



**The Ordinary Meeting of the
Kawerau District Council will be held
on Wednesday 25 September 2024
in the Council Chambers
commencing at 9.00am**

A G E N D A

GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC FORUM AT MEETINGS

1. A period of thirty minutes is set aside for a public forum at the start of each Ordinary Council or Standing Committee meeting, which is open to the public. This period may be extended on by a vote by members.
2. Speakers may address meetings on any subject. However, issues raised must not include those subject to legal consideration, or be issues, which are confidential, personal, or the subject of a formal hearing.
3. Each speaker during the public forum is permitted to speak for a maximum of three minutes. However, the Chairperson has the discretion to extend the speaking time.
4. Standing Orders are suspended for the duration of the public forum.
5. Council and Committees, at the conclusion of the public forum, may decide to take appropriate action on any of the issues raised.
6. With the permission of the Chairperson, members may ask questions of speakers during the period reserved for public forum. Questions by members are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by the speaker.

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A G E N D A

1 **Karakia Timatanga | Opening Prayer**

2 **Apologies**

3 **Leave of Absence**

4 **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

5 **Meeting Notices**

6 **Nga Mihimihi | Acknowledgements**

7 **Public Forum**

8 **CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

8.1 **Ordinary Council – 28 August 2024**

Pgs. 1 - 6

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 August 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

8.2 **Extraordinary Council Meeting – 11 September 2024**

Pgs. 7 - 9

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 11 September 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

9 **RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

9.1 **Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting – 11 September 2024**

Pgs. 10 - 12

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Regulatory and Services Committee meeting held on 11 September 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

10 **RECEIPT OF REGIONAL MINUTES**

10.1 **BOP Mayoral Forum – 16 August 2024**

Pgs. 13 - 18

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the BOP Mayoral Forum meeting held on 16 August 2024 be received.

10.2 Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group – 9 August

Pgs. 19 - 27

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group meeting held on 9 August 2024 be received.

11 Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw – Hearing and Submissions Report (Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning) (320400)

Pgs. 28 - 106

Attached is a report from the Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning covering the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw – Hearing and Submissions Report.

Recommendations

- 1. That the report “Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw – Hearing and Submissions” be received.*
- 2. That Council receive the written and oral submissions.*
- 3. That Council notes deliberations will be held on 16 October 2024 to determine any changes to the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw; OR*
- 4. That Council deliberates on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw following the hearing submissions; and*
- 5. That Council notes that following this meeting, the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw will be amended to reflect the outcome of the deliberations and a report will be prepared for the adoption of Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw at a later date, yet to be confirmed.*

12 Her Worship the Mayor’s Report (101400)

Pgs. 107 - 109

Recommendation

That Her Worship the Mayor’s report for the period Thursday 22 August to Wednesday 18 September 2024 be received.

13 Action Schedule (101120)

Pgs. 110 - 112

Recommendation

That the updated Action Schedule of resolutions/actions requested by Council be received.

14 Annual Plan Performance for the year ended 30 June 2024 (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (110400)

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Attached is a report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services covering the Annual Plan Performance for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Recommendations

That the report “Annual Plan Performance for the year ended 30 June 2024” be received.

15 Approval to raise a loan (2024) from Local Government Funding Agency (Financial Accountant) (206700)

Pgs. 144 - 148

Attached is a report from the Financial Accountant covering the Approval to raise a loan (2024) from Local Government Funding Agency.

Recommendations

- 1. That the report "Approval to raise a loan (2024) from Local Government Funding Agency" be received.*
- 2. That Council approves the raising of \$2.0 million fixed term for a period to April 2029.*
- 3. That Council delegates the Chief Executive authority to execute all the necessary documents for the raising of this loan.*

16 Draft Naming Policy, Receipt of Submissions and Deliberations (Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning) (110800)

Pgs. 149 - 171

Attached is a report from the Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning covering the Draft Naming Policy, Receipt of Submissions and Deliberations.

Recommendations

- 1. That the report "Draft Naming Policy, Receipt of Submissions and Deliberations" be received.*
- 2. That Council receive the written submissions on the draft naming policy; and*
- 3. That Council deliberates on the draft naming policy and recommends any changes to the draft naming policy as a result of the deliberations; and*
- 4. That Council notes a further meeting will be held on either the 16th or 30th of October 2024, to approve the amended naming policy (based on deliberations) for adoption.*

17 DRAFT Regional Economic Development Strategy (REDS) (Economic and Community Development Manager) (309101)

Pgs. 172 - 205

Attached is a report from the Economic and Community Development Manager covering the DRAFT Regional Economic Development Strategy (REDS).

Recommendations

- 1. That the report "DRAFT Regional Economic Development Strategy (REDS)" be received.*
- 2. That Council resolves to endorse the DRAFT Regional Economic Development Strategy (REDS) for consultation with Kawerau Industry and Commercial Partners.*

18 Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan – Governance and Engagement (Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning) (104025)

Pgs. 206 - 214

Attached is a report from the Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning covering the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan – Governance and Engagement.

Recommendations

1. That the report “Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan – Governance and Engagement” be received.
2. That Council approve the amended Terms of Reference for the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan Project Governance Group.
3. That Council delegate the Group Manager Regulatory and Planning authority to approve subsequent minor editorial changes to the Terms of Reference for the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan Project Governance Group.
4. That Council note a workshop will be held on 2 October 2024 to provide and allow feedback into the engagement strategy for the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan, which is set to be undertaken between 14 October 2024 to 17 November 2024.

19 Exclusion of the Public

Recommendation

That the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

1. **Minutes for Confidential Meeting Held on 28 August 2024**
2. **Stoneham Park Residential Development Phase 2 Engineering**

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded; the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Information & Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution is as follows:

General Subject of the matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
1. Minutes for Confidential Meeting held on 28 August 2024. 2. Stoneham Park Residential Development Phase 2 Engineering.	Maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions.	That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists. Section 48 (1) (a) (i)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information & Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 7 (2) (b) (i) of that Act.

20 Karakia Whakamutunga | Closing Prayer

M Godfery
Chief Executive Officer

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Kawerau District Council
held on Wednesday 28 August 2024
in the Council Chamber commencing at 9.00am**

Present: Her Worship the Mayor F K N Tunui
Deputy Mayor A Rangihika
Councillor C J Ion
Councillor B Julian
Councillor W Godfery
Councillor S Kingi – via Zoom
Councillor J Ross
Councillor R Andrews

In Attendance: Chief Executive Officer (M Godfery)
Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services (L Butler)
Group Manager, Operations and Services (R Nel)
Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning (M Glaspey)
Economic & Community Development Manager (L Barton)
Communications & Engagement Manager (T Humberstone)
Administration Officer (L Kerei)

1 Karakia Timatanga | Opening Prayer

Pastor Mark Kingi opened the meeting with a prayer.

2 Apologies

Resolved

Apologies from Councillor Savage were received.

**Councillor Ross / Deputy Mayor Rangihika
CARRIED**

3 Leave of Absence

No Leave of Absence were received.

4 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No Declarations of Conflict of Interest were received.

5 Meeting Notices

No Meeting Notices were received.

6 Nga Mihimihi | Acknowledgements

No Nga Mihimihi | Acknowledgements were received.

7 Public Forum

No Public Forum were received.

8 CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

8.1 Ordinary Council – 31 July 2024

Corrections:

Page 1 – Present – Add Councillor Kingi

Page 1 – Present – Add the W in Councillor Godfery's name

Page 1 – Item 5 – Change wording from “Māori Wards....” to “Māori Wards Bill....”

Page 2 – Item 6 – Change wording from “Deputy Mayor Ranghika presented....” to “The chair of the Kawerau Community Awards Committee, Deputy Mayor Rangihika presented”

Resolved

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 31 July 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Councillors Julian / Godfery
CARRIED**

8.2 Extraordinary Council – 14 August 2024

Resolved

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 14 August 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Councillors Godfery / Kingi
CARRIED**

9 CONFIRMATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

9.1 Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting – 14 August 2024

Resolved

That the minutes of the Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting held on 14 August 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Councillors Ion / Ross
CARRIED**

9.2 Audit and Services Committee Meeting – 5 August 2024

Resolved

That the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 5 August 2024 is received.

**Councillors Ion / Julian
CARRIED**

10 RECEIPT OF REGIONAL MINUTES

10.1 BOP Regional Transport – 22 May 2024

Resolved

That the Minutes of the BOP Regional Transport meeting held on 22 May 2024 is received.

Councillors Ross / Kingi
CARRIED

10.2 BOP Civil Defence Emergency Management – 5 July 2024

Resolved

That the Minutes of the BOP Civil Defence Emergency Management meeting held on 5 July 2024 is received.

Councillors Julian / Godfery
CARRIED

11 Her Worship the Mayor's Report

Resolved

That Her Worship the Mayor's report for the period Thursday 25 July to Wednesday 21 August 2024 is received.

Her Worship the Mayor / Councillor Ion
CARRIED

12 Action Schedule (Chief Executive) (101120)

Correction:

Page 35 – Move “Activity Review for Civil Defence Services” from Completed Items to the Action Schedule table.

Resolved

That the updated Action Schedule of resolutions/actions requested by Council is received.

Deputy Mayor Rangihika / Councillor Andrews
CARRIED

13 Adoption of the Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Policy 2024 (Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning) (320100)

Council discussed the report on the Adoption of the Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Policy 2024.

Correction of a spelling mistake and an added word to form the sentence properly in the policy were given to Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning from Councillor Julian before the meeting.

Resolved

1. *That the report “Adoption of the Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Policy 2024” is received.*
2. *That Council adopts the Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2024 Effective from 1 September 2024; and*
3. *That Council authorizes the Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning, to make minor edits or changes to reflect decisions made by Council at this meeting.*

Councillors Kingi / Julian
CARRIED

14 Capital Projects 2023-2024 (Group Manager, Operations and Services) (440100)

Council discussed the report on Capital Projects 2023-2024.

Resolved

1. *That the report "Capital Projects 2023-2024" be received.*
2. *That Council roll over the following amounts to the 2024-25 financial year:*

1	403001 030	Water Supply	Lime & Flouride System	\$203,857
2	403001 002	Water Supply	Reticulation Replacement - Zone 2	\$513,862
3	403001 003	Water Supply	Reticulation Replacement - Zone 6	\$470,000
4	403001 007	Water Supply	Refurbish Pump System	\$54,815
5	403001 021	Water Supply	Headworks	\$197,402
6	403520 002	Wastewater	Reticulation Replacement - Zone 1	\$635,946
7	403520 004	Wastewater	Milliscreens Renewals	\$58,776
8	403520 011	Wastewater	Waste Water Treatment Plant	\$369,670
9	404031 001	Pool	Club Rooms	\$39,749
10	404031 024	Pool	Pool Floor	\$23,030
11	404031 061	Pool	Filtration System	\$67,350
12	404036 009	Town Hall	Roof	\$50,000
13	405064 020	District Offices	Flashings and Spoutings	\$100,000
14	405061 001	Dog Pound	Extension of facilities	\$596,502
15	404030 005	Library	Library Shelving	\$2,000
16	404030 006	Library	Library Chairs	\$4,500
TOTAL				\$3,387,459

**Councillors Ross / Godfery
CARRIED**

15 Cemetery Name Board: Shelter and Relocation (Group Manager, Operations and Services) (406050)

Council discussed the report on Cemetery Name Board: Shelter and Relocation.

Resolved

1. That the report "Cemetery Name Board: Shelter and Relocation" be received.
2. That Council allocate the requested funds for the new shelter and relocation of the information boards of \$20,000 to be funded from depreciation reserves.
3. That Council confirm location for the information boards and shelter to be the area next to the ablution facility, right from the roadway into the cemetery.

**Deputy Mayor Rangihika / Councillor Julian
CARRIED**

16 Exclusion of the Public – 9.58am**Resolved**

That the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

1. **Minutes for Confidential Meeting Held on 31 July 2024**
2. **Rates Remission Application**
3. **Stoneham Park Earthworks and Civils Stage 1 tender**
4. **Priority Wastewater Lines Renewal**

**Councillors Ross / Ion
CARRIED**

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded; the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Information & Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution is as follows:

General Subject of the matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
1. Minutes from Confidential Meeting held on 31 July 2024. 2. Rates Remission Application. 3. Stoneham Park Earthworks and Civils Stage 1 Tender 4. Priority Wastewater Lines Renewal	<i>Maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions.</i>	<i>That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists. Section 48 (1) (a) (i)</i>

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information & Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 7 (2) (b) (i) of that Act.

Karakia Whakamutunga

Pastor Mark Kingi closed the meeting with a Karakia at 11.52am

F K N Tunui

Mayor

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**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Kawerau District Council
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commencing at 11.07am**

Present: Her Worship the Mayor F K N Tunui
Deputy Mayor A Rangihika
Councillor C J Ion
Councillor W Godfery
Councillor B Julian
Councillor R G K Savage
Councillor S Kingi
Councillor R Andrews
Councillor J Ross

In Attendance: Chief Executive Officer (M Godfery)
Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning (M Glaspey)
Group Manager, Operations and Services (R Nel)
Communications and Engagement Manager (T Humberstone)
Economic and Community Development Manager (L Barton)
Administration Officer (L Kerei)

1 Karakia Timatanga | Opening Prayer

Pastor Mark Kingi led the meeting in prayer.

2 Apologies

No Apologies were received.

3 Leave of Absence

No Leave of Absence were received.

4 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No Declarations of Conflict of Interest were received.

5 Meeting Notices

There were no Meeting Notices.

6 Nga Mihimihi | Acknowledgements

Her Worship the Mayor welcomed Pastor Mark Kingi, Jenny Reynolds and Graeme Storer who joined the meeting in person. Also welcomed Dale Ofsoske and Ben Roser from Election Services, Diane McCarthy from the Beacon and Paora Manuel from Radio 1XX who joined via Zoom.

Chief Executive acknowledged all those that did do a submission and those that joined us in person to speak on their submission.

7 Public Forum

No Public Forum

8 Representation Review Initial Proposal – Receipt of Submissions (Communications & Engagement Manager) (101200)

Council discussed the report on the Representation Review Initial Proposal – Receipt of Submissions.

Resolved

1. *That the report “Representation Review Initial Proposal – Receipt of Submissions” be received.*

**Councillors Ross / Kingi
CARRIED**

Resolved

2. *That Council receives the submissions within the scope of Council’s initial proposal, as adopted on 17 July 2024.*

**Councillors Andrews / Ion
CARRIED**

Resolved

3. *That Council hears those submitters who wish to be heard, and then considers all submissions as to whether the initial proposal is confirmed or amended when Council resolves its final proposal.*

List of Submitter’s who wish to be heard

- *Graeme Storer*
- *Jenny Reynolds*

**Councillors Kingi / Ross
CARRIED**

**Councillor Ion left the meeting at 12:25pm
Graeme Storer left the meeting at 12:35pm**

Resolved

4. *That Council confirms that based on the 104 submissions received that there are no amendments to the initial proposal and this becomes the final proposal.*

**Councillors Kingi / Ross
CARRIED**

Resolved

5. *That Council provides reasons for the rejection or acceptance for submission that are deemed in scope or out of scope in whole or in part.*

**Councillors Julian / Savage
CARRIED**

9 **Karakia Whakamutunga | Closing Prayer**

Pastor Mark Kingi closed the meeting with a Karakia at 12.52pm.

F K N Tunui

Mayor

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**Minutes of the Regulatory & Services Committee
held on Wednesday 11 September 2024
commencing at 9.00am**

Present: Councillor C J Ion (Chairperson)
Her Worship the Mayor F K N Tunui
Deputy Mayor A Rangihika
Councillor B Julian
Councillor S Kingi
Councillor W Godfery
Councillor J Ross
Councillor R G K Savage
Councillor R Andrews

In Attendance: Chief Executive Officer (M Godfery)
Group Manager, Operations and Services (R Nel)
Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning (M Glaspey)
Communications Manager (T Humberstone)
Economic and Community Development Manager (L Barton)
Financial Accountant (P Christophers)
Administration Officer (L Kerei)

1 Karakia Timatanga | Opening Prayer

Pastor Mark Kingi opened the meeting with a prayer.

2 Apologies

No Apologies were received

3 Leave of Absence

No Leave of Absence were received.

4 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No Declarations of Conflict of Interest were received.

5 Public Forum

No Public Forum was heard

PART A – REGULATORY

6 Monthly Report - Regulatory and Planning Services (Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning Services) (340000)

The Committee discussed a report from the Group Manager, Regulatory and Services covering activities for the month of August 2024.

Resolved

That the report from the Group Manager, Regulatory and Services for the month of August 2024 is received.

**Councillors Ross / Kingi
CARRIED**

PART B – NON REGULATORY

7 Monthly Report - Finance and Corporate Services (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (211000)

The Committee discussed a report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services covering activities for the month of August 2024.

Action Item:

Page 8 – Item 4 – Elected Members have requested a breakdown of the Service Requests for Rubbish for the month of August e.g. how many were missed bins, bin replacement, etc.

Resolved

That the report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services for the month of August 2024 is received.

**Councillor Savage / Deputy Mayor
CARRIED**

8 Monthly Report - Operations and Services (Group Manager, Operations and Services) (440000)

The Committee discussed a report from the Group Manager, Operations and Services covering activities for the month of August 2024.

Correction:

Page 14 – Item 3 – Paragraph 2 – Add the 2 in front of the 5 so that it reads "... allocated funds for the 2024/25 financial year."

Resolved

That the report from the Group Manager, Operations and Services for the month of August 2024 is received.

**Councillors Kingi / Andrews
CARRIED**

9 Monthly Report - Economic and Community Development (Economic and Community Development Manager) (309005)

The Committee discussed a report from the Economic and Community Development Manager covering activities for the month of August 2024.

Resolved

That the report from the Economic and Community Development Manager for the month of August 2024 is received.

**Her Worship the Mayor / Councillor Ross
CARRIED**

10 **Monthly Report – Communications and Engagement (Communications and Engagement Manager) (340100)**

The Committee discussed a report from the Communications and Engagement Manager covering activities for the month of August 2024.

Resolved

That the report from the Communications and Engagement Manager for the month of August 2024 is received.

**Councillors Kingi / Godfery
CARRIED**

11 **Karakia Whakamutunga | Closing Prayer**

Pastor Mark Kingi closed the meeting with a prayer at 10.08am

C J Ion

Chairperson

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Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum

Open Minutes

- Commencing:** Friday 16 August 2024, 09:30AM
- Venue:** Western Bay of Plenty District Council Chambers, 1484 Cameron Road, Tauranga and via Zoom (Audio Visual Meeting)
- Chairperson:** Mayor Tania Tapsell – Rotorua Lakes Council (RLC)
- Deputy Chairperson:** Deputy Chairperson Victor Luca – Whakatāne District Council (WDC)
- Members:** Mayor David Trewavas – Taupō District Council (TDC) via Zoom
Deputy Chairperson Jane Nees – Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC)
Mayor Mahé Drysdale – Tauranga City Council (TCC)
Mayor Faylene Tunui – Kawerau District Council (KDC)
Mayor David Moore – Ōpōtiki District Council (ODC)
Mayor James Denyer – Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC)
- In Attendance:** Staff: David Bewley – Acting Chief Executive WDC; Namouta Poutasi - General Manager Strategy & Science BOPRC; Marty Grenfell - Chief Executive TCC; John Holyoake - Chief Executive WBOPDC; Julie Gardyne - Chief Executive TDC - via Zoom; Morgan Godfery - Chief Executive KDC; Andrew Moraes - Chief Executive RLC; Rachael Davie – Deputy Chief Executive WBOPDC; Tone Nerdrum Smith – Senior Advisor Governance BOPRC
- Presenters as listed in the minutes
- Apologies:** Chairman Doug Leeder - BOPRC, Chief Executive Fiona McTavish – BOPRC and Chief Executive Stace Lewer - ODC

Livestreaming Statement

Mayor Tapsell advised those present in Chambers and via Zoom that the meeting was being recorded and that the recording would be made available on the Bay of Plenty Regional Council website following the meeting [Mayoral Forum Recording 16 August 2024 - YouTube](#)

Karakia

A karakia was provided by Mayor Tania Tapsell.

1. Apologies

Resolved

That the Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum:

- 1 Accepts the apologies from Chairman Doug Leeder, Chief Executive Fiona McTavish and Chief Executive Stace Lewer tendered at the meeting.

Tunui/Denyer
CARRIED

2. Minutes

Minutes to be Confirmed

2.1 Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum Minutes - 3 May 2024

Resolved

That the Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum:

- 1 Confirms the Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum Minutes - 3 May 2024 as a true and correct record.

Denyer/Tapsell
CARRIED

3. Presentations and Verbal Updates

3.1 Introduction and Welcome to Tauranga City Council Mayor Mahé Drysdale

Mayor Tapsell welcomed the new Tauranga City Council Mayor, Mahé Drysdale, to the Mayoral Forum table.

Key Points - Mayor Drysdale:

- Current focus was to build a cohesive and well-functioning team of councillors
- Recognised the exciting opportunities ahead for Tauranga and the wider region
- Getting 'stuck in' was the priority for the next few weeks.

3.2 United Nations' Decade for Healthy Aging

Presentation Carole Gordon - Mayoral Forum 16 August 2024 pdf: Objective ID A4744761 [↗](#)

Presented by: Carole Gordon - Strategic Advisor to the Aotearoa New Zealand UN Decade of Healthy Ageing Forum

Key Points:

- A generation of baby boomers would reach the age of 80 in 2026
- Tauranga was the highest aging major city in New Zealand
- Important that councils prioritised healthy aging in its strategic planning
- Noted the symposium on silver economy organised jointly with SmartGrowth some years ago.

Key Points - Members:

- Recognised the importance and value of the work being undertaken.

3.3 Positive Money NZ: Local Water Financing Done Well

Presentation Positive Money NZ - Mayoral Forum 16 August 2024 pdf: Objective ID A4756649 [↗](#)

Presented by: Martin Taylor and Cliff Hall - Positive Money NZ

An introduction of this item was provided by Mayor Luca.

Key Points:

- Positive Money NZ was an advocacy group committed to fair funding initiatives and solutions
- Concerned about the financial burden of the new Local Water Done Well regime that was being placed on local authorities by central government
- Water infrastructure should be retained in local ownership/control
- Affordability was a real and significant issue in all sectors
- Setting up an institutional framework meant the funding model could also be utilised for future projects
- Recognised the 'too good to be true' factor/thinking, and the concerns surrounding access to funding and the potential impact on ratepayer debt levels
- The model had operated successfully abroad for a number of years with a cross-party approach
- Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA) issued debt, unlike private borrowing, meaning that if the debt was not repaid, a commissioner (rather than a private receiver) would work with the Water Entities to identify a viable way forward
- Also advocated that the reserve bank could become a 'light-handed' overseer
- Focus had been on addressing the financing, i.e. less costly debt, to support the central government proposed water structure
- Inclusion of the Infrastructure Commission in the model would ensure consistency and larger scale investment in infrastructure, rather than each Council competing for the same delivery at the same time. It would also provide a pipeline of work for infrastructure providers
- Recognised that there often was an aspirational wish list for infrastructure development from each council
- Agreed that the financing model should not remove financial/asset control from the councils

- There could be an opportunity for councils to go directly to the Reserve Bank for borrowing, i.e. straight to stage five of the model.

Key Points - Members:

- Recognised the innovative approach to a challenging and ongoing issue
- Queried a model where a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) acted as the guarantor, which meant the debt would ultimately sit with the parent council
- Recognised that although it was different groups who paid the debt, i.e. ratepayer vs taxpayers, the costs were still carried by the same residents
- Recognised the similarities with the current Waka Kotahi NZTA model, which was causing some frustration for councils as it meant they lost authority over local/regional projects.

Action/Next Steps:

- Summary/narrative to further explain the proposed funding model to be provided so it could be forwarded to all the councils.

3.4 Update on Youth Councils Across the Bay of Plenty (Presentations/Roundtable Discussion)

*Presentation Mayor Tapsell - Youth Council - Mayoral Forum 16 August 2024 pdf:
Objective ID A4756676 [↔](#)*

This item was led by Mayor Tania Tapsell - RLC

Key Points - Mayor Tapsell:

- Had started her political career at RLC's Youth Council
- If there was an appetite for youth councils, this was the time to commence the process for 2025
- The development of the Rotorua Lake waterfront playground was done in high level of participation between RLC and local youth
- Civic education and leadership development were valuable outcomes of youth councils
- Many councils in New Zealand had youth councils
- Youth council applications normally attracted rangatahi in their final year of college, which often meant multi-term participation, i.e. beyond 12 months
- The RLC youth council tended to include representation from a variety of schools across the district, supporting interaction and creating connections otherwise not occurring
- Youth council participation occurred at a time when rangatahi were actively choosing their personal and professional pathway, and the positive impact was tangible.

Key Points - Members:

- KDC had supported its youth council initiative since 2008
- Different councils applied varying programmes and models to involve youth, e.g. BOPRC ran summer assistant programmes that had tangible and positive impacts

- Noted the various councils internship programmes with slightly older youth, that provided significant benefits both to those involved and the councils.

Action/Next Steps:

- KDC youth council video to be distributed to members.

4. Public Excluded Section

Resolved

Resolution to exclude the public

- 1 Excludes the public from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting as set out below:**

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

Item No.	Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Grounds under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution	When the item can be released into the public
4.1	Public Excluded Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum Minutes - 3 May 2024	As noted in the relevant Minutes.	As noted in the relevant Minutes.	To remain in public excluded.
4.2	Regional Infrastructure Funding	Withholding the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.	48(1)(a)(i) Section 7 (2)(b)(ii).	To remain in public excluded.
4.3	Bay of Plenty Waters Done Well - Update and Discussion	Withholding the information is necessary to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs	48(1)(a)(i) Section 7 (2)(f)(i).	To remain in public excluded.

		<p>through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority, or any persons to whom section 2(5) applies, in the course of their duty..</p>		
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- 2 **That Nigel Tutt - Priority One and David Caselli and Justin Kimberly - both RotoruaNZ be permitted to stay in the public excluded section of the meeting due to their knowledge of the matter under discussion, being Regional Infrastructure Funding.**

**Luca/Moore
CARRIED**

Closing Karakia

A karakia was provided by Mayor Tania Tapsell.

1.20 pm - the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED

Mayor Tania Tapsell
Chairperson, Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum

Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group

Ngā Meneti Open Minutes

Commencing: Friday 9 August 2024, 09:30 AM

Venue: Rangitihi Marae, 14 Marae Lane, Matatā

Heamana

Chairperson: Chair Leith Comer - Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trust (TMoNRT)

Heamana Tuarua

Deputy Chairperson: Dr Pouroto Ngaropo - Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa (TRoNA)

Ngā Kopounga

Members:

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Toi Moana (BOPRC):
Cr Malcolm Campbell (Alternate)

Kawerau District Council (KDC):
Mayor Faylene Tunui

Ngāti Mākino Iwi Authority (NMIA):
Awhi Awhimate

Ngāti Tūwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust:
Jim Schuster

TMoNRT:
Tiipene Marr (Alternate)

TRoNA:
Manu Glen (Alternate)

Whakatāne District Council (WDC):
Mayor Victor Luca, Deputy Mayor Lesley Immink (Alternate)

Te Hunga i Tae Ake In Attendance:

BOPRC: Chris Ingle - General Manager Integrated Catchments, Kerry Brown - Kaitohutohu Taiao Matua (Senior Advisor), Gemma Moleta - Senior Planner (Water Policy), Gina Mohi - Pūtaiao Mātauranga, Margaret Courtney - Senior Advisor, Shari Kameta - Committee Advisor
TMoNRT: Miria Nicholls - Kaiawhina Hapori | Taiao Admin Support - Environmental & Social, Simon Costar and Destiny Wharewera-Mason - Cultural Monitors
Staff/Presenters: as listed in the minutes

Ngā Hōnea Apologies:

Cr Gregg Brown and Lakes Community Board Chair Phill Thomass (Alternate) - Rotorua Lakes Council; Chairman Doug Leeder - BOPRC; Laurance Tamati (Alternate) - NMIA; Deputy Mayor Aaron Rangihika (Alternate), Morgan Godfery (Chief Executive), Kaumatua Te Haukakawa Te Rire (Cultural Advisor) - KDC

1. Karakia Whakatuwhera Opening Karakia

A karakia was provided by Dr Pouroto Ngaropo.

2. Ngā Hōnea Apologies

Resolved

That the Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group:

- 1 Accepts the apologies from Cr Gregg Brown, Chairman Doug Leeder, Deputy Mayor Aaron Rangihika, Laurance Tamati, Lakes Community Board Chair Phill Thomass, Morgan Godfery and Te Haukakawa Te Rire tendered at the meeting.**

**Campbell/Luca
CARRIED**

3. Raupapa o Ngā Take Order of Business

The Chair advised that Item 9.1, Chairperson's Report would be considered before Presentation Item 8.1, Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) for Matatā Scenic Reserve, Whakapaukorero and Te Awa o te Atua.

4. Whakapuakanga o Ngā Take Whai Taha-Rua Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

5. Ngā Meneti Minutes

Kia Whakaūngia Ngā Meneti Minutes to be Confirmed

5.1 Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group Minutes - 18 June 2024 Matters Arising

In relation to Minute Item 8.2 (Plan Change 11 Geothermal Pre-Draft Engagement) - sought assurance that staff were engaging directly with the relevant stakeholders in regard to the Kawerau geothermal resource, including on best practice methods.

Resolved

That the Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group:

- 1 Confirms the Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group Minutes - 18 June 2024 as a true and correct record.**

**Awhimate/Ngaropo
CARRIED**

6. Ngā Pūrongo Reports

6.1 Chairperson's Report

Presented by: Chair Leith Comer

Motion

Moved: Comer

Seconded: Ngaropo

Formally invites the Department of Conservation (DOC) to be a partner representative on the Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group and Project Team.

Key Points - Chair:

- Welcomed Ms Merenia Sawrey, Kaitohu Matua Treaty Partner Relationships from the Department of Conservation (DOC)
- Considered it appropriate that DOC be invited to fully participate on the Strategy Group, both at the governance and project team level, given its mandate to consult and have regard to conservation matters relating to Te Awa o te Atua
- Ms Sawrey would be a suitable candidate as a senior DOC representative and member of the Joint Advisory Committee (JAC)
- Expected that DOC would be required to participate in future consent processes to support the Strategy Group's aspiration to reconnect the course of the Tarawera Awa back through to Te Awa o te Atua.
- The Chair was available to meet with DOC management to support the request.

Key Points - Members:

- Supported the motion
- Referred to clauses (g) to (i) within the Strategy Group's terms of reference that supported the motion.

The motion was **PUT** and **CARRIED**.

Resolved

That the Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group:

- 1 Formally invites the Department of Conservation (DOC) to be a partner representative on the Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group and Project Team.**

**Comer/Ngaropo
CARRIED**

Key Points - Chair (Continued):

- Minister Shane Jones had provided the following feedback from the meeting held on 6 August 2024:
 - Supported in-principle the aspiration to restore the mauri of Te Awa o te Atua and to enable economic opportunities for Matatā and the eastern Bay of Plenty
 - Emphasised the need of a viability study to support consent requirements. The Chair noted that the Project team would undertake the necessary investigations to determine what was possible
 - The Matatā wastewater scheme proposal did not fit the Regional Infrastructure funding criteria and should be referred to Local Government Minister Simeon Brown.

Key Points - Members:

- Pleased with the direction of focus to restore the mauri of Te Awa o te Atua
- Acknowledged the Chair's relationships and influence at the national level, and the Chair and Project team's attending the Whakatāne District Council's Long Term Plan hearing to support the Matatā wastewater submission.

Resolved

That the Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group:

- 1 Receives the Chairperson's Report.**

**Ngaropo/Tunui
CARRIED**

7. Whakaaturanga Presentations

7.1 Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) for Matatā Scenic Reserve, Whakapaukorero and Te Awa o te Atua

*Presentation - Te Tatau Pounamu o Te Awa o Te Atua Joint Advisory Committee:
Objective ID A4739942 [↔](#)*

Presented by: Merenia Sawrey - Kaitohu Matua Treaty Partner Relationships,
Department of Conservation

Key Points:

- Provided background on 'Te Tatau Pounamu o Te Awa o Te Atua' Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) which had been established under the Ngāti Awa Claims Settlement Act 2005 to advise the Minister of Conservation and the Director-General on conservation matters affecting the specified sites which included Te Awa o te Atua (Matatā lagoon)
- Ms Sawrey's role of servicing the JAC commenced six months ago

- Acknowledged past and current JAC members, and those who were members of both the JAC and Strategy Group
- Outlined the five sites that the JAC was responsible for providing advice to DOC and the respective post-settlement governance entities
- After a two-year hiatus, the JAC re-established in mid-2023 with an initial focus to re-orientate within a new landscape of conservation stakeholders, challenges and opportunities
- Current focus of the JAC was to develop a five-year strategic aspirations document to set management priorities for each reserve. Key focus areas were to: gather input from stakeholders, enable nohoanga (site) access for reconnection and better care of taiao, advocacy and developing its strategic aspirations
- Highlighted DOC's position to:
 - Refine its mahi by providing quality over quantity with the limited resources that it had;
 - Focus on visitor and heritage experiences to enable engagement in the taiao
- DOC recognised the current (declined) state of Te Awa o te Atua lagoon. While DOC had limited capacity to contribute to restoring the mauri of the lagoon, they agreed and supported the sentiment and direction needed to reinstate biodiversity and reconnect people with place.

Key Points - Members:

- Acknowledged the presentation, mahi and past JAC members, alongside the coming together of iwi as a collective and the different roles of the JAC and Strategy Group
- Acknowledged the JAC as a key stakeholder of the Strategy Group and building a connection with DOC to obtain access to the respective sites
- Queried how the Strategy Group would interface with DOC on consenting matters, which Ms Sawrey noted for follow-up.

8. Ngā Pūrongo Reports (Continued)

8.1 Project Team Update

Presentation - Iwi and Stakeholder Engagement - TARSG Draft Strategic Objectives: Objective ID A4743799 [⇒](#)

Presented by: Dr Frances Teinakore-Curtis, Project Manager, Jane Waldon, Co-Governance Secretariat/Iwi-Stakeholder Engagement, Dr Emily Afoa, Technical Planning Engineer and Keri Topperwien - Plan Writer

Key Points:

- Sought advice on the question raised under section 3.4 of the Chairperson's report regarding responsibility of water quality monitoring, noting that the Project team wished to define this in respective Kōtuku Agreements that were to be formed with various stakeholders
- Iwi and stakeholder engagement (refer PowerPoint Presentation):
 - An iterative engagement process would be used to enable stakeholders meaningful input into the development of the Strategy document
 - Outlined the schedule of engagements that were currently in progress
 - Where possible, the Project team would look to attend stakeholder and community group hui to create efficiencies/reduce engagement fatigue

- Reference material would be provided to stakeholders ahead of time to inform discussions
- Technical planning:
 - Still progressing in the data discovery phase, involving data compilation from a lot of different people and organisations
 - Parallel strand of work to prepare a work plan for developing a business case in relation to Aspiration 1 to reconnect water flow into Te Awa o te Atua and out to Mihimarino
 - A hui would be requested with the Iwi Collective to better understand and demonstrate individual identity within the information/catchment
- Strategic Objectives development:
 - Currently in a holding pattern, but was observing and providing support while stakeholder engagement and other workstreams were getting underway
- Cultural monitoring:
 - Introduced cultural monitors Simon Costar (Ngāti Rangitahi) and Destiny Wharewera-Mason (Ngāti Rangitahi, Ngāti Awa) who were part of Ngati Rangitahi's taiao management team and would be supporting the project
 - Noted also some good cultural monitoring work being undertaken by Ngāti Awa and Ngāti Tuwharetoa ki Kawerau within their own spaces that would be critical to some of the technical planning and Mātauranga Māori monitoring at specific sites in the future.

In Response to Questions:

- The next newsletter issue would be prepared during the following month for future release.

Key Points - Members:

- Provided the following feedback on iwi/stakeholder engagement:
 - Sought consideration to engage other geothermal users within the Kawerau geothermal field and/or catchment, along with Fonterra Edgecumbe and the Joint Advisory Committee if appropriate
 - Kawerau District Council were currently engaging with community on a number of challenging issues, therefore recommended the Project team engage separately with community/stakeholders rather than linking in with council-held hui/events
 - Suggested seeking engagement by activity, i.e. geothermal, forestry, farmers
 - Kawerau district now only had two marae within its district (Rautahi and Tohia o te Rangī Marae) as a result of a boundary change
 - It was important to engage with as many affected community members/stakeholders, including marae/hapū and those at the grassroots level.

Key Points - Staff:

- Acknowledged members feedback and signalled a request to work with members further on stakeholder engagement
- Queried whether the Rangitāiki River Forum should be included as part of stakeholder engagement.

Resolved

That the Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group:

- 1 Receives the report, Project Team Update.**

**Awhimate/Tunui
CARRIED**

8.2 Outcome of Te Mahere Tūroa | Long Term Plan 2024 - 2034

Presented by: Chris Ingle, General Manager Integrated Catchments

Key Points:

- Highlighted Regional Council's adoption of the new community outcome Te Ara Poutama and a number of recommendations to support it, including approved the establishment of a Regional Co-Governance Secretariat Fund (RCSF), which the Strategy Group and Rangitāiki River Forum had supported in their submissions to the LTP
- The funding policy to support the RCSF would be reported to Komiti Māori in October 2024 for final approval.

Resolved

That the Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group:

- 1 **Receives the report, Outcome of Te Mahere Tūroa | Long Term Plan 2024 - 2034.**

**Ngaropo/Campbell
CARRIED**

9. Whakaaturanga Presentations

9.1 Freshwater Biosecurity Update on work in Tarawera Awa and Te Awa o Te Atua Lagoon

Presentation - Biosecurity Freshwater Update: Objective ID A4744919 [⇒](#)

Tabled Document 1 - Biosecurity Freshwater Update Memorandum (24 July 2024): Objective ID A4736903 [⇒](#)

Presented by: Shane Grayling, Team Leader, Biosecurity and Te Wakaunua Te Kurapa, Biosecurity Officer

Key Points:

- Provided an overview of three pest species (Alligator weed, Rudd fish and Sagittaria) that were present in the lower reaches of the Tarawera and Rangitāiki Awa and current control methods/programme being used:
 - Alligator weed - NIWA had recommended new control methods that were environmentally safe
 - Rudd fish - Council staff were working with the Department of Conservation and Ngāti Rangitīhi cultural monitors on a control plan that would involve netting
 - Sagittaria - there was a large presence in Te Awa o te Atua lagoon but could be effectively controlled
- A detailed description of the pests and associated controls was circulated to members for information (refer Tabled Document).

In Response to Questions:

- Pest plant species generally dominated over native vegetation and had a detrimental impact on the eco-system, i.e. reduced habitat and flooding
- Very low levels of glyphosate and metsulfuron were used in controls.

Key Points - Members:

- Sought consideration of a more strategic and integrated monitoring programme approach for the catchment (from source to sea) to improve resource efficiencies and potential issues from occurring downstream.

Items for Staff Follow Up:

- Members requested information on: native species that had been present before the pest species; and further information regarding control methods and associated nitrogen and phosphate outputs.

Resolved

- 1 **Receives the presentation, Freshwater Biosecurity Update on work in Tarawera Awa and Te Awa o te Atua lagoon.**

**Tunui/Campbell
CARRIED**

10. Ngā Whakamārama a Ngā Rōpū Update from Partners

10.1 Ngāti Tūwharetoa (Bay of Plenty) Settlement Trust (NTST)

- The Project team had held an engagement hui with NTST with feedback provided in relation to geothermal discharges into the Tarawera Awa, which the Project team had noted for further consideration
- Ngāti Tūwharetoa would seek to present their geothermal data to the next TARSG Iwi Collective hui on 9 September 2024.

10.2 Kawerau District Council (KDC)

- KDC had a number of issues it was currently dealing with
- Supported the mahi that was taking place in the Strategy Group space
- Kawerau had hosted the Rangitāiki Kapa Haka festival 6-7 August, which had been a joyous occasion.

10.3 Whakatāne District Council (WDC)

- WDC had adopted its Long Term Plan on Monday 5 August 2024
- Following the Chief Executive's resignation in May 2024, WDC were close to finalising a replacement
- Central Government's Local Water Done Well proposal would be a key focus of work, and would be discussed at the Mayoral Forum meeting on 16 August 2024.

10.4 Bay of Plenty Regional Council Toi Moana

- Supported the mahi and objectives of the Strategy Group, however noted the limited resources available across the current landscape.

11. Karakia Kati Closing Karakia

A karakia was provided by Dr Pouroto Ngaropo.

11:58 am - the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED

Chair Leith Comer
Chairperson
Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group

Meeting: Council

Meeting Date: 25 September 2024

Subject: **Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw – Hearing and Submissions Report**

File No.: 320400

1 **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide the Council with the written submissions received to support the hearing and deliberations on the review of the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw.

A full set of written submissions are included in Appendix 2.

2 **Background**

The Freedom Camping Bylaw 2019 was introduced as a means to address problems that had arisen with freedom camping in Kawerau District. The introduction of the Bylaw was considered the best way to protect freedom camping areas and the health and safety of people in the Kawerau District and enabled Council to adopt an infringement regime to help manage the freedom camping areas.

A new Bylaw must be reviewed within 5 years of implementation and then every 10 years after this. As such, the Freedom Camping Bylaw is due for review.

In addition to a standard review, in June 2023, changes were made to the Freedom Camping Act 2011 and the Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Act 2006 through the enactment of the Self-Contained Vehicles Legislation Act 2023 which had the purpose of improving the management of vehicle based freedom camping.

A key change made by the amendment means that since June 2023, if a person is freedom camping on Council controlled or managed land using a vehicle, they must be using a certified self-contained vehicle to freedom camp. The definition of self-contained has been updated to require a fixed toilet.

The Act now provides a presumption that freedom camping on local authority land is a permitted activity, including the use of a tent or temporary structures. However, where using a vehicle, the presumption is the vehicle must be self-contained (note: there is a graduated approach over the first 2 years ending June 2025). While Council can restrict freedom camping to set areas within the District, or set types of freedom camping via a Bylaw, Council cannot issue a blanket ban on freedom camping.

Another key change is previously, people experiencing homelessness could be liable for offences under the Freedom Camping Act. The Act now contains an exemption from the freedom camping rules for those experiencing homelessness if they are not in New Zealand on a visitor visa, and they are unable to live in appropriate residential accommodation, i.e. a house, flat, motel, boarding house, or camping ground. This exemption reinforces the approach that people experiencing homelessness should not

be penalised and should instead be directed to appropriate social service organisations.

2.1. Work to Date

Council staff have undertaken a review of the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2019, which included a review of the changes to legislation and the impact on bylaw and the district as a whole. The review involved speaking to internal teams to get an understanding of the current issues with the bylaw, and reviewing complaints relating to freedom camping to help understand the community concerns. The proposed freedom camping bylaw has also been reviewed by legal experts to ensure it complies with requirements.

2.2. Relationship with Reserves Act 1977

Section 44 of the Reserves Act states that using a reserve for permanent or temporary accommodation (which includes freedom camping) is not allowed without consent under this Act (such as, through a Reserve Management Plan).

The relationship between the Freedom Camping Bylaw and the Reserves Act 1977 is important. The Reserves Act 1977 generally prohibits freedom camping, so where reserves are prohibited under the Bylaw, they will also be prohibited under the Reserves Act 1977 (pursuant to section 44), unless the Kawerau District Council Reserve Management Plan enables freedom camping.

As a result, minor changes to the Reserve Management Plan will be required to reflect the scope of the Bylaw. The Reserve Management Plan is currently being reviewed.

2.3. Summary of the Key Changes

The proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw was drafted to address public complaints and to align with the new legislation. An outline of the key changes are included below.

- Key Change 1 – Explanatory Statement Removed
The explanatory statement was removed as this did not add value to the Bylaw.
- Key Change 2 – New Bylaw format
Updated the template to reflect a modernised Bylaw.
- Key Change 3 - Enabling Enactment Added
This references the legislation which enables the Bylaw.
- Key Change 4 – Incorporation of Explanatory Notes
Incorporation of explanatory notes. Explanatory notes allows relevant additional information to be added to better inform the community, without affecting the content of the Bylaw. For example references to key definitions in legislation such as “self-contained” and “freedom camp” are included and can be updated without a review of the Bylaw. This enables the Bylaw to respond to changes efficiently, providing the actual content of the Bylaw is not altered.
- Key Change 5 – Purpose altered for simplicity
Removal of additional words that were not required.

- Key Change 6 – Definitions Updated
Definitions updated to reflect the changes in legislation and to help people better understand the Bylaw. Definitions added for act, infringement offence, prohibited and restricted areas, while the definition for council and self-contained (through explanatory note) were amended. The definition for area was changed to local authority area and we removed the definition for authorised officer as this was no longer required.
- Key Change 7 – Permitted Freedom Camping modified
Changes to the Freedom Camping Act 2011, which provided for the presumption of freedom camping, required the phrasing to be adjusted within the Bylaw. Freedom camping is permitted in self-contained vehicles unless restricted or prohibited. No freedom camping in a tent or temporary structure.
- Key Change 8 - General conditions now sits under Restricted Areas
Restricted areas sets out all general restrictions that apply across the district. A few key changes to the conditions include:
The maximum nights has been adjusted from 7 consecutive nights to a maximum of 7 nights in a calendar month and no person can stay for more than 7 consecutive nights when crossing over two calendar months. This was introduced to prevent individuals staying for six nights and then return a few days later. Camp site inspections are enabled to ensure freedom campers are complying with requirements.
- Key Change 9 – Prior Approval introduced to enable freedom camping, in circumstances where otherwise it would be prohibited
This provides people with an option to seek prior approval for a special event, in circumstances it would not otherwise be allowed. This provision includes the process and considerations. A small charge will apply for processing the application.
- Key Change 10 - Additional information provided around Temporary closures
Time frames for notification adjusted to be reflective of the circumstances. Also included in the explanatory notes is advertising methods that may be used for temporary closures.
- Key Change 11 – Changes to the current restricted and prohibited areas
Prideaux Park – extended current restricted area to include grassed area along the northern side of the Bowling Club.

Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre – reduced the available freedom camping parking area to one section but hours remain unchanged.

Firmin Field – Reduced the parking area available for freedom camping, allowing more parking for hirers of Firmin Lodge. Reduced access to Firmin Field which was amended to require prior approval, with no parking 10m from the river bank or residential properties. Non-self-contained and tents may be considered in conjunction with hireage of Firmin Lodge due to plumbing capacity.

Stoneham Park – removed as no longer available for freedom camping due to development.

Boyce Park and Waterhouse Street Reserve, although already requiring consent must now obtain prior approval.

Recreation Centre – Now prohibited due to health and safety concerns.

Council reserves and playgrounds in residential areas are now referred to as neighbourhood reserves.

- Key Change 12 – Maps Updated
This provides better clarity around location of restricted and prohibited sites.

On 31 July 2024, Council approved the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw and statement of proposal for public consultation.

2.4. Public Consultation

Public consultation was carried out between 5 August 2024 and 6 September 2024. The proposed freedom camping bylaw, statement of proposal and submission form were made available online, with hard copies available at the Council Office and the Library. Social media posts were also used to inform people of the proposal through links to the online information. Council also provided five public drop in centres to provide the community with an opportunity to discuss any thoughts and provide feedback. These meetings were advertised in the newspaper and on our website.

An invitation was sent to Ngāti Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau, Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora, Ngāti Rangitihī, Ngāti Awa, Māori Investments and Tuhourangi to discuss or make a submission on the proposed Bylaw. We have received no feedback at this stage.

We also reached out to the New Zealand Motor Home Association through local representatives to advise them of the consultation on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw. They have provided a submission on the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw.

3 Current Situation – Submissions Received

3.1. Overview of submissions received

A total of 21 submissions have been received. The full set of submissions are included in Appendix 2. At the time of writing, no late submissions have been received.

3.2. Hearing of submissions

Of the 21 submissions received, 3 have requested to be heard. A schedule of speakers is provided in Table 1 below, these submissions appear first in Appendix 2.

Table 1 – Schedule of oral submitters

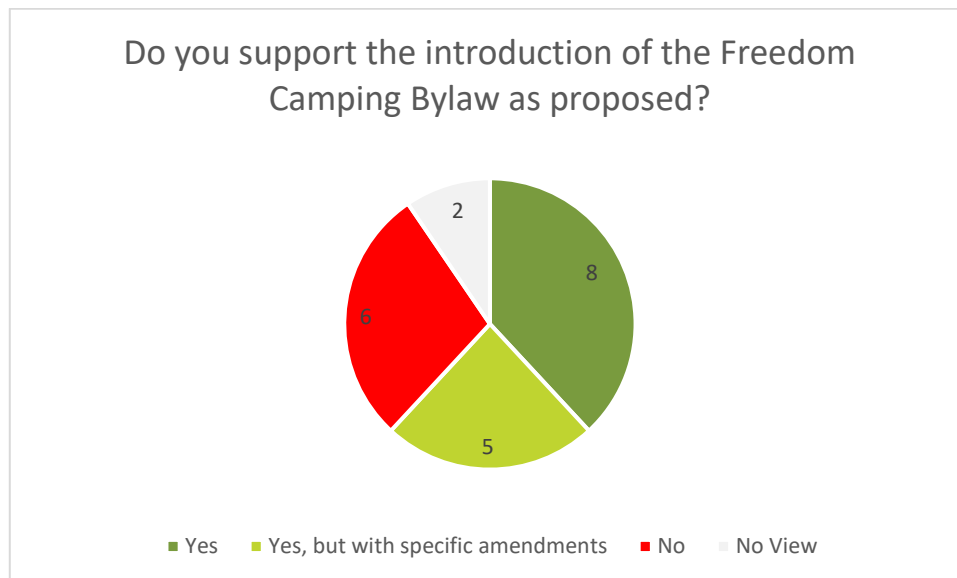
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3.3. Analysis of submissions of the seven key questions

The following section summarises the responses to the seven key questions on the submission form.

Question 1:

Do you support the introduction of the Freedom Camping Bylaw as proposed?



Note: Submitters that did not respond to question, where included with those who indicated no view.

Of the 21 submissions, the responses have been categorised as positive (13 submissions, 61.91%), negative (6 submissions, 28.57%) or no view (2 submissions, 9.52%).

A total of 13 submissions had a positive sentiment towards the introduction of the proposed Bylaw, 5 of these submissions indicated the need for amendments, however this was not set out under this question. Those that indicated their reasoning stated the need to encourage tourism and restrict campers at Prideaux Park to only 25 vehicles.

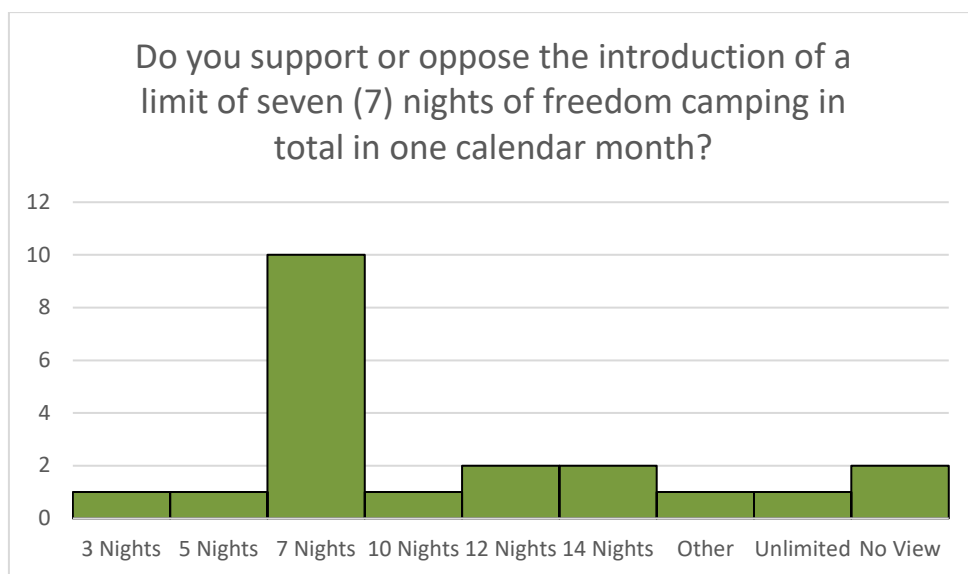
6 submissions provide a negative sentiment largely relating to the growth of people living in their vehicle. There are also requests for more toilets and do not agree with the reduction of sites.

Support
Nil Comments
Support with Amendments
"encourage domestic tourism"
"Restrict number of campers at Prideaux Park to 25 vehicles"

Do Not Support
“Most nights at any given freedom camping location in NZ, over 4% will be permanently living in vehicles”
“There are no provisions/ consideration for people permanently living in legal self-contained vehicles who are unable to afford or find permanent accommodation.”
“These people are homeless, as in permanent fixed address, but have a home and living as citizens in the town”
“You need to provide toilets at the bowling club park”
“Council is taking away areas”

Question 2:

Do you support or oppose the introduction of a limit of seven (7) nights of freedom camping in total in one calendar month?



Note: Submitters that did not respond to question, where included with those who indicated no view.

Of the 21 submissions, the responses have been categorised as positive (10 submissions, 47.62%), negative (9 submissions, 42.85%), or no view (2 submissions, 9.52%).

A slight majority of responses were positive. 10 submissions received generally indicated 7 days was a good number of nights for freedom camping. One submission indicated more than seven nights should require a contribution.

A total of 9 submissions showed negative sentiments, however these were divided with 7 submitters wanting more nights and 2 wanting less nights. Those wanting more nights ranged from 10 to unlimited, with the majority (5) being between 10 and 14 nights. The reasons given for the extended timeframe largely related to personal circumstances, income and the increased number of people living in their vehicle.

One reason given for wanting less nights is the large number of freedom campers with each staying 7 nights would be too much.

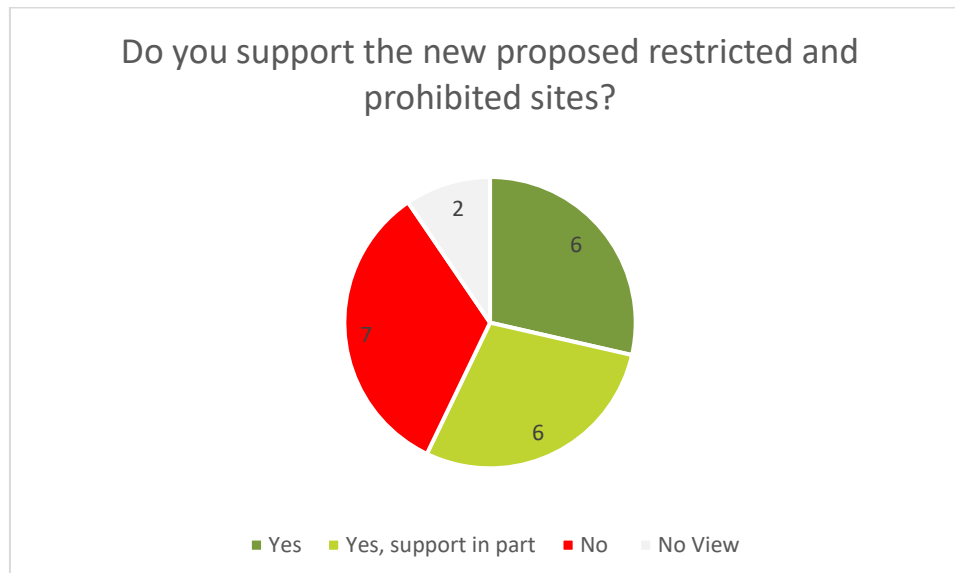
Support
<p>“seven nights total in one month is about right: As a camper myself I won't stay longer than that anywhere in NZ”</p> <p>“Seven nights is enough”</p> <p>“Encourages people to rest up, visit the area. This is long enough with Dump Stations and water available”</p> <p>“Seven nights total in one month is about right: Freedom camping should be freely available to all new Zealanders at any given time”</p> <p>“Happy with 7 with permit, 2 to 3 nights without....Freedom camping is helpful and means we can spend our money in cafes and shops”</p> <p>“I struggle to pay my rates so they need to contribute if here for more than 7 days”</p>

Do Not Support
<p>“No limit: Setting a particular NUMBER of nights is arbitrary....Probably pointless including it if you cannot effectively police it.”</p> <p>“Negotiated!: This needs to be carefully considered on a case-by-case basis due to the increasing number of homeless people and people living permanently in motor vehicles”</p> <p>“My preference is for 12 nights per month but only 8 nights consecutively”</p> <p>“10: Most campers spend in Kawerau, look after the environment they are at and nice people”</p> <p>“14 nights. Easier for the older pensioners.: a shortage of housing, much less on the govt, the freedom of parking, is a real pain we campers would love a longer stay many of us live in kawerau and do voluntary work...”</p> <p>“14: NZ housing crisis. people need more time. It's harder and harder to find areas to stay. I propose 7 nights total at 1 site. 14 total over all sites over a month.”</p>
<p>“three (3) nights total being allowed in the Kawerau District in one calendar month; subject to Council's discretion to increase to 5 (five) nights in one calendar month for major events hosted by the Kawerau community.”</p> <p>“5 is lots: Recently passed the bowling club one night last week and it was chocka block, all along the bowling club fence line. At least 7 or 8 large mobile camper vans. All those people, 7 nights a week if they wanted, is too much.”</p>

Question 3:

Do you support the new proposed restricted and prohibited sites? This would mean:

- **Prideaux Park** - extend current restricted area to include the grassed area along the northern side of the Kawerau Bowling Club;
- **Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre carpark**- reducing the area overall;
- **Firmin Field** - reducing the area for freedom camping to provide better parking for hirers of Firmin Lodge.
- **Ron Hardie Recreation Centre** - now prohibited due to health and safety concerns with Sulphur levels;



Note: Submitters that did not respond to question, were included with those who indicated no view.

Of the 21 submissions, the responses have been categorised as positive (12 submissions, 57.14%), negative (7 submissions, 33.33%), or no view (2 submissions, 9.52%).

The majority of submissions (12) indicated positive sentiments to the proposed changes to the restricted or prohibited sites. Six of these submissions only supported in parts, some of the reason given include wanting additional amendments including additional facilities (toilets, extended areas), better enforcement and some needed clarification on the parking on roads.

Seven submitters did not support the proposed changes and indicated the following concerns; need more toilets (health and safety of environment), need to make other areas available where limiting space. People will want to park where they feel safe, the Judo Club is a better site than the Bowling club and rather than excluding sites – place a “camp at on risk” sign.

Support
<p>“Us oldies have to live, we do not rely on govt handouts we do love our town, the costs of having own house maintenance rates pension is hard to make ends meet we have paid our taxes, can we please live our lives, in a motorised self-contained caravan, can we register with council that we live here in a caravan, it is a struggle to live on my own”</p> <p>“Sounds fair”</p> <p>“Prideaux Park. I don't know other areas. Reason: walking distance to shops and services hot pool use”</p>
Support in Part
<p>“I believe the council could put toilets outside places, like the Firmin lodge and maybe putting something like \$20 fee per week there to help with maintenance”</p> <p>“1. Prideaux Park - extend the area. 2. Maurie Kjar- please confirm how many spaces are currently available?? (4pm-9am good!!) Leave as is do not reduce size. 3. Firmin Field- Leave as is, if hirers want more room, they can have the back of the lodge and park (grass area) make them PAY MORE...4. Ron Hardie- leave it prohibited 5. Road with a speed limit of 50km or less... - please clarify what this means. Can we park across from the cemetery?? (Weld St Park??, Robison St, Holland Cres Cobham Drive)- what does the exemption mean? 6. Hilldale Reserve- should have spaces made available 7. Water Wheel Park - Should have spaces made available... Please note the clarity of your maps made them very hard to read...”</p>

"Support the effective management of freedom camping by Council with the implementation of an up to date Freedom Camping Bylaw in place that will protect significant areas of interest to the community and enable health and safety concerns to be raised. There are people who live in their NON SELF-CONTAINED vehicles more than seven (7) days per calendar month on a daily/nightly, weekly basis to access our free community swimming pools, spa, shower and ablution facilities. There are homeless people, regulars who live in their non-self-contained cars, behind the bowling club, sports pavilion and along the eastern side of the bowling club. They choose to stay in Kawerau because our existing Freedom Camping Bylaw enables their lifestyle. Walking to and from the hill walkway (via Bell/ Massey/Mackenzie streets passing through the current designated areas of behind the sports pavilion, back and eastern side of the bowling club - health and safety issue sometimes, rubbish left around by non-self-contained homeless users, scary sometimes walking down the hill pathway on your own, people living in their NON SELF CONTAINED vehicles - can be sometimes be quite confronting, makes me feel unsafe. This area is out of sight, out of mind because the designated area for freedom camping is not roadside, open to and visible by the general public at all times - I believe the designated space is and has been open to abuse."

"Firmin field should remain. However on certain times of year (like events). It should be closed to campers."

"No extending onto northern side"

"How often is firmin field been used for a private hire..??"

Do Not Support

"...Firmin field parking is the safest and quietest parking in Kawerau with toilets and water. Many people living in cars use this. If you restrict this then you will have people using the outdoors for their toilet."

"As long as the spaces are not too limiting or that you offer better options"

"I often park outside the Maurie Kjar Aquatic centre on a Monday night. I feel safest when parked close to the building/garden..... I will feel quite exposed and unsafe parking close to the road over night as you have proposed.."

"Council is taking away camping areas if not suitable other areas should be made available"

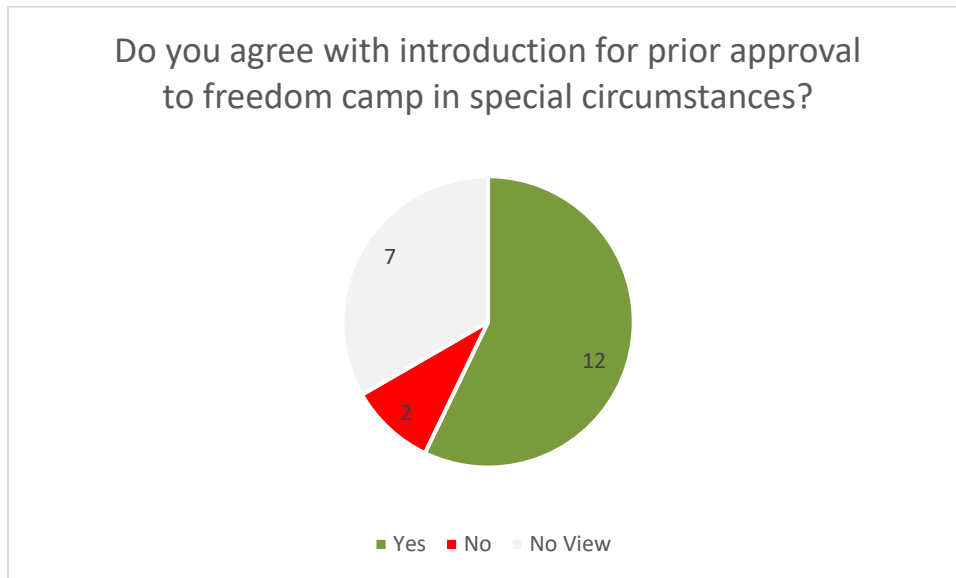
"Health and safety Put up a sign camping at own risk and highlight the risks"

"It's not attractive and it's not the best place for campers I'm guessing. Yes close to facilities but when it's parked up in the middle of town it's too much. Maybe at the field by the Judo club? It's a better site then the bowling club grass. The same bathroom facilities that firmin field have, can be added? When you want to use the pools they can park In the large free car park kawerau provides with the free pool, spa, shower and eating facilities."

"Have you done the necessary site assessments to determine if there is evidence which demands that you need to implement these added restrictions?...."

Question 4:

Do you agree with the introduction for prior approval to freedom camp in special circumstances?



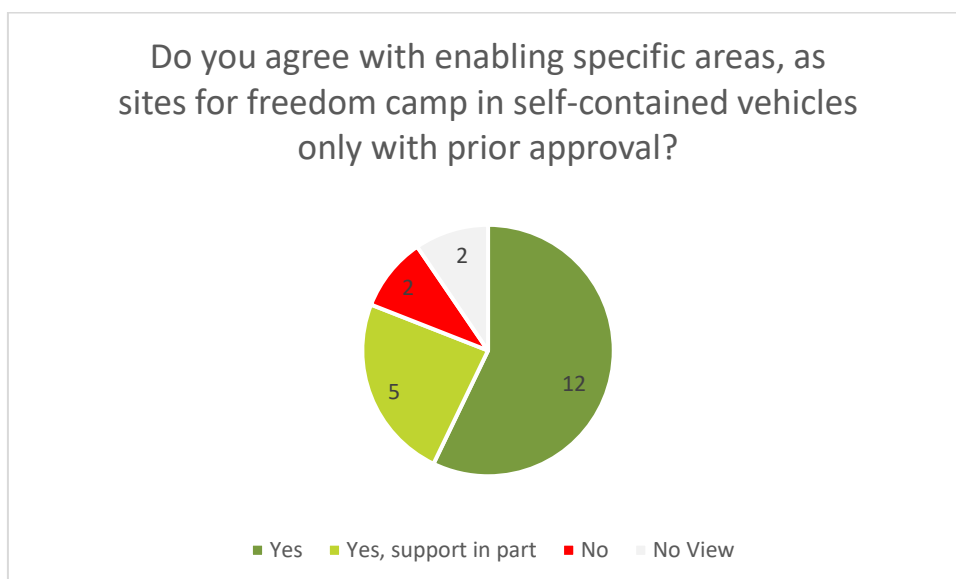
Note: Submitters that did not respond to question, where included with those who indicated no view.

Of the 21 submissions, the responses have been categorised as positive (12 submissions, 57.14%), negative (2 submissions, 9.52%), or no view (7 submissions, 33.33%).

There were no comments attached to this question within the submissions received.

Question 5:

Do you agree with enabling Boyce Park, Waterhouse Street Reserve and Firmin Field along the eastern edge of the carpark, as sites for freedom camp in self-contained vehicles only with prior approval? (Access needs to be provided by Council as reserves do not have vehicle access)



Note: Submitters that did not respond to question, where included with those who indicated no view.

Of the 21 submissions, the responses have been categorised as positive (17 submissions, 80.95%), negative (2 submissions, 9.52%), or no view (2 submissions, 9.52%).

The large majority of submissions (17) indicated positive sentiments to enabling specific areas for self-contained vehicle with pre-approval. Those who only supported in part had concerns around criminal behaviour or disorder, the use of Boyce Park and the cost to ratepayers in actioning prior approvals.

Two submitters did not support this change, with one indicating concerns of the cost of prior approval and this not being freedom camping or democratic and not being fit for purpose.

Support
<p>"The more space available is a good thing Kawerau has a lot of reserves"</p> <p>"Support the proposed prior approval for SELF-CONTAINED vehicles to be located at Boyce Park, Waterhouse Street Reserve and Firmin Field"</p> <p>"Just Right"</p> <p>"Got to stay somewhere"</p> <p>"Boyce Park (by the judo club?) is an ideal location for campers."</p>
Support in Part
<p>"As long as they are not making a mess or harassing people or been violent or drugs and alcohol involved, I do not have a problem"</p> <p>"You can't restrict those who are truly homeless, there's a lot of retirement age who have older vehicles or even car's that they have to live in."</p> <p>"Not in Boyce park"</p> <p>"prior approval needed because a vehicle cannot access these areas? Is it blocked in some way normally? Once again - if you add those restriction HOW are you going to grant prior approval? What cost is there to rate payers to provide an effective prior approval system and check on the self-containment of those applying? What are the resources needed to implement these restrictions?"</p>
Do not Support
<p>"PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT?? - at least 10 working days prior?? to the date of "freedom camping" - APPLICATION FEE?? - why should there be a fee? No gouging "this is gouging" - COMPLETED APPLICATIONS: will be considered by Council?? Dole discretion? No just no (not correct procedure at all) Do we live in a non-democratic society? How does this even equate to freedom camping?? not fit for purpose!!!"</p>

Question 6:

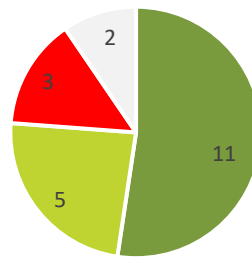
Do you agree with introduction of obtaining prior approval to freedom camp in non-self-contained vehicles and tents, within the restricted area/s:

1. Waterhouse Street Reserve

2. Firmin Field (on the field itself)

(Would only be permitted in conjunction with the hireage of Firmin Lodge due to the capacity of the infrastructure (public toilets))

Do you agree with introduction of obtaining prior approval to freedom camp in non-self-contained vehicles and tents, within the restricted area/s:



■ Yes ■ Yes, support in part ■ No ■ No View

Note: Submitters that did not respond to question, were included with those who indicated no view.

Of the 21 submissions, the responses have been categorised as positive (16 submissions, 76.19%), negative (3 submissions, 14.29%), or no view (2 submissions, 9.52%).

The majority of submissions (16) indicated positive sentiments to enabling specific areas for non-self-contained vehicle with pre-approval. Although there is limited reason provided it appears to be accepted that this would be appropriate for events. Those who only supported in part, suggest toilets should be built, tents should not be allowed in winter, and raised concern about the pre-approval process.

Three submitters did not support the prior approval as someone would have to police and there should be no limits.

Support
<p>“Support proposal of prior approval for NON-SELF-CONTAINED VEHICLES AND TENTS permitted in conjunction with the hire of Firmin Lodge as per infrastructure capacity (public toilets).”</p> <p>“As accommodation for events”</p>
Support in Part
<p>“Some people can't afford camper Vans and are living in their vehicles so that is why toilets should be built. Due to tents, I disagree in the winter for the health of everyone but summertime I think it should be ok because it's hot.”</p> <p>“If toilets are available then CSC is not needed”</p> <p>“Perhaps a timeframe of when they must be cleaned up and leave everyday”</p> <p>“Yes, I agree freedom campers that do not have mobile camping vehicles should be granted approval for their stay. So, they can be safe and enjoy their time here like any other camping site. There will only be a certain amount of spots and days you can camp there so having obtained approval that these terms are adhered to is good for everybody.”</p> <p>“How will a system of application actually be established and implemented? What will the cost be to set this up ? What resources do you have to manage this restriction? It's impossible to answer unless Council provides a cost and benefit analysis to introduce this restriction. I'd love there to be access for families to enjoy TENT camping somewhere..so if this is the only site available- I encourage any positive steps to make those recreation possible for the public. Thanks”</p>

Do Not Support
“someone will have to police this.”
“New Zealanders shouldn't have any restrictions to camping in New Zealand”

Question 7:**Please provide any further comments you have on the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw?**

Out of the 21 submitters, 11 made further comments on the proposed freedom camping bylaw. These submissions cover a wide range of perspectives from the growing number of people living in their motorhomes to the method in which the site assessments were completed.

The following cover the key themes identified in the responses to question 7.

Motorhome Friendly Status

Two submissions related to maintaining Kawerau's status as a motor home friendly town, which has the benefit of being promoted as a destination. This requires a lawful bylaw and the ability to freedom camp responsibly in safe and desirable locations.

Lifestyle

There were six submissions that related to the growth of people living in their recreational vehicles. There is a request to consider the rights of responsible campers and recognise their contribution to the economic and social fabric of our community. There are concerns that Councils across the country are restricting camping areas. Freedom camping is considered a kiwi way, a vital and affordable way to travel and it is believed people should be safe to stay without be harassed by the bureaucracy.

Protection of Town integrity and environment

One submission references the desire to maintain freedom camping but the need to balance with maintaining the town integrity and the protection of the environment.

Freedom Camping Site Assessment and Process

There are two submissions that related to the bylaw being more restrictive and whether Council followed the correct process. Key concerns raised included whether the site assessment had been completed, if so correctly, whether the consideration of environmental or cultural sensitivity was irrelevant, and whether the consideration of the effects privacy and amenity of private landowners was relevant under s11 of the Freedom Camping Act. Concerns were also raised with the consideration of commercial activity when requesting a pre-approval.

Cost Efficiency

One submission related to the cost of implementation of enforce and prior approvals.

Temporary Closures

One submission objected to the temporary closures of freedom camping site for events, requesting better access to sites.

For the full comments, please refer to Appendix 2 Submissions on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw, Question 7.

Additional Comments through engagement

During a drop in centre we received additional information that has not been reflected in the submissions. This includes:

- Prideaux Park – Location is not ideal. Some community members are avoiding walking through this area (from Massey Street) and taking the long route due to feeling intimidated by the area and those staying at Prideaux Park. Being out behind everything, can result in undesirable activities (not necessarily related to freedom campers), would be good to have these sites in open areas.
- Designated Camping Ground – Would be good to have a designated camping ground for campers.
- Restricted and Prohibited areas – Explanatory note should refer back to not being able to accept a prior approval for reserve land unless permitted under the reserve management plan.
- Penalties – consider listing the penalties in the Explanatory notes.
- Dump Station Firmin Lodge – limited to smaller vans due to location

4 Options Considered

There are no options considered appropriate in this paper. Council must deliberate on the submissions. Upon deliberations, Council can make recommendations for amendments required to the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw.

5 Policy and Plan Considerations

There are minor amendments required to the Reserves Management Plan to align with the amendments in the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw. The Reserves Management Plan is currently under review.

There are no other identified inconsistencies with any of the Council's policies or plans in relation to this report.

6 Risks

There are no known risks associated with the matters of this report.

7 Financial Considerations

The following considerations have been undertaken.

Enforcement – Compliance with the Freedom Camping Bylaw is currently undertaken by Council Staff. This will continue at no additional cost.

We are about to tender for the after-hours animal and noise control contracts, in which we will include Freedom Camping as a new role. It is expected this may be able to be covered within our current budget, however this will not be confirmed until the tender process has been completed. An estimate is being prepared at the time of writing this.

Where the additional services cannot be covered within current budgets (or exceeds expectations), the services will continue being undertaken with Council Staff, with the option to extend working hours through running a spilt shift.

Our Economic & Community Development Manager obtained funding of \$80,000 from the Transition Fund to assist with the development of the new bylaw, signage, and ambassadors to work with freedom campers. This will cover the additional costs required for new and more educational signage and pamphlets. A Freedom Camping ambassador will also be able to engage with freedom campers on the introduction of the new bylaw to provide an educational approach, prior to any enforcement.

8 Legal Considerations

Prior to approving the Proposed Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw and Statement of Proposal for consultation, Council must consider the following statutory considerations.

8.1 Is the Bylaw the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problem?

Kawerau District receive a large number of freedom campers in comparison to our size. With limited accommodation sites in Kawerau a lot of visitors need to consider alternative options such as freedom camping.

While freedom campers are welcome, they also contribute towards some negative impacts on the environment and the community. These include:

- Pollution of the environment, resulting in health issues such as unsanitary human waste;
- Freedom Campers limiting access to site for other visitors such as tourist sites like the pools, Firmin Lodge, residential areas.

Since the amendments to the Freedom Camping Act 2011, Council has recognised that controlling freedom camping was necessary to protect the district's environment, including the visual amenity, landscapes and waterways.

Complaints and community tensions can occur particularly when ratepayers are inconvenienced by Freedom Campers through limited access, damage to infrastructure, concerns about the mess left behind.

Lastly there is also concerns around the use of non-self-contained vehicles, campers staying too long, failing to pay for powered site and campers not using on-board facilities.

The Bylaw is an appropriate way of monitoring and managing the Freedom Campers and the site they visit.

8.2 Is the proposed Bylaw the most appropriate form of Bylaw? s155(2)(a) LGA

Section 155(2)(a) requires Council to determine whether the proposed Bylaw is the most appropriate form of Bylaw. While finding that the previous Bylaw could be improved, it is believed that the proposed amendments will sufficiently address any shortcomings, along with ensuring consistency with the Freedom Camping Act 2011 updates.

8.3 Does the proposed new Bylaw give rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990?

The proposed Bylaw is not considered to be inconsistent with the Bill of Rights 1990.

While there may be potential limitations to the freedom of movement due to limited access to Council grounds for the purpose of freedom camping, it is considered these limits are justified for the following reasons:

- Site assessments have been completed which provide an assessment of which sites should be restricted to protect the area, health and safety of visitors or the significance of the site.
- The site is still accessible on foot and visitors are welcome, it is only the vehicle access or the ability to camp that is restricted.
- The majority of sites do not have access or are fenced off.
- The new Bylaw enables prior approval for special circumstances.

9 Significance and Engagement

The matters in this report are considered to be of a moderate significance due to the level of community interest, and the possible adverse impact on the community and environment.

Public consultation was conducted between 5 August and 6 September 2024 to obtain the views of the community. The methods of consultation is set out above at 2.3.

10 Conclusion

This report is provided to Council for the purpose of receiving the submissions and deliberation on the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw.

Upon the receipt of these submissions, Council is required to deliberate to consider any required amends prior to deciding on whether or not to adopt the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw.

Deliberations can be undertaken after the hearing, or where Council would like more time to deliberate, a further meeting can be arranged on 16 October 2024 for this purpose.

Once deliberations have been completed, any amendment will be made to the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw in preparation for Council to approve the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw at a date yet to be confirmed.

11 RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report "Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw – Hearing and Submissions" be received.
2. That Council receive the written and oral submissions.
3. That Council notes deliberations will be held on 16 October 2024 to determine any changes to the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw; OR
4. That Council deliberates on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw following the hearing submissions; and

5. That Council notes that following this meeting, the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw will be amended to reflect the outcome of the deliberations and a report will be prepared for the adoption of Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw at a later date, yet to be confirmed.



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APPENDIX 1**Kawerau District Council – Freedom Camping Bylaw
Hearing for Submitters****Submitters Speaking:****Time: 10 Minutes**

9:00am	REID Valarie	
9:10am	LARSEN Christine	
9:20am	HILL Tracy	

APPENDIX 2

Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw Submissions

Thank you to all 21 submitters and those who wish to speak at the hearing.

Council asked the community for feedback on the Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw in Kawerau with the following questions:

1. Do you support the introduction of the Freedom Camping Bylaw as proposed?
2. Do you support or oppose the introduction of a limit of seven (7) nights of freedom camping in total in one calendar month?
3. Do you support the new proposed restricted and prohibited sites? This would mean:
 - Prideaux Park - extend current restricted area to include the grassed area along the northern side of the Kawerau Bowling Club;
 - Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre carpark- reducing the area overall;
 - Firmin Field - reducing the area for freedom camping to provide better parking for hirers of Firmin Lodge.
 - Ron Hardie Recreation Centre - now prohibited due to health and safety concerns with Sulphur levels;
4. Do you agree with introduction for prior approval to freedom camp in special circumstances?
5. Do you agree with enabling Boyce Park, Waterhouse Street Reserve and Firmin Field along the eastern edge of the carpark, as sites for freedom camp in self-contained vehicles only with prior approval?
(Access needs to be provided by Council as reserves do not have vehicle access)
6. Do you agree with introduction of obtaining prior approval to freedom camp in **non-self-contained vehicles and tents**, within the restricted area/s:
 - Waterhouse Street Reserve
 - Firmin Field (on the field itself)

(Would only be permitted in conjunction with the hireage of Firmin Lodge due to the capacity of the infrastructure (public toilets))
7. Any further comments?

#	Name/Organisation	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
01	Valarie Reid	YES	<p>Q1. Yes</p> <p>Q2. I do not have a response for this section: I state the people who are homeless and are living in camper Vans for example I know someone who has a disability is blind, has epilepsy etc and breach of the disability's human rights act and discrimination and our safety of our people</p> <p>Q3. Yes support in part: As I believe the council could put toilets outside places like the Firmin lodge and maybe putting something like \$20 fee per week there to help with maintenance</p> <p>Q4. Yes</p> <p>Q5. Yes support in part: As long as they are not making a mess or harassing people or been violent or drugs and alcohol involved, I do not have a problem</p> <p>Q6. Yes in part: Some people can't afford camper Vans and are living in their vehicles so that is why toilets should be built. Due to tents, I disagree in the winter for the health of everyone but summertime I think it should be ok because it's hot.</p> <p>Q7. People should be able to just have somewhere to have somewhere safe to sleep and not be harassed by the IWI, hapu and the government. People need to put themselves in that situation</p>	
#	Christine Larsen	YES	<p>Submitters response to hearing topics</p> <p>Q1. No - There are no provisions/ consideration for people permanently living in legal self-contained vehicles who are unable to afford or find permanent accommodation. These people fall into a separate category as they are homeless as in permanent fixed address but have a home and are living as citizens in the town. Most nights at any given freedom location in NZ over 4% of people will be permanently living</p>	<p>Response</p>

			<p>in vehicles. Mostly over 65 years of age. You need to provide toilets' at bowling club park.</p> <p>Q2. Negotiated!: This needs to be carefully considered on a case-by-case basis due to the increasing number of homeless people and people living permanently in motor vehicles</p> <p>Q3. No: Firmin field parking is the safest and quietest parking in Kawerau with toilets and water. Many people living in cars use this. If you restrict this then you will have people using the outdoors for their toilet. I've lived in Kawerau for six years. I see the carpark at Firmin Field full once or twice every few months.</p> <p>Q4. Respondent skipped this question</p> <p>Q5. Yes</p> <p>Q6. Yes</p> <p>Q7. The Council needs to plan for more people living permanently in motorhomes, vans, caravans or cars. With the economic downturn, unemployment, high rates and mortgage increases I am meeting more and more people choosing this option or not choosing but being forced into living this way</p>	
# 03	Name/Organisation Tracy Hill	Hearing YES	<p>Submitters response to hearing topics</p> <p>Q1. No</p> <p>Q2. My preference is for 12 nights per month but only 8 nights consecutively: If I choose to live on the road, and I am on the pension, I would be visiting my relatives and I may be bound by financial restrictions, that only allow me to travel on or around pay day.... for the pension that is fortnightly... for a sole parent weekly etc... If I was a solo dad coming to stay so I can have my kids for the weekend, but my ex Mrs. doesn't want me to stay at her house, I would need to be able to come over maybe 2x per month 5 to 6 days at a time??</p>	Response

	<p>Q3. Yes- Support in part: 1. Prideaux Park - extend the area. 2. Maurie Kjar- please confirm how many spaces are currently available.?? (4pm-9am good!!) Leave as is do not reduce size. 3. Firmin Field- Leave as is, if hirers want more room, they can have the back of the lodge and park (grass area) make them PAY MORE...4. Ron Hardie- leave it prohibited 5. Road with a speed limit of 50km or less... - please clarify what this means. Can we park across from the cemetery?? (Weld St Park??, Robison St, Holland Cres Cobham Drive)- what does the exemption mean? 6. Hilldale Reserve- should have spaces made available 7. Water Wheel Park - Should have spaces made available... Please note the clarity of your maps made them very hard to read... 6. Liverpool St constantly has parked up trucks!! on 24B or Food Stops!!</p>	
	<p>Q4. <i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p> <p>Q5. No: PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT?? - at least 10 working days prior?? to the date of "freedom camping" - APPLICATION FEE?? - why should there be a fee? No gouging "this is gouging" - COMPLETED APPLICATIONS: will be considered by Council?? Dole discretion? No just no (not correct procedure at all) Do we live in a non-democratic society? How does this even equate to freedom camping?? not fit for purpose!!</p>	
	<p>Q6. No</p> <p>Q7. 1. Temporary closure for events: provide better public access to facilities, including local events. (No, these people have the right to enjoy their chosen way of life without being treated like second class citizens!!) SHARE THE SPACE.</p> <p>2. offences: - please confirm current infringement fee? - infringement may be issued to: A person who commits</p>	

			<p>the offence at the time of catching the actual person!! ONLY...Personal responsibility is needed here. Not the registered owner. Not the person lawfully entitled to own it. No person should ever be made to pack up their stuff to leave after or just before dark... it displaces people for no reason...it disrupts people's peace, and generally just upsets people's lives: (because a compliance officer deems someone unfit to stop here!!! NIMBYS!!)</p> <p>FREEDOM CAMPING MEANS.. if we comply with certain rules we may be free to choose, where, when, why, we stop anywhere in OUR own country. It seems many Councils these days see it as an "expense" we don't need or a niche (we can exploit) set up... take advantage of the current need. Work with it...</p>	
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#	Name/Organisation	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
04	Debbie	NO	<p>Q1. I do not have a response for this section</p> <p>Q2. My preference is for this number of nights (please specify): 10: Most campers spend in Kawerau, look after the environment they are at and nice people</p> <p>Q3. Yes support in part: How often is firmin field been used for a private hire.??</p> <p>Q4. I do not have an answer to this question</p> <p>Q5. Yes: The more space available is a good thing Kawerau has a lot of reserves</p> <p>Q6. Yes</p> <p>Q7. <i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p>	
#	Name/Organisation	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
05	Queenie KareKare	NO	<p>Q1. Yes</p> <p>Q2. YES - seven nights total in one month is about right</p> <p>Q3. Yes</p>	

			<p>Q4. Yes</p> <p>Q5. Yes</p> <p>Q6. Yes</p> <p>Q7. Respondent skipped this question</p>	
#	Name/Organisation	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
06	Frank Portsmouth	NO	<p>Q1. Yes - but with specific additions or amendments</p> <p>Q2. My preference is for this number of nights (please specify): 14 nights. Easier for the older pensioners.: a shortage of housing,, much less on the govt,,the freedom of parking, is a real pain we campers would love a longer stay many of us live in kawerau and do voluntary work.... frank ..</p> <p>Q3. Yes: us oldies have to live, we do not rely on govt handouts we do love our town ,,the costs of having own house maintenance rates pension is hard to make ends meet we have paid our taxes ,,can we please live our lives, in a motorised self-contained caravan, can we register with council that we live here in a caravan ,,it is a struggle to live in my own town in a caravan ,,just maybe death will come soon ,,hear is my plea,,</p> <p>Q4. Yes</p> <p>Q5. Yes</p> <p>Q6. Yes</p> <p>Q7. Respondent skipped this question</p>	
#	Name/Organisation	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
07	Huia and Rongo MacDonald	NO	<p>Q1. yes</p> <p>Q2. My preference is for this number of nights (please specify): three (3) nights total being allowed in the Kawerau District in one calendar month; subject to Councils discretion to increase to 5 (five) nights in one calendar month for major events hosted by the Kawerau community.: Support implementation of an up to date</p>	

		<p>Freedom Camping Bylaw following review and feedback be formally adopted by Council asap</p> <p>Q3. Yes support in part: Support the effective management of freedom camping by Council with the implementation of an up to date Freedom Camping Bylaw in place that will protect significant areas of interest to the community and enable health and safety concerns to be raised. There are people who live in their NON SELF-CONTAINED vehicles more than seven (7) days per calendar month on a daily/nightly, weekly basis to access our free community swimming pools, spa, shower and ablution facilities. There are homeless people, regulars who live in their non-self-contained cars, behind the bowling club, sports pavilion and along the eastern side of the bowling club. They choose to stay in Kawerau because our existing Freedom Camping Bylaw enables their lifestyle. Walking to and from the hill walkway (via Bell/ Massey/Mackenzie streets passing through the current designated areas of behind the sports pavilion, back and eastern side of the bowling club - health and safety issue sometimes, rubbish left around by non-self-contained homeless users, scary sometimes walking down the hill pathway on your own, people living in their NON SELF CONTAINED vehicles - can be sometimes be quite confronting, makes me feel unsafe. This area is out of sight, out of mind because the designated area for freedom camping is not roadside, open to and visible by the general public at all times - I believe the designated space is and has been open to abuse.</p> <p>Q4. No</p> <p>Q5. Yes: Support the proposed prior approval for SELF-CONTAINED vehicles to be located at Boyce Park, Waterhouse Street Reserve and Firmin Field</p>	
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			<p>Q6. Yes: Support proposal of prior approval for NON-SELF-CONTAINED VEHICLES AND TENTS permitted in conjunction with the hire of Firmin Lodge as per infrastructure capacity (public toilets).</p> <p>Q7. Support proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw changes be adopted by Council asap</p>	
#	Name/Organisation	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
08	Karen Smith	NO	<p>Q1. Yes: but with specific additions or amendments</p> <p>Q2. My preference is for this number of nights (please specify): Happy with 7 with permit 2 to 3 night without: To create it for 7 days for the district means that for visitors who come for holidays will feel you are against them in this economy freedom camping is helpful and means we can spend our money in cafe's and shop's, thus helpful to the economy of the area. Why not contact nzma to see if the freedom camp near the dump station could be managed by them or some land. Giving members places to go again gives the area people spending \$.</p> <p>Q3. No: As long as the spaces are not too limiting or that you offer better options</p> <p>Q4. Yes</p> <p>Q5. Yes - support in part: You can't restrict those who are truly homeless, there's a lot of retirement age who have older vehicles or even car's that they have to live in.</p> <p>Q6. Yes in part: If toilets are available then CSC is not needed</p> <p>Q7. As someone who's recently started caravanning on a low income freedom camping is helpful and has been the kiwi Way. Let's not take away the right to travel NZ.</p>	
#	Name/Organisation	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
09	Jader Rosa	NO	<p>Q1. Yes</p>	

			<p>Q2. YES - seven nights total in one month is about right: As a camper myself I won't stay longer than that anywhere in nz</p> <p>Q3. Yes: Sounds fair.</p> <p>Q4. Yes</p> <p>Q5. Yes: Just Right</p> <p>Q6. Yes</p> <p>Q7. Respondent skipped this question</p>		
#	Name/Organisation	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response	
10	Deirdre Read	NO	<p>Q1. No</p> <p>Q2. My preference is for this number of nights (please specify): 12</p> <p>Q3. No: I often park outside the Maurie Kjar Aquatic centre on a Monday night. I feel safest when parked close to the building/garden. I understand staying away from the front of the bowling club because the coffee truck arrives early in the morning. By 9am on Tuesday morning I move to the outer part of the car park (the part you want us to vacant from) to make room for the local pool users. I will feel quite exposed and unsafe parking close to the road over night as you have proposed. At 9am if I want to stay for a swim I will need to move my truck forward into the area the swimmers like to park. I feel you have things back to front on this one.</p> <p>Q4. Yes</p> <p>Q5. Yes</p> <p>Q6. I do not have a response for this section</p> <p>Q7. Please do not lose your Motorhome friendly town status.</p>		
#	Name/Organisation	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response	
11	Eru Simpson	NO	<p>Q1. Yes</p> <p>Q2. My preference is for this number of nights (please specify): 14: NZ housing crisis. people need more time. its</p>		

			harder and harder to find areas to stay. I propose 7 nights total at 1 site. 14 total over all sites over a month. Q3. Yes support in part: Firmin field should remain. However on certain times of year (like events). It should be closed to campers. Q4. Yes Q5. Yes Q6. No: someone will have to police this. Q7. Respondent skipped this question		
#	Name/Organisation	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response	
12	Kaareen	NO	Q1. Yes Q2. YES - seven nights total in one month is about right Q3. Yes Q4. Yes Q5. Yes Q6. Yes Q7. Respondent skipped this question		
#	Name/Organisation	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response	
13	DID NOT PROVIDE NAME	NO	Q1. Yes Q2. YES - seven nights total in one month is about right Q3. Yes support in part: No extending onto northern side Q4. Respondent skipped this question Q5. Yes in part: Not in Boyce park Q6. Yes in part: Perhaps a timeframe of when they must be cleaned up and leave everyday Q7. Respondent skipped this question		
#	Name/Organisation	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response	
14	Paul White	NO	Q1. No: Council is taking away areas Q2. YES - seven nights total in one month is about right: Seven nights is enough		

#	15	Name/Organisation Wonja Pene	Hearing NO	<p>Q3. No: Council is taking away camping areas if not suitable other areas should be made available</p> <p>Q4. <i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p> <p>Q5. Yes: Got to stay some where</p> <p>Q6. Yes: As accommodation for events</p> <p>Q7. I see Councils restricting camping areas around NZ and don't like this</p>	Response
Submitters response to hearing topics				<p>Q1. Yes - but with specific additions or amendments</p> <p>Q2. My preference is for this number of nights (please specify): 5 is lots: Recently passed the bowling club one night last week and it was chocka block, all along the bowling club fenceline. At least 7 or 8 large mobile camper vans. All those people, 7 nights a week if they wanted, is too much. 5 nights would be fair.</p> <p>Q3. No: It's not attractive and it's not the best place for campers I'm guessing. Yes close to facilities but when it's parked up in the middle of town it's too much. Maybe at the field by the Judo club? It's a better site then the bowling club grass. The same bathroom facilities that firmin field have, can be added? When you want to use the pools they can park In the large free car park kawerau provides with the free pool, spa, shower and eating facilities.</p>	Response
Q4. Yes				<p>Q5. Yes - support in part: Boyce Park (by the judo club?) is an ideal location for campers.</p> <p>Q6. Yes in part: Yes, I agree freedom campers that do not have mobile camping vehicles should be granted approval for their stay. So, they can be safe and enjoy their time here like any other camping site. There will only be a certain amount of spots and days you can camp there so having obtained</p>	Response

			approval that these terms are adhered to is good for everybody.	
			Q7. Freedom camping is an awesome way to see the countryside, townships, beaches, bush and people of Aotearoa. We appreciate the revenue that comes with hosting these manuhiri but want to make sure the integrity of our town is held, and our environment is also looked after.	
#	Name/Organisation	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
16	Glenda Woodroffe	NO	<p>Q1. Yes</p> <p>Q2. YES - seven nights total in one month is about right</p> <p>Q3. Yes</p> <p>Q4. Yes</p> <p>Q5. Yes</p> <p>Q6. Yes</p> <p>Q7. <i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p>	
#	Name/Organisation	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
17	Lynne Smallbone	NO	<p>Q1. Yes - but with specific additions or amendments: I support the bylaw 1. Reason: encourages domestic tourism 2. Change name to S.C (self contained) Tourist Camping 3. encourage tourist camping at Prideaux Park 4. Restrict number of campers at Prideaux Park to 25 vehicles</p> <p>Q2. YES - seven nights total in one month is about right: Support: Tourist camping at Prideaux Park to 7 nights. Encourages people to rest up, visit the area. This is long enough with Dump Stations and water available</p> <p>Q3. Yes: Prideaux Park. I don't know other areas. Reason: walking distance to shops and services hot pool use</p> <p>Q4. <i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p> <p>Q5. I do not have a response for this section: Don't know these areas</p>	(*see attachment below)

			<p>Q6. Yes</p> <p>Q7. It's not Freedom Camping: Tourist camping in recreational vehicles. Vehicles in 22nd August and out 25 August at Prideaux Park. 20 recreational vehicles parked using the hot pools, shopping and spent an estimate \$2,800 at local shops and eating out during this time. (domestic tourist). 2 Vehicles myself and friend 2 nights at Prideaux Park using Hot Pools and shopping Hammer Hardware, Op shop, cafe, supermarket etc. spent \$450 between us. From far north and Whangarei we passed many hot pools to Kawerau because of the facilities at Prideaux Park</p>	
#	Name/Organisation	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
18	Marcus Pinder	NO	<p>Q1. No</p> <p>Q2. YES - seven nights total in one month is about right: Freedom camping should be freely available to all new Zealanders at any given time</p> <p>Q3. No: Health and safety Put up a sign camping at own risk and highlight the risks</p> <p>Q4. No</p> <p>Q5. No</p> <p>Q6. No: New Zealanders shouldn't have any restrictions to camping in New Zealand</p> <p>Q7. <i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p>	
#	Name/Organisation	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
19	Teena Choat	NO	<p>Q1. Yes - but with specific additions or amendments</p> <p>Q2. YES - seven nights total in one month is about right: I struggle to pay my rates so they need to contribute if here for more than 7 days</p> <p>Q3. I do not have a response for this section</p> <p>Q4. Yes</p> <p>Q5. Yes</p>	

#	Name/Organisation	Hearing	Q6. Yes Q7. Respondent skipped this question	Response
20	Bette And	NO	<p>Q1. No</p> <p>Q2. My preference is for this number of nights (please specify): No limit: Setting a particular NUMBER of nights is arbitrary. What's the purpose. Are you trying to determine permanent vehicle dwellers from using spaces for longer? How will this actually be enforceable? It's going to require dedicated checking and staff resource and time to even begin to try and record and count the number of nights in a calendar month. Do you have the funds for this resource? I suggest you consider the purpose and implementation requirements of this section very carefully. Probably pointless including it if you cannot effectively police it. Is it added purely as a deterrent to long term stays in the hope that campers will sell police it to comply ? Is it a useful measure?</p> <p>Q3. No: Have you done the necessary site assessments to determine if there is evidence which demands that you need to implement these added restrictions ? I you don't openly publish clear site assessments alongside this consultation-with gives us good reasons that Council needs further protection of people, place and access from any proven negative effects of freedom campers, then it's impossible to either support or oppose these added restrictions without evidence that they are needed.</p> <p>Q4. Yes</p> <p>Q5. Yes - support in part: Is prior approval needed because a vehicle cannot access these areas? Is it blocked in some way normally? Once again - if you add those restriction HOW are you going to grant prior approval? What cost is there to rate payers to provide an effective prior approval system and</p>	

			<p>check on the self-containment of those applying? What are the resources needed to implement these restrictions?</p> <p>Q6. Yes in part: How will a system of application actually be established and implemented? What will the cost be to set this up ? What resources do you have to manage this restriction? It's impossible to answer unless Council provides a cost and benefit analysis to introduce this restriction. I'd love there to be access for families to enjoy TENT camping somewhere...so if this is the only site available- I encourage any positive steps to make those recreation possible for the public. Thanks</p> <p>Q7. Have you done the necessary site assessments to determine if there is evidence which demands that you need to implement these added restrictions and prohibitions ? Have you clearly costed and planned the resources you need to implement suggested PRIOR APPROVALS systems? If you don't openly publish clear site assessments alongside this consultation- with good reasons that Council needs further protection of people, place and access from any proven negative effects of freedom campers, then it's impossible to either support or oppose these added restrictions without evidence that they are needed. Please don't simply add more restrictions to freedom campers of any kind. And set up costly or inefficient gate keeping services to make it harder to camp in Kawerau District. It's a vital and affordable recreation for hundreds of thousands of Kiwis and visitors. If you don't have significantly evidenced problems caused by people freely using Council spaces to sleep over - just as they do use them during the day , then please don't INCREASE unnecessary prohibitions. Be very mindful of protecting the rights of responsible campers - who have these rights BY LAW and as they travel into your district and stay they also add to the economic and social fabric of your communities. Responsible campers do in fact ADD .. they don't usually SUBTRACT from your lovely, freely available public spaces. Don't see</p>	
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			<p>freedom campers only as a PROBLEM to be solved or restricted or mitigated. Don't listen to the vial complaints of a few NIMBYs who don't see the overall big picture and benefits to many. Education and setting expectations are the key to welcoming and managing responsible campers of all kinds. Manaaki is vital to grow our struggling tourism economies - both domestic and international. Your Councils manaaki will pay off for locals in many ways. Nga mihi</p>	
#	Name/Organisation	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
21	NZCMA	NO	<p>Q1. Respondent skipped this question Q2. Respondent skipped this question Q3. Respondent skipped this question Q4. Respondent skipped this question Q5. Respondent skipped this question Q6. Respondent skipped this question</p>	
			<p>Q7. Introduction 1 The New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Inc. (NZMCA) appreciates the opportunity to submit on this draft bylaw. We understand the review is necessary by operation of law. NZMCA members enjoy travelling the countryside at leisure in their certified self-contained motorhomes and caravans. Some 118,500 New Zealanders are members of the NZMCA and over 230 reside in Kawerau. Our members are directly affected by the draft bylaw. 2 NZMCA members are typically hybrid campers frequently alternating between commercial campgrounds, private campsites, and freedom camping areas. Kawerau is one of 58 official Motorhome Friendly Towns in New Zealand, and we promote the town as a place to visit through our communication channels. A lawful bylaw, along with the ability to freedom camp responsibly in safe and desirable locations are important criteria for towns to achieve and maintain their MHFT status. 3 Overall, the</p>	

		<p>draft bylaw is more restrictive/prohibitive than the 2019 version. We wish to raise the following concerns and comments on the proposal. Purpose of the draft bylaw 4 The explanatory note explicitly notes the bylaw does not apply to private land, however the site assessments used to determine whether a local authority area should be restricted or prohibited considered the impacts of freedom camping on private land. We discuss this concern further on. Definition of a Self-contained Vehicle 5 The explanatory note correctly identifies that the modified Standard NZS 5465 requires permanently fixed toilets, however it should also clarify vehicles with portable toilets certified under NZS 5465 prior to June 7, 2023, can continue to freedom camp until the end of the 2 transition period. Also of note, the modification to NZS 5465 is temporary and does not continue to apply beyond the transition period. Site assessments Scoring system 6 The scoring system was developed by the South Taranaki District Council in 2016 and at the time it was seen to be a pragmatic way of undertaking objective site assessments. Since then, many other local authorities have used the scoring system when drafting bylaws, and some have varied applications of it. The NZMCA has spent eight years observing how local authorities assess their sites and we are not convinced a score of '1' should be applied to the final score when there are no issues present. Particularly if the final score is 9/15. 7 The recommendations made to prohibit freedom camping at Waterwheel Heritage Park, Stock Pound, Fenton Street Reserve, and Owen/Julian Road Reserve are good examples of our concern with this flaw in the scoring system. Irrespective of whether the sites are ideal for freedom camping, they would not have become prohibited areas under the bylaw if they did not score 1/15 under one of the three assessment criteria.</p>	
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			<p>The Council should exclude a score of 1/5 when determining whether an area should restrict or prohibit freedom camping. Irrelevant matters 8 The site assessment report notes the Council can protect areas if they are in environmentally or culturally sensitive locations, and that when assessing sites using the scoring system it may consider areas of cultural or historical significance and the natural environment. 9 Freedom camping at Boyce Park requires Council pre-approval, provided an application does not affect commercial opportunities. We disagree the Council can (or should) decline an application for commercial reasons, particularly as this matter is beyond the scope of section 11 of the Freedom Camping Act 2011 (the Act). 10 Several sites prohibit freedom camping because of the potential negative effects on privacy and amenity enjoyed by private landowners. Not only are these matters beyond the scope of the Council's own scoring method, but we also argue these matters are not relevant under section 11 of the Act. We query whether it is reasonable under the Act to prohibit camping at a public site if a nearby landowner simply objects to the view (visual amenity)?</p>	
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***See attached to Lynne Smallbone Submission (number 17):**

This site is in MARYBOROUGH QUEENSLAND AU
Water & Dump station on site
Football Club collects the money for equipment + travel for the Club.



DOON VILLA \$10 Self-Contained Park

(Please park inside white bollards)

RV's must be **FULLY** Self-Contained with internal **Shower, Toilet** and contain **Grey Water** in a sealed container and discharged into the nearby dump point.

No Tents, Camper Trailers or Car Based Camping.

NO BACKPACKER Vans \$231 FINE APPLIES.



Proposed **Freedom Camping** **Bylaw 2024**

Kawerau District Council Proposed Reviewed Freedom Camping Bylaw (2019)

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Kawerau,
Taonga o te whenua,
Treasure of the land.

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1. Introduction

1.1. Title

This bylaw shall be known as the Kawerau District Council Freedom Camping Bylaw 2019.

1.2. Commencement

This bylaw came into force on 1 October 2019. Amendments to this bylaw come into force on _____ 2024, in accordance with a resolution of Council made on _____ 2024.

1.3. Enabling enactment

This bylaw is made in accordance with section 11 of the Freedom Camping Act 2011 ('Act'). This bylaw should be read alongside the Act.

1.4. Purpose

The purpose of this bylaw is to control freedom camping in the Kawerau District in order to:

- a) Protect local authority areas;
- b) Protect the health and safety of people who may visit local authority areas; and
- c) Protect access to local authority areas.

Explanatory Notes

The provisions of this bylaw only apply to land owned and controlled by Council. It does not apply to private land or land owned by the Department of Conservation, Land Information New Zealand or the New Zealand Transport Agency.

1.5. Explanatory notes

This bylaw contains explanatory notes, which do not form part of this bylaw. The Council may add, amend or delete explanatory notes at any time without amending the bylaw.

2. Definitions

For the purpose of this bylaw, the following definitions apply:

Act	means the Freedom Camping Act 2011 (“Act”).
Chief Executive	means the person appointed by Council under section 42 of the Local Government Act 2002.
Council	means Kawerau District Council.
District	means Kawerau District.
Enforcement Officer	means a person appointed as an enforcement officer under section 32 of the Freedom Camping Act 2011.
Freedom camp	has the meaning set out in section 5 of the Act.

Explanatory notes

As at 7 June 2023, section 5 of the Act, defines freedom camp as:

- (1) In this Act, freedom camp means to camp (other than at a camping ground) within 200 m of an area accessible by motor vehicle or within 200 m of the mean low-water springs line of any sea or harbour, or on or within 200 m of a formed road or a Great Walks Track, using either or both of the following:
 - (a) a tent or other temporary structure:
 - (b) a motor vehicle.
- (2) In this Act, freedom camping does not include the following activities:
 - (a) temporary and short-term parking of a motor vehicle:
 - (b) recreational activities commonly known as day-trip excursions:
 - (c) resting or sleeping at the roadside in a motor vehicle to avoid driver fatigue.
- (2A) In this Act, a person is not freedom camping if the person—
 - (a) is a person other than a person who is in New Zealand on the basis of a visitor visa (within the meaning of the immigration instructions); and
 - (b) is unable to live in appropriate residential accommodation; and
 - (c) as a consequence of that inability, is living in either or both of the following:
 - (i) a tent or other temporary structure:
 - (ii) a motor vehicle.

For the avoidance of doubt, as at 7 June 2023, section 5(3) of the Act defines camping ground as:

- (a) a camping ground that is the subject of a current certificate of registration under the Camping-Grounds Regulations 1985; or
- (b) any site at which a fee is payable for camping at the site.

Freedom camping	has the equivalent meaning of Freedom camp.
Infringement offence	means an offence specified in section 20 of the Act.

Explanatory notes

Sections 20 of the Act, sets out the infringement offences which include the following:

- freedom camps or makes preparation to freedom camp in breach of any prohibition or restriction specified in a bylaw.
- freedom camps, in a vehicle that is not self-contained, in breach of a bylaw.
- fails to display a warrant card for the vehicle being used to freedom camp.
- freedom camps or makes preparation to freedom camp in a self-contained vehicle with more people than the vehicle is certified for.
- while freedom camping in a local authority area, interferes with or damages the area, its flora or fauna, or any structure in the area.
- deposits waste in or on the area (other than into an appropriate waste receptacle)
- fails or refuses to leave a local authority area when required to do so by an enforcement officer acting under section 36.

For clarification to **make preparations** means to do either or both of the following:

- (a) erect a tent to use it for freedom camping;
- (b) park a motor vehicle to use it for freedom camping.

Local authority area	has the meaning as in section 6 of the Act.
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Explanatory Notes

As at 7 June 2023, section 6(1) of the Act, where Local Authority Area is defined, states:

(1) In this Act, local authority area—

(a) means an area of land—

- (i) that is within the district or region of a local authority; and
- (ii) that is—

(A) controlled or managed by or on behalf of the local authority under any enactment...

Prohibited area	means an area identified in Schedule 2: Prohibited Areas, in which freedom camping is prohibited.
Restricted area	means an area identified in Schedule 1: Restricted Areas, in which freedom camping is permitted subject to restrictions.

Reserve means any land classified as a reserve under the Reserves Act 1977 or its amendments.

Self-Contained has the meaning given in section 4 of the Act.

Explanatory Notes

As at 7 June 2023, section 4 of the Act, defines self-contained as:

(4) In relation to a motor vehicle, means that the vehicle has a valid certificate of self-containment issued in accordance with section 87U(3)(d) of the Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers Act 2006 (but see subpart 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 1AA for the meaning of self-contained during the transitional period, being 7 June 2023 to 7 June 2025)

Explanatory Notes

To be certified Self-contained, the motor vehicle must achieve compliance with NZ Standard 5465:2001. The standard can be viewed or printed once for free at this link: <https://www.standards.govt.nz/shop/nzs-54652001>.

For the avoidance of doubt, the standard requires that a Self-contained motor vehicle be equipped with a toilet that is permanently fixed to the vehicle in order to be certified.

Vehicle has the meaning given in section 2(1) of the Land Transport Act 1998.

Waste means any kind of waste, including human waste.

3. Freedom Camping Areas

3.1. Freedom Camping

- 3.1.1. Freedom camping is permitted in any local authority area within the District, in a self-contained vehicle, unless it is restricted or prohibited by this bylaw or under any associated enactment, bylaw, or reserve management plan.
- 3.1.2. For clarification, freedom camping in any tent or temporary structure in any local authority area is prohibited.

3.2. Freedom camping - Restricted Areas

- 3.2.1. A person may freedom camp in any area identified in Schedule 1: Restricted Areas for Freedom Camping, are marked yellow on the maps in Schedule 3. Freedom Campers must comply with the restrictions listed below:
- a) No person may freedom camp except in a self-contained vehicle.
 - b) No person may freedom camp for more than 7 nights in any one calendar month.
 - c) No person may freedom camp for more than 7 consecutive nights when crossing over two months.
 - d) All waste must be either removed or disposed of in the bins provided.
 - e) All wastewater (including human waste) must be disposed of in the dump sites provided at Prideaux Park and Firmin Field.
 - f) Campsites must be kept clean and tidy.
 - g) Freedom campers must not prevent others from undertaking legitimate activities in the area or restrict access to any public area or private land.
 - h) No person may light any fires.
 - i) All persons are subject to all other requirements that apply generally to the area where they are camped, including dog, alcohol and noise control.
 - j) No person may interfere with or damage any freedom camping area, flora, fauna or structure.
 - k) Enforcement officers must be able to inspect any campsite and freedom campers must comply with any reasonable direction.
- 3.2.2. Despite sub clause, 3.2.1 some restricted areas require prior consent as identified in Schedule 1. Restricted Areas requiring prior consent are for large organised groups or events, which cannot be accommodated within existing Restricted Sites. Restricted Areas requiring prior consent are marked blue on the maps in Schedule 3.

3.2.3. Despite sub clause, 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 a person may freedom camp in any restricted area, if they have obtained the prior written consent of the Council, granted under clause 4 of this bylaw, and complies with any conditions of the consent. The written consent must be produced on request of an enforcement officer.

3.3. Freedom camping - Prohibited Areas

3.3.1. No person may freedom camp in any local authority area in the District described in Schedule 2: Prohibited Areas, and mark red on the maps in Schedule 3.

Explanatory notes

The Reserves Act 1977 prohibits camping on all reserves unless it is specifically provided for in the operative reserve management plan.

3.3.2. Despite sub clause, 3.3.1 a person may freedom camp in a prohibited area if they have obtained the prior written consent of the Council, granted under clause 4 of this bylaw, and complies with any conditions of the consent. The written consent must be produced on request of an enforcement officer.

4. Prior Consent from Council

4.1. Application for Consent

- 4.1.1. The Council may grant written consent to a person, to freedom camp, contrary to any prohibition or restrictions that apply under this bylaw.
- 4.1.2. An application for consent must be made in writing, to the Chief Executive Officer, at least 10 working days prior to the date on which freedom camping is planned to occur.
- 4.1.3. The application must be accompanied by the application fee, set in Council's schedule of fees and charges.
- 4.1.4. Completed applications will be considered by Council and may be granted at Council's sole discretion.

Explanatory Note:

Council anticipates the following reasons may be grounds for an application:

- Where associated with a special event or occasion occurring in the area and an exemption is required for the duration of the event or occasion.
- Where the anticipated availability of freedom camping sites will not meet the expected needs.
- Complying with the restrictions or prohibition in the bylaw is not reasonable in the circumstances.

- 4.1.6. The consent is not transferable to another person or event.
- 4.1.7. An enforcement officer may revoke a consent given under clause 4.1.1 if any person breaches the conditions specified in the consent or the freedom camping covered by the consent, breaches this bylaw or the Act.

5. Temporary Closure or Restriction of Freedom Camping

5.1. Temporary Closure or Restriction

Council may temporary close or restrict freedom camping in any local authority area or part of any area, where the closure or restriction is considered necessary to:

- a) Allow maintenance of the area or facilities in the area;
- b) Prevent damage to the area or facilities;
- c) Protect the safety of persons or property; or
- d) Provide better public access to facilities, including access to local events held in the area.

5.2. Notice

Council will give notice of a closure or restriction of this bylaw, as soon as reasonability practicable, taking into the circumstances of such closure or restriction.

Explanatory Notes

Notice given by Council may include any of the following:

- A sign erected in the area
- Advertising on Council website and/or Council facebook page
- Advertising on the radio
- Public notice in a paper

6. Offences

6.1. Offences

Every person who freedom camps, or makes preparation to freedom camp, in a local authority area in breach of any prohibition or restriction imposed in this bylaw commits an infringement offence under section 20(1) of the Act. This includes a breach of any condition of an approved prior consent.

6.2. Exceptions

Every person who has obtained a written consent from Council, granted under clause 4.1.1 of this bylaw, and who complies with all conditions of that consent, is not acting in breach of any prohibition or restriction in this Bylaw as set out under section 20(1)(a) and (f) of the Act.

Explanatory notes

Penalties for infringement offences under the Act are specified in the Freedom Camping (Penalties for Infringement Offences) Regulations 2023 and can be viewed here:

<https://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2023/0136/latest/LMS853101.html>

Where no regulations are made, the infringement fee is \$400 (s20E of the Act)

Infringements may be issued to:

- person who committed the offence;
- the registered owner of the vehicle used to freedom camp
- the person lawfully entitled to possession of the vehicle used to freedom camp. (s26 of the Act)

Enforcement officers may require a person to leave an area if the officer has reasonable grounds to believe the person is committing or has committed an offence. (s36 of the Act)

SCHEDULE ONE

Freedom Camping Restricted Areas

Freedom Camping in areas described below is subject to restrictions specified in clause 3.2 of this bylaw.

All restrictions must be complied with unless prior written consent of the Council is obtained under clause 4 of this bylaw.

Explanatory Notes

Restricted Areas included some locations which require prior consent to be accessed. These have been included as restricted due to the public interest in these areas for large events. These sites are shown as blue below and on the maps.

Map	Area and Description	Restrictions
01	<p>Prideaux Park</p> <p>Prideaux Park is located on the corner of Islington Street and Plunket Street and extends all the way to Glasgow Street.</p> <p>Access off Plunket Street, Kawerau.</p> <p>Three areas are available for freedom camping at Prideaux Park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stream side area located behind the Prideaux Park Pavilion. Four power sites available – contact Kawerau i site for details. • Grassed area behind Kawerau Bowling Club. • Grassed area in front of Kawerau Bowling Club. <p>Dump station available on site.</p>	<p>Restricted to self-contained vehicles.</p> <p>Grassed area in front of Kawerau Bowling Club is only available where no events are being held at Prideaux Park. Vehicle and all camping equipment must not encroach on the access way.</p> <p>Prior Consent required if requesting to use the sports field.</p>
01	<p>Maurie Kjar Aquatics Centre Carpark</p>	<p>Restricted to self-contained vehicles.</p> <p>Freedom camping only available between 4pm and 9am.</p>

	<p>Maurie Kjar Aquatics Centre is located on the corner of Plunket Street and Glasgow Street and is accessible from either street.</p> <p>One area is available for freedom camping.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sealed carpark on eastern edge. 	<p>Freedom camping is only available along the eastern edge of carpark from the corner of Glasgow and Plunket Street to about half way along the carpark on Plunket Street (excludes parking in front of the Bowling Club) – as marked in the map.</p>
<p>02</p>	<p>Firmin Field</p> <p>Firmin Field is located between Waterhouse Street and Porritt Drive and runs along the side of Tarawera River.</p> <p>Access is off Waterhouse Street.</p> <p>One area is available for freedom camping.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sealed carpark along eastern edge. Six powered sites available - contact Kawerau isite for details. <p>Access off Waterhouse Street, Kawerau.</p> <p>Dump station available on site.</p>	<p>Restricted to self-contained vehicles</p> <p>Restricted to the eastern edge of the carpark closest to Tarawera River.</p> <p>Prior Consent required if requesting to use the field as part of an organised group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No freedom camping within 10 metres of the riverbank or the residential properties. <p>Prior consent is also required for the use of non-self-contained vehicles or tents, and must be in association with the hireage of Firmin Lodge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No freedom camping within 10 metres of the riverbank or the residential properties.

<p>No Map</p>	<p>Roads with a speed limit of 50km/hr or less</p> <p>Freedom camping is available on local roads with a speed limit under 50km/s.</p>	<p>Restricted to self-contained vehicles.</p> <p>Campers must not be parked directly outside any residence, commercial or industrial premises on the same side of the road as that premises.</p> <p>Exclusions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valley Road outside of Cemetery • Weld Street around reserve. • Robinson Street around reserve. • Holland Crescent around Cobham Drive Reserve.
Map	Area and Description	Restrictions
<p>03</p>	<p>Boyce Park</p> <p>Boyce Park is located on the corner of Tamarangi Drive and River Road.</p> <p>Access is of River Road.</p> <p>All freedom camping must seek prior approval</p>	<p>Prior Consent required if requesting to use the field as part of an organised group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restricted to self-contained vehicles. • No freedom camping within 10 metres of the riverbank.
<p>04</p>	<p>Waterhouse Street Reserve</p> <p>Waterhouse Street Reserve is located between Waterhouse Street and Tarawera High School and runs along the side of Tarawera River.</p> <p>All freedom camping must seek prior approval</p>	<p>Prior Consent required if requesting to use this reserve as part of an organised group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restricted to self-contained vehicles. • No freedom camping within 10 metres of the riverbank. <p>Prior consent is also required for the use of non-self-contained vehicles or tents, and must be in association with the hireage of Firmin Lodge.</p>
<p>05</p>	<p>Circus Paddock</p>	<p>Prior Consent required if requesting to use this site as part of an organised group.</p>

	<p>Circus Paddock is located on the corner of Plunket Street and Onslow Street. Access is off either Street.</p> <p>All freedom camping must seek prior approval.</p>	<p>Restricted to self-contained vehicles.</p>
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SCHEDULE TWO

Freedom Camping Prohibited Areas

Freedom Camping in areas described below is prohibited as specified in clause 3.3 of this bylaw.

Explanatory Notes

Freedom camping on reserves is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Act 1977 and therefore prohibited under section 10(2)(b) of the Freedom Camping Act 2011, except where it is permitted in the designated places on reserves specified in Schedule 1, which are subject to the restrictions in this Bylaw.

Map	Area and Description
06 & 01	<p>Stoneham Walk, Ruruanga Reserve and the Valley Road/Kirk Crescent Reserve</p> <p>Freedom camping is prohibited within Stoneham Walk which incorporates Ruruanga Reserve and Valley Road/Kirk Crescent Reserve.</p> <p>This area is bounded by Valley Road (northwest) and Fenton Mill Road (southeast). Around the edges the reserve backs onto residential properties off Blundell Avenue, Marshall Street, Kirk Crescent and Bell Street. The previous stock pound also backs onto the reserve to the south.</p>
07	<p>Recreation Centre Reserve</p> <p>Freedom camping is prohibited from the recreation centre reserve located on Tombleson Way (off Onslow street). This encompasses the parking area in front of the Ron Hardie Recreation Centre, the geothermal area behind the Ron Hardie Recreation Centre, the bmx track, basketball court, skate park and play ground.</p>
08	<p>Keith McKenzie Park</p> <p>Freedom camping is prohibited from Keith MacKenzie Park located off Tamarangi Drive on the north side just west of the entrance into Kawerau town centre.</p>
09	<p>Tarawera Park, Lyn Hartley Reserve and Roy Weston Park</p> <p>Tarawera Park, Lyn Hartley and Roy Weston Park all link together running along the edge of Tarawera River. The main entrances is from either Porritt Drive entering Roy Weston Reserves or off Cobham drive. The three</p>

	reserves extends from the Golf Club to the south and Firmin Field to the North. On the western side they are border by residential properties off Cobham Drive, Holland Crescent, Ward Street and Porritt Drive.
10	<p>Monika Lanham Reserve and Fraser Street Reserve</p> <p>Freedom Camping is prohibited on Monika Lanham. Monika Lanham encompasses the hill to the southwest of the town centre. This reserve is surrounded by Fenton Mill Road, River Road and Onslow Street and the Fraser Street Reserve to the south.</p>
11	<p>River Road Reserve</p> <p>Freedom camping is prohibited from the River Road reserve which is largely inaccessible. This reserve sits in between the Tarawera High School, and the Tarawera River</p>
12	<p>Waterwheel Heritage Park</p> <p>Waterwheel Heritage Park is located off Spencer Avenue on the right hand side. It sits between the commercial businesses and the Council Pound.</p>
13	<p>Previous Stock Pound Area (yet to be renamed)</p> <p>Freedom Camping is prohibited from the previous stock pound area located off Fenton Mill Road. This reserve is bordered by Fenton Mill Road, Kirk Crescent and Stoneham Walk.</p>
14	<p>Neighbourhood Reserves (in Residential Areas)</p> <p>Freedom camping is prohibited on all neighbourhood reserves as listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance/Seddon Street Reserve • Boss Road Reserve • Fraser Street Reserve • Hilldale Reserve – Beattie Road and Hardie Avenue • Porritt Glade Reserve • Tuwharetoa Road Reserve • Valley Road/Delamere Drive Reserve • Beattie/Shepherd Street Reserve • Cobham Drive Reserve • Hadley Street Reserve • MacKenzie Street Reserve • Robinson Street Reserve • Valley Road/Ryder Place Reserve • Weld Street Reserve <p>Each of the reserves above are small reserves located on the roads as set out in the reserves name.</p>

15	<p>Kawerau Cemetery</p> <p>Kawerau Cemetery is located off Valley Road and is surrounded by residential houses from Delamere Drive and Ryder Place.</p>
16 & 17	<p>Kawerau Town Centre</p> <p>Freedom camping is prohibited in the Kawerau Town Centre being the inner area bounded by Islington Street, Onslow Street and Plunket Street. This area also includes all of Islington Street and Liverpool Street. (See restrictions under Road lower than 50km.)</p>
18	<p>Council Owned Carparks</p> <p>Freedom camping is prohibited in the following Council owned carparks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Porritt Drive long side the river) • Corner Plunket and Glasgow Street (Parking area around Skate Park) • Plunket Street carpark opposite the Maurie Kaur Aquatics Centre (Customer Parking) • Islington Street carpark behind 23 to 33 Islington Street (Customer Parking for Local Businesses) • Fenton Mill Road (located at the entrance to Stoneham Walk) • Corner Onslow and Plunket Street (Customer Parking) • Islington Street main carpark located on the northern side of Council Offices (Customer Parking) • Keith Mackenzie Park carpark off Tamarangi Drive (Park Access)
19 & 20 & 21	<p>All Kawerau Local Purpose/Amenity Reserves</p> <p>These include the following reserves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fenton Road Reserve – This is the large open grassed berm on the western side of Fenton Road. • Tamarangi Drive Reserve - This is the large grassed berms from the start of Tamarangi Drive from the east to Valley Road in the west. • Pat Baker Reserve, Beattie Road Reserve and Dump Reserve – These three reserves form one larger reserve. They are located off River Road or Beattie Road and apart from Pat Baker Reserve which is a scenic reserve at the northern edge, the rest of the reserve travels in a southerly direction out towards farmland.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Owen/Julian Road Reserve – This reserve is located between the ends of both Owen and Julian Road and spread out with farmland on one end and Hilldale reserve on the other.• Reserve near Manukorihi Drive - This reserve is located to the east of Tarawera River off Tamarangi Drive directly east of the bridge crossing the river. The reserve sits between the Tarawera River and the Industrial area. |
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SCHEDULE THREE - MAPS

PRIDEAUX PARK - Map 1



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FIRMIN FIELD - Map 2



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BOYCE PARK - Map 3



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WATERHOUSE STREET RESERVE - Map 4



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CIRCUS Paddock - Map 5



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STONEHOME WALK, VALLEY ROAD/KIRK CRESCENT RESERVE - Map 6



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RECREATION RESERVE - Map 7



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KEITH MCKENZIE RESERVE - Map 8



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TARAWERA PARK, LYN HARTLEY RESERVE, ROY WESTON PARK - Map 9



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MONIKA LANHAM RESERVE, FRASER STREET RESERVE - Map 10



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RIVER ROAD RESERVE - Map 11



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WATERWHEEL HERITAGE PARK - Map 12



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PREVIOUS STOCK POUND AREA - Map 13



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NEIGHBOURHOOD RESERVES - Map 14



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KAWERAU CEMETERY - Map 15



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KAWERAU TOWN CENTRE, LIVERPOOL STREET - Map 17



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COUNCIL OWNED CARPARKS - Map 18



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KAWERAU LOCAL PURPOSE/AMENITY RESERVES - Map 19



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KAWERAU LOCAL PURPOSE/AMENITY RESERVES - Map 20



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KAWERAU LOCAL PURPOSE/AMENITY RESERVES - Map 21



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