

Submission Form

Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw

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1. Have Your Say On This Policy

Council is seeking your opinion on the Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2024. Any person or organisation is welcome to make a submission on this policy. The consultation period for the Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2024 will begin on 5 August 2024 and conclude on 6 September 2024.

The Council will take all submissions into account when it decides on the final content of the policy.

Submission forms and copies of the Statement of Proposal are available:

- Online at the Council's website: www.kaweraudc.govt.nz
- At the Council Offices and Libraries
- By phoning (07) 306 9009 and requesting a copy.

There are many different ways you can tell us what you think.

Submissions can be made:

Online: Visit our website - www.kaweraudc.govt.nz and use our online submission form.

Emailed to: submissions@kaweraudc.govt.nz

Please use subject heading - *Naming Policy – Submission*

Posted to: Kawerau District Council
Attn: Naming Policy – Submission
Private Bag 1004
Kawerau 3169

Dropped in to: Kawerau District Council
2 Ranfurly Court
Kawerau

Key Dates:

Submissions Open	5 August 2024
Submissions Close	6 September 2024
Proposed Submissions Hearing	25 September 2024
Council Deliberates and adopt (or not)	September or October 2024
Proposed Policy	

Please note Kawerau District Council must receive written submissions by **5.00pm** on **Friday 6 September 2024**.

As part of the consultation process your submissions will be copied and made available to the public after the submission period closes.

You will have an opportunity to have your submission heard in person, during the hearing of submissions scheduled to be held on 25 September 2024. When you complete the submission form, please tell us if you would like to be heard.

Council will contact all submitters who wish to be heard, to confirmed time, date and venue of the hearing.

Council will then deliberate on any changes required and choose whether or not to adopt the final Naming Policy during a Council meeting in late September or October 2024.

If you have any further queries or would like more copies of the draft Naming Policy 2024, please contact Council on 07 306 9009.

Submission Form (please provide feedback by 6 September 2024)

Name/Organisation _____

Phone Number _____

Address _____

Email _____

A hearing is proposed for the 25 September 2024. Would you like to present your submissions in person to Council at the hearing?

Yes

No

The proposed bylaw sets out:

- the purpose for the Freedom Camping Bylaw;
- the definition of freedom camping and self-contained vehicle;
- the Council owned land that is either restricted or prohibited;
- the process for applying for a prior approval;
- the offences and penalties
- the location of reserves as marked on the maps.

1. What we'd like to know

Council is proposing the reviewed Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw as a means to manage freedom camping within the Kawerau District, while protecting the areas that are significance or raises concerns around health and safety.

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

Yes

No

Yes – but with specific additions or amendments (as outlined below)

I do not have a response for this section

What are your reasons for your support or opposition of the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw?

The reasons for your support or opposition of the proposed restricted and prohibited sites:

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

Yes - seven nights in one calendar month is about right

I do not have a response for this section

My preference is for this number of nights (please specify)

What are your reasons for your support or opposition of the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw?

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

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

Yes

No

Yes – support in part (please outline below)

I do not have a response for this section

The reasons for your support or opposition of the proposed restricted and prohibited sites as outline above?

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)

Yes No

Yes – support in part (please outline below)

I do not have a response for this section

The reasons for your support or opposition of the proposed prior approval for self-contained vehicles (as above) sites as outline above?

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))

Yes No

Yes – support in part (please outline below)

I do not have a response for this section

Please outline any changes you would like made to the prior approval for non-self-contained vehicles and tents (as above)?
