

Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw

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Let us know if you agree with our proposal to adopt a Freedom Camping Bylaw, and whether we've got the restricted sites and things like the allowed duration of stay and number of available parks right.

Please read the following documents to understand the options:

- Statement of Proposal
 - Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw (including map schedules for restricted and prohibited areas)
 - Site assessments
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We're proposing 11 sites be defined as restricted under the new Bylaw. These are:

- Paekākāriki: North end of The Parade
- Raumati Beach: Raumati Marine Gardens
- Paraparaumu Beach: Opposite 62 Marine Parade
- Paraparaumu Beach: Opposite 68 Marine Parade
- Waikanae: Waikanae Park
- Waikanae Beach: Waimea Road beach car park
- Waikanae Beach: Field Way Reserve
- Waikanae Beach: Field Way north carpark
- Ōtaki: South of former SH1 Bridge
- Ōtaki Beach: Ōtaki Beach carpark
- Reikorangi: Mangaone South Road end (tents only)

This would increase the total number of dedicated campervan parking spaces from **24** to **36**, with maximum stays of 48 hours at each.

Consultation closes at 5pm, Friday 2 May 2025

Your feedback and confidentiality

Your feedback may be published on our website and provided in hardcopies in our libraries. If you are providing information as an individual and do not wish your name included when feedback is published, please tick this option at the end of the form.

If the feedback is from an organisation, the organisation's name will be published.

Councillors will consider your feedback as they make their final decision on how freedom camping will be managed in our district in the future.

If you wish to speak to your submission at a public hearing, please provide your contact details.

Personal information will only be used as above or to notify you of our decisions.

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Are you a Kāpiti Coast resident?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Please select your age bracket

- ☐ 15 or under
- ☐ 16–25
- ☐ 26–35
- ☐ 36–50
- ☐ 51–65
- ☐ 66–75
- ☐ 76 or over

What area do you live in?

- ☐ Paekākāriki
- ☐ Raumati South
- ☐ Raumati Beach
- ☐ Paraparaumu Beach
- ☐ Paraparaumu
- ☐ Otaihanga
- ☐ Waikanae Beach
- ☐ Waikanae
- ☐ Te Horo
- ☐ Ōtaki Beach
- ☐ Ōtaki
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Have you used a freedom camping site on the Kāpiti Coast or elsewhere in the last two years?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Please tell us where and the experience you had:

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Dedicated areas for freedom camping

What is your preferred option for how we manage freedom camping on the Kāpiti Coast?

(Choose any one option) (Required)

- ☐ Retain the Freedom Camping Policy 2012
- ☐ Adopt the new Freedom Camping Bylaw
- ☐ Other – please explain

Comments

Dedicated areas for restricted Freedom Camping.

Schedules 1A, 1B and 1C of the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw outlines the areas where freedom camping is proposed to be allowed. Do you agree with the proposed sites?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Comment

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Do you agree with the proposed restrictions such as the number of parking spaces for sites listed in schedules 1A, 1B and 1C?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Comment

Do you agree that freedom campers shouldn't be able to return to the same site for 28 days to be appropriate?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Comment

Do you agree with increasing the stay limitation for visitors up to 48 hours?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Comment

There are three sites where freedom camping in non-self-contained vehicles is permitted (Field Way Reserve, Waimea Reserve and Ōtaki Beach carpark opposite Tasman Road) – if you wish to comment please state any changes you would like Council to consider:

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Areas where freedom camping will be prohibited

Do you have any further comments about the proposed restrictions for schedules 1A, 1B and 1C, or about any of the sites listed in these schedules?

Do you have any concerns about any areas that are not listed in the schedules and will be left open for freedom camping that may need to be restricted because of impacts?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, please describe the locations and your concerns

Areas where freedom camping will be prohibited
Please comment on any of the prohibited sites in schedule 2A and 2B including any changes you would like Council to consider:

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Please identify any other sites not listed in schedules 2A and 2B where you think freedom camping should be prohibited. Please include location description and reasons for this.

Do you have any concerns about the implementation of the Bylaw? For example, signage, car park marking, operating expenditure, compliance.

General considerations

Do you agree that a person cannot freedom camp in a self-contained motor vehicle on local roads where the speed limit is 80km/h or greater unless the campervan can be parked safely on the road margin clear of the formed carriageway?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Other (please specify)

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Are there any further comments you'd like to make about the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw and the areas we are consulting on?

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Are you submitting on behalf of a group, such as an organisation, club, business, or residents' association?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Name of group or organisation

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission at our public hearings on Tuesday 20 May (from 9.30am).

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please provide your phone number and email address so we can contact you to confirm the date and time.

If you're providing information as an individual and don't want your name included when feedback is published, please tick below:

☐ I do not want my name published with my feedback.