as defined by plan 3293  
of 23rd/24th *H. Stuart*

Transfer 94315 produced 24th April 1914 at 2 p.m.  
The registered proprietors to Daniel Henry Strother  
Riddiford of balance. *H. Stuart*

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**D T S Riddiford** BA LLB  
*Export & Business Consultant*

Te Awaiti Station,  
Martinborough RD2  
Tel [REDACTED]  
Email [REDACTED]

Ms Kaitlyn Carmichael.

Dear Ms Carmichael

### **Consultation Dog Control policy**

#### *Personal Introduction*

I and my wife Diana farm Sheep, Cattle and Deer at Te Awaiti Station on the Coast east of Martinborough. We farm steep hill country at the end of the road. Along with our farming neighbours we face 35% + drop in sheep returns and 16% inflation of farm costs.

Our Livestock Manager Mr Hugh Graham manages 14 well behaved dogs which never stray from Te Awaiti Station and are regularly drontal dosed and vaccinated as required.

However we have a large challenge from sheep measles from dogs from the nearby Te Awaiti campground. 80% of the campground ie the bed of the Oterei River remains in the Crown Grant name of my Great Grandfather Edward Joshua Riddiford

Campers routinely ignore the signs forbidding dogs at the campground. On one occasion I asked Mr M'Ewen the SWDC Dog Ranger to remove two large dogs in the expectation that the cost of his time and vehicle travel would be reimbursed to the ratepaying residents of the South Wairarapa District by the automatic Infringement Fee. Instead he made a personal decision to waive the fee (and make a Christmas Present)

These nuisances could be simply avoided by requiring overnight campers to register online for a \$20 camping fee per night together with all personal particulars. Non registration of vehicles will expose the non compliant camper to an automatic fine of \$200.

#### *The initial consultation*

Thankyou for your explanation this morning that :

- 1 17 submissions had been received, but you could not explain how many came from Farmers
- 2 This was an initial request for submissions to inform a new draft Control of Dogs Policy and Bylaw with a further consultation to follow with another opportunity for submission to follow
- 3 You were unable to confirm or correct my belief that dogs were solely funded from Rural
- 4 You were unable to locate a copy of the Consultation for the recent rates increases, which would have provided information on funding sources.
- 5 My submission today would be duly received and considered, although submitted 4 hours late.

*Little consideration of cost efficiency....The ratepayers will pay*

I was surprised that the new policy was apparently to be formed as objectives, without any consideration of cost efficiency or money.

The existing policy states

3-8 The Council aims to self fund dog control operations from dog control fees, with the exception that from time to time the Council may approve a contribution from the general ratepayer base.

3-8 (iii) Rural dogs It is recognised that rural dogs cause fewer dog control problems and therefore a differential between rural and urban fees will apply.

These provisions should remain

The new Policy must carefully follow s101 LGA 2002

**S101 Financial management ...Local Government Act 2002**

- (1) A local authority must manage its revenues, expenses, assets, liabilities, investments, and general financial dealings prudently and in a manner that promotes the current and future interests of the community.
- (2) A local authority must make adequate and effective provision in its long-term plan and in its annual plan (where applicable) to meet the expenditure needs of the local authority identified in that long-term plan and annual plan.
- (3) The funding needs of the local authority must be met from those sources that the local authority determines to be appropriate, following consideration of,—
  - (a) in relation to each activity to be funded,—
    - (i) the community outcomes to which the activity primarily contributes; and
    - (ii) the distribution of benefits between the community as a whole, any identifiable part of the community, and individuals; and
    - (iii) the period in or over which those benefits are expected to occur; and
    - (iv) the extent to which the actions or inaction of particular individuals or a group contribute to the need to undertake the activity; and
    - (v) the costs and benefits, including consequences for transparency and accountability, of funding the activity distinctly from other activities; and
  - (b) the overall impact of any allocation of liability for revenue needs on the current and future social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of the community.

*Pig Dogs*

The new Policy should describe pig dogs as working dogs for remote farmers [Refer s2 Dog Control Act]

*LGOIMA Questions*

38 Please send by email and hardcopy all Annual Accounts or Enterprise statements for Dog Control since 2018 showing the greatest possible level of detail

39 Please on those accounts identify by page number the deficit in each year and explain how it was funded eg from rural

40 Please identify all policy documents governing how the Dog Control should be funded (as well as the existing Dog Control Policy) and email and mail copies of those documents.

Yours Sincerely Dan Riddiford

DEED made this

7  
day of

March

1994

BETWEEN SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL (together with its successors called the Council) of the first part, YVONNE ADA RIDDIFORD of Martinborough Widow and DANIEL THOMAS SPENCER RIDDIFORD of Wellington as Trustees of DTS Riddiford Family Trusts as proprietors of Te Awaiti Station (together with their successors and assigns called the Station) of the Second part and HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN acting through the Minister of Conservation (called the Crown) of the third part.

WHEREAS

(a) On 27 September 1991 the Council approved a subdivision of the land owned by the Station. A copy of the Land Transfer Plans approved by Council are attached.

(b) Pursuant to section 289 of the then Local Government Act 1974 (LGA) a strip of land 20 metres wide along the high water mark of the sea was required to be set aside as a local purpose reserve for esplanade purposes (called the reserve).

(c) Pursuant to sections 402(2) Resource Management Act 1991 and Section 306(4) LGA the reserve will vest by operation of statute in the Council on deposit of the survey plan for this subdivision.

(d) Pursuant to section 291 LGA the Crown is required to pay to the Station an amount equal to the value as at the date of the deposit of the survey plan of the reserve an amount determined by a valuation of the Valuer-General.

(e) The Station is concerned over future management of the reserve and its impact on the balance of the land owned by the Station.

(f) The Crown and Council wish to secure access to the sea.

(g) The parties wish to record various agreements prior to the deposit of the survey plan.

NOW THIS DEED WITNESSES as follows:

1. THE reserve shall vest in the Council as a local purpose reserve for esplanade purposes under Section 23 of the Reserves Act 1977. Subject to clause 4 the parties shall endeavour to ensure that the land remains under the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977.

2. TO assist in the control of the reserve the Council will use its best endeavour to make bylaws (in accordance with the provisions of the Reserves Act) covering the following matters, namely to prohibit the following acts on the reserve:

(a) Misbehaviour: Within the reserve no person shall wilfully obstruct, disturb or interfere with any other person in the use or enjoyment of the reserve or use foul, abusive, indecent or obscene language, or be intoxicated noisy, or riotous or in anyway misbehave.

(b) Damage to Property: No person shall remove, disturb, break, destroy, paint or carve or write names or letters or words or figures or devices on, or deface any building, structure, object of art, natural object, erection, tool, instrument, seat, gate, bridge, fence, stile, machinery within the reserve.

(c) Camping: No person shall camp in the reserve.

(d) Fires: No person shall light any fire.

(e) Dangerous Weapons: Except with the prior written permission of the Council no person shall within the reserve carry or use any weapon or instrument of a dangerous character (including, but not limited to any firearm, bow and arrow, caterpault, shanghai, snare or trap).

- (f) Animals: Except with the prior written consent of the Council no person shall bring any animal into the reserve or allow any animal under his/her control, custody or charge to be within the reserve.
- (g) Vehicles: Except with the prior written consent of the Council no person shall take or drive any vehicle (whether propelled by mechanical power or not) within or over the reserve.
- (h) Litter: No person shall deposit or throw on any part of the reserve any litter, rubbish or substance or article of any nature except in a place or receptacle provided or supplied by the Council.
- (i) Closure: The reserve shall be open at all times to the public except when at times of high fire risk or other threat to public safety or flora and fauna the Council determines the reserve or any part thereof should be closed.
- (j) Plants: Except with the prior consent of the Minister no person shall damage or remove any plant from the reserve (unless acting in accordance with the Noxious Plants Act 1978) or injure or remove any animal or marine organism from the reserve.
- (k) Poisons: Except with the prior consent of the Council no person shall lay any poison or set any snare or trap in the reserve (unless acting in accordance with the Agricultural Pests Destruction Act 1967).
- (l) Livestock: No person shall wilfully interfere or disturb any livestock lawfully on the reserve.

The prohibitions in this clause shall not apply to the Council and the Station and their agents and invitees.

3. THE Council under Section 8(9) of the Reserves Act 1977 (or successor legislation) will, where it considers it desirable, appoint suitable employees of the Station or the owners as honorary rangers of the reserve.

4.(a) IF the Station wishes to build intertidal seaweed, fish or marine organism culture ponds or build boat and barge berths and ancillary activities on part of the reserve and obtains all (if any) statutory consents then the Council [provided all parties to this Deed are satisfied that public access through that part of the reserve can be achieved in another satisfactory manner (including by way of example land exchange, right of way easement over the Station)] will initiate the statutory process to have the reserve status over such part of the reserve revoked and the land either transferred or leased to the Station. "The parties acknowledge that nothing in this Deed will predetermine the outcome of this Statutory process."

(b) NOTHING in this Deed prevents either the Council or the Minister from making a submission in relation to any application for a statutory consent sought by the Station.

5. THE Council and Minister agree to grant the Station free of charge (except for any survey or registration fees) as an easement under Section 48(1)(e) of the Act a right of way over the reserve on the following terms and conditions:

(a) The full, free, uninterrupted and unrestricted right, liberty and privilege for the Station, their servants, tenants, agents, workmen, licensees and invitees (in common with the Council, its tenants, and any other person lawfully entitled so to do) from time to time and at all times by day and by night to go pass and repass, with or without horses and domestic animals and farming livestock of any kind and with or without carriages, vehicles, motor vehicles, machinery and implements of any kind, over and along the land over which the right of way is granted or created.

(b) The Station shall at their option be responsible for maintaining any tracks existing at the date of such grant on the reserve to a standard suitable for their purposes.

(c) The Station may, with the prior written consent of the Council, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, form a new track on the reserve land. Any new track so formed will be maintained by the Station in accordance with clause (b).

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(d) The Station acknowledges that the public have a right to enter on to the reserve and as pedestrians use any tracks thereon subject to restrictions imposed under the provisions of the Reserves Act and any bylaws made thereunder and that they will provide and maintain such stiles as are necessary to allow unrestricted pedestrian access to and within the reserve.

6. THE Station may erect and maintain conventional fences on the reserve, provided that the public's right to pedestrian access through the reserve is not thereby unreasonably impeded.

7. EITHER the Station or Council may fence the boundary of the reserve with the land owned by the Station. Any such fence may, with the prior agreement of the other party be on a practical "give and take" basis.

8. SUBJECT to the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982 the Crown agrees that it will use its best endeavour to ensure that the compensation paid to the Station under S.291 LGA remains confidential.

9. THE Council grants to the Station as a licence under Section 74(2) of the Reserves Act 1977 the exclusive right to collect all seaweed, ~~and~~ or material washed up onto the reserve. This is to be for a period of 5 years from date of deposit of the survey plan creating the reserve. A further licence may be granted on the expiry of each 5 year term.

10. NO charge shall be made by any governmental or territorial authority for any use whatsoever of the reserve by the Station.

IN WITNESS OF WHICH this Deed was executed on the date first written.

SIGNED by YVONNE ADA )  
RIDDIFORD and DANIEL )  
THOMAS SPENCER RIDDIFORD )  
in the presence of: )

*[Handwritten signature]*

*[Handwritten signature]*

D. R. KERSHAW  
Justice of the Peace of  
New Zealand  
Company Director  
108 REGENT STREET,  
MARTINBOROUGH

THE COMMON SEAL of SOUTH )  
WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL )  
was affixed in the presence of: )



*[Handwritten signature: K. M. Z. Doe (General Manager)]*

*[Handwritten signature: J. Garity (Mayor)]*

SIGNED on behalf of Her Majesty )  
The Queen by DENIS MARSHALL Minister )  
of Conservation in the presence of: )

*[Handwritten signature: Denis Marshall]*

*[Handwritten signature: C. Brooks (Private Secretary)]*



Submission #53

**de Groot, Cath and Marco (Late Submission)**

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**Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw**

Name	Cath and Marco de Groot
Business/Organisation (if applicable)	
Do you wish to speak to your submission at the upcoming hearing?	
Do you currently freedom camp?	
What do you think about the proposed prohibited areas?	
What do you think about the proposed township restrictions?	
What do you think about the proposed restricted areas?	
What do you think about the proposed amendment to the Clifford Square RMP?	
What do you think about the incorporation of the NZ Self-Contained Standard within the Bylaw?	
Do you have any other feedback about the proposal?	[See attached submission]
Supporting documents or files	

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**From:** Cath de Groot  
**Sent:** Monday, November 20, 2023 8:04 AM  
**To:** submissions <submissions@swdc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Draft bylaw for freedom camping

Dear SWDC,

We live at the end of Vintners Lane in Martinborough

We experience the negative impact of freedom campers at the end of our road on a frequent basis. The cars are often parked on the grassy verge at the end of the lane. Often these cars do not have toilet facilities and therefore use our neighbouring bushes as toilets. These cars represent a significant health and safety risk and they also pose a threat to our privacy and security.

Often we will find that campervans will use the dump station at the top of Vintners Lane and then drive further down the lane to park on the verge. The verges on Vintners Lane are wide. We, as ratepayers, are expected to keep these verges tidy and mow them. In short, we are expected to pay to maintain council property. We do this to a very high standard at a significant cost to us.

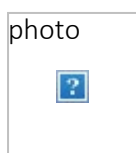
We find it INCREASINGLY frustrating that we are expected to do this and we will be incensed if expected to upkeep the verges so that freedom campers can have the pleasure of parking on the verges we work hard to keep tidy. We see the proposed bylaw as a great mistake and an unnecessary burden on us as ratepayers. Our road is gravel and only minimally maintained by the council as it is. We already have plenty of Campervans along the road, often using our driveway to turn around (and once damaging our wooden gate posts).

Furthermore, we need to limit car traffic on Vintners Lane as there is no footpath. Children, including ours, must fight for space on the single-lane road as it is.

We request the full length of Vintners Lane be reserved as prohibited from Freedom Camping.

Kind regards,  
Cath and Marco de Groot.

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**Catherine de Groot**

# **Appendix 2 – Community meetings: Summary notes**

## Appendix 2

# SWDC Freedom Camping Bylaw Consultation

November 2023

## Community meetings: Summary notes

### General Comments

- Residents who attended the meetings generally supported the proposed Bylaw.
- Those who attended were not opposed to freedom camping but noted that newer residents tend to have more negative views.
- Biggest concerns lie with associated negative behaviours of some campers not with the activity of camping itself. The concerns include dogs, fires, rubbish, vehicles, noise and safety of children crossing the road.
- Those who attended were in favour of greater signage to manage negative behaviour and communicate regulations and locations of facilities.

### Ngawi

Friday 3 November

11 members of the community attended and the following discussion points were raised:

- Illegal camping on Māori land at the end of the golf course. Campers can be abusive when approached by residents.
- More signage needed to indicate locations of public toilet facilities.
- Potential for private landowners to offer freedom camping areas on private land.
- DOC campground at Pinnacles experiences very high numbers at certain times and infrastructure is not sufficient.
- More signage needed for dog regulations.
- Need to effectively communicate and clarify the areas where freedom camping is permitted and prohibited (signage, information, maps, fences etc).
- Need to manage expectations as previously more areas were available for camping.

### Tora

Sunday 5 November

5 members of the community attended and the following discussion points were raised:

- How to approach monitoring and enforcement of the 28 day restriction.
- Potential for ambassador program to support a ranger-type position (as previously existed).
- Campers currently camp where they like and residents expect this will continue.
- Concern for negative behaviour of campers using DOC land.
- Illegal camping is increasing raising concerns with issues of fires, dogs and rubbish.
- High volumes of campers at certain times leads to campers spilling onto adjacent land.
- Difficulty communicating with Council at peak holiday times when issues arise.
- Potential for signage earlier on the road to communicate rules before campers arrive at the camping area.
- Residents can be intimidated by campers and afraid to report non-compliant camping.
- Potential for new camping areas to be made available.