

Kawerau District Council

Freedom Camping Bylaw Development

Summary of draft site assessments under the criteria within the Freedom Camping Act 2011 used to inform a Proposed Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw.

As part of the development of the Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw, Kawerau District Council has collated information to inform which Council owned sites should be prohibited, restricted or permitted for freedom camping.

Freedom camping bylaws can identify where freedom camping is prohibited and restricted to manage how and where freedom camping can occur, and what additional conditions may be needed in some areas. Bylaws can also identify areas where freedom camping can occur in vehicles that are not self-contained or in tents.

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 (the Act) is permissive by default, which means its starting point is to allow freedom camping on all local authority land, with any vehicle used for freedom camping required to be certified self-contained. Any potential areas for prohibition or restriction must be first assessed against the criteria in section 11(2) of the Act. This section states that Councils can only prohibit or restrict freedom camping in an area if this is necessary to:

1. Protect the area – to protect areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive.
2. Protect health and safety – to keep freedom campers and other visitors to an area safe.
3. Protect access to the area – where the presence of freedom campers could block access or damage infrastructure.

The assessments of each site within this document have been completed with criteria used by many New Zealand Councils and is considered best practice by the sector. This assessment looks at each of the three elements outlined in section 11(2) of the Act to determine whether or not prohibiting or restricting freedom camping is necessary on the site.

The tool provides councils with a standardised and transparent way of applying the Act and demonstrates a clear line of sight between the criteria in the Act, and the bylaw.

Given Kawerau District is small an assessment was completed for all Council owned land. In completing the reviews, Council also gave consideration to sites where it may be suitable for freedom camping in vehicles which are not self-contained or in tents. All sites included within the assessment fall within local authority areas, which is defined in section 6(1) of the Act and is land controlled or managed by or on behalf of Council.

Certain areas have been excluded from this assessment, such as:

- Private land.
- Crown land including conservation land, land managed by Waka Kotahi, and LINZ land.
- Leased land (such as parts of Monika Lanham Reserve).
- Inaccessible land.
- Existing paid campgrounds (Kawerau does not currently have any)
- Areas where parking regulations manage vehicles.

The Assessment Criteria

This criteria assigns scores for each of the elements in Section 11(2) of the Freedom Camping Act 2011 as follows:

PROTECT THE AREA – Considers cultural or historical significance and the natural environment		PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PEOPLE WHO MAY VISIT THE AREA - Considers levels of vehicular traffic (car parks/lookout points), use for other activities (like sports grounds), and issues of persistent vandalism/vagrancy		PROTECT ACCESS TO THE AREA - Considers damage caused by vehicular access to flora and fauna and the impact that people accessing the site will have on other users of the area	
Has historical, cultural or environmental significance and requires full protection	5	Risk to health and safety is too great to allow access to the site, including no vehicle access to, or car parking on, the site.	5	No access to the site, and any vehicle access would cause significant damage	5
Contains some significant historical, cultural or environmental areas.	4	Significant health and safety concerns.	4	Restricted access to the site, and any vehicle access would cause damage.	4
Contains some areas that should be protected	3	Minimal health and safety concerns (risk for the elderly or children)	3	Moderate access to the site, and any vehicle access would cause minimal damage.	3
Low concerns about areas that need protecting	2	Low concerns regarding health and safety	2	Good access to the site, which would not cause damage.	2
No significant area concerns	1	No health and safety concerns	1	Fully formed access to the site	1

Application of the Criteria

- Each area is given a score of 1-5 for each of the three elements.
- If the total score of all three purposes is **9 or more**, restricting or prohibiting freedom camping on the area may be necessary. If the score for **any one of the three purposes is 5**, this also indicates a need to protect the area for that purpose by prohibiting or restricting freedom camping.
- If the total score of all three purposes is **8 or less** and the area is a reserve*, there is an indication that freedom camping may be permitted on the reserve. For other areas that have a total score of **8 or less**, the tool indicates that it is appropriate for freedom camping to remain permitted.

* NB: freedom camping on gazetted reserves is otherwise prohibited under the Reserves Act 1977 (RA) unless provided for in an individual Reserve Management Plan (RMP).

Area assessed against the criteria	Current Status	Score	Summary of Assessment	Recommendation
Boyce Park	Freedom camping in self – contained vehicle is currently permitted, upon Council approval.	Protect the area: 4 Protect health and safety: 2 Protect access: 4 Total Score - 10	The esplanade along the river embankment has high value to the community, and is both culturally and naturally significant, and requires protection of the waterways from contamination. Low health concerns due to the low use of the area. Off street parking is available for a small number of vehicles. This is largely use by vehicle associated with the judo Club. All grass areas are fenced with locked gates to protect the fields.	Restrict freedom camping at the Boyce Park to self-contained vehicles upon gaining prior consent from Council. Prior consent considered where other sites are unavailable and it does not affect commercial opportunities.
Firmin Field	Freedom camping in self – contained vehicle is currently permitted in carpark. Also permitted on the field, upon Council approval, plus may allow tents and non-self-contained.	Protect the area: 4 Protect health and safety: 3 Protect access: 2	The esplanade along the river embankment has high value to the community, and is both culturally and naturally significant, requiring protection of the waterways from contamination. The dump station and toilets provided may help minimise contamination of waterways. Fencing remains in place for grassed areas. A dump station is available on site for the disposal of wastewater where required. Public toilets are available on site and are open 24/7 for, however the system was not purpose built for freedom camping purposes and sometimes struggles to meet demand. Parking area can become very busy during peak use, large vehicle can reduce visibility of pedestrians walking through the parking area. Good access and off street parking is available for vehicles, including six powered freedom camping parks.	Restrict freedom camping at the Firmin Field to self-contained vehicles only along the eastern edge of the carpark. Upon Council prior consent, parking on the field may be enabled for organised groups in self-contained vehicles along the north and eastern boundaries (10m from riverbank). Non-self-contained vehicles and tents may be considered for prior consent where associated with the hireage of Firmin Lodge.

		Total Score - 9	All grass areas are fenced with locked gates to protect the fields. Parking on the fields, with Council approval, may be available where conditions (weather, ground surface, visitor accommodation rental) are suitable, with parking restricted to the north edge of Firmin Field.	
Keith McKenzie Park	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act	Protect the area: 4 Protect health and safety: 2 Protect access: 3 Total Score - 9	The esplanade along the river embankment has high value to the community, and is both culturally and naturally significant, requiring protection of the waterways from contamination. Fencing is in place to minimise damage to sensitive areas. Low health and safety concerns. There is good vehicle access to Keith MacKenzie Park. The park has a roundabout area in which short-term parking is available. Parking on the grass may damage the park, particularly when it is wet. The rest of the park has been fence to avoid vehicle access to prevent damage.	Prohibit freedom camping at Keith McKenzie Park in the proposed bylaw.
Lyn Hartley Reserve	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act.	Protect the area: 3 Protect health and safety: 2 Protect access: 5 Total Score - 10	The esplanade along the river embankment has high value to the community, and is both culturally and naturally significant, requiring protection of the waterways from contamination. Low health and safety concerns. Vehicle access is excluded by locked gates to avoid damage to the grassed reserve. Pedestrian access is available.	Prohibit freedom camping at Lyn Hartley Reserve in the proposed bylaw.
Monika Lanham Reserve	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act.	Protect the area: 5 Protect health and safety: 4	The reserve contains archaeological, culturally significant sites and community significant projects. The northern edge of the reserve is geothermally active with some steam coming from vents in the ground and Sulphur smell being evident in the area. Entrance to this area is discouraged.	Prohibit freedom camping at Monika Lanham Reserve in the proposed bylaw.

		Protect access: 3 Total Score - 12	There is good vehicle access to a small short term parking area off Fenton Mill Road. The rest of the park has been fence to avoid vehicle access and prevent damage.	
Pat Baker/Dump Reserve	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act.	Protect the area: 3 Protect health and safety: 3 Protect access: 5 Total Score - 11	<p>The reserve has a number of trees providing shade and provides an attractive frontage for the Dump Reserve.</p> <p>The Dump reserve has culturally significant areas that require protection.</p> <p>A footpath runs along the side of the road providing walkways and access to the reserve for the community. Trees will reduce visibility of vehicles trying to access the reserve and could endanger pedestrian users.</p> <p>Parking availability on the roadside is narrow and the reserve is located partly on the corner of River Road. Parking may create visibility restrictions for those using the roads or footpath around the reserve. This poses safety risk to pedestrians and other road users.</p> <p>There is no public toilets or facilities at this reserve. Enabling freedom camping would pose a health and safety risk due to no available space parking and the level of traffic on the Transfer Station Road. There is no vehicle access to this reserve. Driving over the concrete berm and footpath will cause damage over time.</p> <p>The reserve is planted with trees providing shade and reducing the ability for vehicle access.</p> <p>The dump reserve is closed to the public except for opening hours of 12 to 4pm. Short term parking is only available to customers using the reserve.</p>	Prohibit freedom camping at Pat Baker Reserve in the proposed bylaw.

<p>Prideaux Park</p>	<p>Freedom camping in self – contained vehicle is currently permitted on grass behind the Pavilion and Bowling Club. .</p> <p>Freedom Camping is provided for in the Reserves Management Plan</p>	<p>Protect the area: 4</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 4</p> <p>Protect access: 2</p> <p>Total Score - 10</p>	<p>The esplanade along the river embankment has high value to the community, and is culturally and naturally significant, requiring protection. Protection of the sport field is required, so designated parking areas help to minimise damage to the turf.</p> <p>Prideaux Park has multiple areas and as such the health and safety risk differ across the Park. The Maurie Kaur Aquatic Centre and Bowling Club carpark, although good access is available, this carpark is frequently visited by children and vulnerable members of the community. Freedom camping vehicles can be large and reduce visibility creating a health and safety risk.</p> <p>Prideaux Park can be used for large events reducing the space available for freedom camping and creating a health and safety risk with vehicle movements unable to be managed. There may be times in which Prideaux Park should be closed to enable safer event management.</p> <p>Sealed vehicle access is available across the reserve including the Maurie Kaur Aquatic Centre, the Rangi Delamere Centre and the Sport Field Pavilion via a driveway off Plunket Street.</p> <p>Off street parking for freedom camping is currently available behind the Sports Pavilion. There is also 4 powered site available at this location.</p> <p>There is a large carpark in front of the Maurie Kaur Centre and the Bowling Club providing off street parking.</p> <p>The Sports field is fenced off with a low fence and locked gate to ensure vehicles do not access the field without Council permission.</p>	<p>Restrict freedom camping at to the south side of the entrance and behind the Sport Field Pavilion.</p>
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<p>Roy Weston Walk</p>	<p>Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act.</p>	<p>Protect the area: 4</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 3</p> <p>Protect access: 4</p> <p>Total Score - 11</p>	<p>The esplanade along the river embankment has high value to the community, and is both culturally and naturally significant, requiring protection of the waterways.</p> <p>Fencing remains in place for grassed areas.</p> <p>The reserve is directly across the road from residential properties, which may have a negative effect on privacy and amenity.</p> <p>A footpath runs along the side of the road providing walkways and access to the reserve for the community. Trees will reduce visibility of vehicles trying to access the reserve and could endanger pedestrian users.</p> <p>Off street parking is available for short-term users only. The roadside is narrow so is not suitable for parking and may create visibility restrictions for those using the roads or footpath around the reserve. This poses safety risk to pedestrians and other road users.</p> <p>There is no public toilets or facilities at this reserve.</p> <p>Porritt Drive is narrow and provides little room for on street parking.</p> <p>Parking is available for short term parking only. Long term restricts visibility for residential properties.</p> <p>There is a small area for off street parking which forms part of the leased area by the Judo Club.</p> <p>off street parking</p> <p>There is no vehicle access to this reserve. Driving over the concrete berm and footpath will cause damage over time.</p> <p>The reserve is planted with trees providing shade and reducing the ability for vehicle access.</p>	<p>Prohibit freedom camping at Roy Weston Reserve and the adjacent road (Porritt Drive) in the proposed bylaw.</p>
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Ruruanga Reserve	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act.	<p>Protect the area: 4</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 1</p> <p>Protect access: 5</p> <p>Total Score - 10</p>	<p>The esplanade along the river embankment has high value to the community, and is both culturally and naturally significant, requiring protection.</p> <p>No health and safety concerns due to limited access to foot traffic only.</p> <p>There is no vehicle access to Ruruanga Reserve. Access is likely to cause damage to the kerb and the grounds.</p>	Prohibit freedom camping from Ruruanga Reserve in the proposed bylaw.
Stoneham Walk	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act.	<p>Protect the area: 5</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 3</p> <p>Protect access: 4</p> <p>Total Score - 12</p>	<p>The esplanade along the river embankment has high value to the community, and are culturally and naturally significant, requiring protection.</p> <p>Stoneham walk is a popular spot for walking, picnics, wedding ceremonies and exercising the family dog. The introduction of vehicles would pose a health and safety risk due to the contour of the area and shared use without formed access ways. Short-term visitor parking is available off Fenton Mill Road for visitors.</p> <p>Stoneham reserve is fenced off with locked gates to prevent vehicle access.</p>	Prohibit freedom camping from Stoneham Walk and associated car park (Fenton Mill Road) in the proposed bylaw.
Tarawera Park	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act. Bylaw also prohibits.	<p>Protect the area: 2</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 3</p>	<p>The esplanade along the river embankment has high value to the community, and is both culturally and naturally significant, requiring protection. This area is fenced off from other areas.</p> <p>Designated parking areas are available to ensure damage to the sports field turf is minimised. These areas are fenced off from the car parking and clubrooms and amenity.</p> <p>Underground waste water and water assets require protection from vehicles driving on the reserve.</p> <p>Trees will reduce visibility of vehicles trying to access the reserve and could endanger pedestrian users.</p>	Prohibit freedom camping from Tarawera Park and associated car park in the proposed bylaw.

		<p>Protect access: 4</p> <p>Total Score - 9</p>	<p>Public facilities are not available unless specifically organised or associated with an event. While there is significant parking available, this soon becomes overrun during sporting or other organised events. Enabling freedom camping on this reserve would give rise to additional parking problems. Roadside parking around the reserve is narrow and will increase health and safety concerns with the combination of foot and vehicle traffic.</p> <p>Event parking is available at Tarawera Park between 9am and 5pm or during events. Tarawera Reserve is fenced off with locked gates to prevent vehicle access outside of these hours as a result of ongoing vandalism to the fields and fences.</p>	
River Road Reserve	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act..	<p>Protect the area: 5</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 4</p> <p>Protect access: 4</p> <p>Total Score - 13</p>	<p>The Tarawera River and esplanade along the river embankment has high value to the community, and is both culturally and naturally significant, requiring protection.</p> <p>Underground storm water assets require protection from vehicles driving on the reserve.</p> <p>This area is used by pedestrians for recreational purposes such as walking their dogs and exercising. The introduction of vehicles would pose a health and safety risk due to the contour of the area and shared use without formed access ways. There is no vehicle access to this reserve and no formed access ways. Each end is fenced to enable foot traffic only.</p>	Prohibit freedom camping from River Road Reserve in the proposed bylaw.
Waterhouse Reserve	Freedom camping in self – contained vehicle is	<p>Protect the area: 5</p>	<p>The Tarawera River and esplanade along the river embankment has high value to the community, and</p>	Restrict freedom camping at the Waterhouse Reserve, to organised groups, upon prior

	currently permitted, upon Council approval	<p>Protect health and safety: 3</p> <p>Protect access: 3</p> <p>Total Score - 11</p>	<p>is both culturally and naturally significant, requiring protection.</p> <p>Underground storm water assets require protection from vehicles driving on the reserve.</p> <p>This area is used by pedestrians for recreational purposes such as walking their dogs and exercising. The introduction of vehicles would pose a health and safety risk, particularly due to the number of trees established within the reserve making parking and visibility more difficult.</p> <p>Sealed vehicle access is available off Waterhouse Street, however this is locked to monitor access and avoid damage. This access also provides for a small number of off street parking for short term visitors to the reserve.</p>	<p>consent, for self-contained vehicles.</p> <p>Non-self-contained vehicles and tents may be considered for prior consent where associated with the hireage of Firmin Lodge.</p> <p><i>Would require an amendment to the Reserve Management Plan to include proposed freedom camping location for self-contained vehicles only.</i></p>
Waterwheel Heritage Park	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act	<p>Protect the area: 5</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 1</p> <p>Protect access: 3</p> <p>Total Score - 9</p>	<p>The Tarawera River and esplanade along the river embankment has high value to the community, and is both culturally and naturally significant, requiring protection.</p> <p>Underground storm water assets require protection from vehicles driving on the reserve.</p> <p>Park is low use and is isolated.</p> <p>The reserve is fenced and has no formed access or formalised parking area.</p>	Prohibit freedom camping from Waterwheel Heritage Park in the proposed bylaw.
Stock Pound (Yet to be Named)	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act	<p>Protect the area: 3</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 1</p>	<p>This reserve has some cultural significance, which would be protected in development.</p> <p>Some native trees are on this reserve, however it is largely exotic trees.</p> <p>This area is set for future development as a community space for families of all ages.</p> <p>No health and safety concerns.</p> <p>No public facilities may create health and safety concerns where opened for freedom camping.</p>	Prohibit freedom camping from the previous Stock Pound in the proposed bylaw.

		<p>Protect access: 5</p> <p>Total Score - 9</p>	<p>Development of this area is yet to commence. The reserve is fenced off and gated, providing no vehicle access. A kerb and concrete footpath runs along the roadside of this reserve and enabling access could damage this infrastructure.</p>	
Ballance/Seddon Street Reserve	<p>Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act</p> <p>Bylaw also prohibits due to playground</p>	<p>Protect the area: 3</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 3</p> <p>Protect access: 5</p> <p>Total Score - 11</p>	<p>Vehicles may damage the grassed area. The reserve is small and surrounded by residential properties which will have a negative effect on privacy and amenity.</p> <p>The reserve has low use.</p> <p>Introduction of vehicle into a space with no access and parking facilities will provide a health and safety risk.</p> <p>No vehicle access or parking available. Vehicle would have to cross the kerb which may cause damage.</p> <p>Vehicular access will reduce the suitability of the reserve to be used for neighbourhood kids.</p>	<p>Prohibit freedom camping from Ballance Street and Seddon Street Reserves in the proposed bylaw.</p>
Beattie/Shepherd Road Reserve	<p>Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act</p>	<p>Protect the area: 3</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 3</p> <p>Protect access: 5</p> <p>Total Score - 11</p>	<p>Vehicles may damage the grassed area and the roots of the trees. The reserve is small and surrounded by residential properties which will have a negative effect on privacy and amenity.</p> <p>The reserve is used by the neighbours for walking, dog exercise and as access to nearby streets.</p> <p>Introduction of vehicle into a space with no access and parking facilities will provide a health and safety risk. Navigating the trees will create an extra risk for vehicles and pedestrians.</p> <p>No vehicle access or parking available. Vehicle would have to cross the kerb, which may cause damage.</p> <p>Vehicular access will reduce the suitability of the reserve to be used for neighbourhood kids.</p>	<p>Prohibit freedom camping from Beattie Road and Shepherd Road Reserves in the proposed bylaw.</p>

Boss Road Reserve	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act	Protect the area: 2 Protect health and safety: 2 Protect access: 5 Total Score - 9	Vehicles or camping may damage the grassed area. The reserve is small and slightly sloped. The reserve has low use. Introduction of vehicle into a space with no access and parking facilities will provide a health and safety risk to other users. No vehicle access or parking available. Vehicle would have to cross the kerb, which may cause damage. Vehicular access will reduce the suitability of the reserve to be used for neighbourhood kids.	Prohibit freedom camping from Boss Road Reserve in the proposed bylaw.
Cobham Drive Reserve	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act Bylaw also prohibits due to playground	Protect the area: 2 Protect health and safety: 4 Protect access: 4 Total Score - 10	Vehicles or camping may damage the grassed area. The reserve is small and surrounded by residential properties which may have a negative effect on privacy and amenity. The playground on the reserve attracts recreational users and children. Camping and vehicle movements on the reserve are likely to pose a safety risk to other users of the playground and site. There is a formed vehicle access but this only services one of the two parking spots. The second spot would require a vehicle to drive over the concrete kerb and park on the grass which may cause damage. The area is completely fenced, removing access to the park area. The road is very narrow. Parking on the roadside may cause blockage of the surround roading network.	Prohibit freedom camping at Cobham Drive Reserve and the adjacent road (Cobham Drive and Holland Crescent) in the proposed bylaw.
Fraser Street Reserve	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under	Protect the area: 4 Protect health and safety: 1	The reserve is used for the Kawerau Urban Food Garden and backs on to the school grounds. The reserve has low use.	Prohibit freedom camping from Fraser Street Reserve in the proposed bylaw.

	section 44 of the Reserves Management Act	Protect access: 5 Total Score - 10	There is no vehicle access to the Fraser Street Reserve. The only access is by foot from River Road along the side of a small stream or through the rear of the Kawerau South School off Cobham Drive. Any vehicle access would need to be across private land or Public School property, with the risk of damaging private land or school property.	
Hadley Street Reserve	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act	Protect the area: 2 Protect health and safety: 3 Protect access: 5 Total Score - 10	Vehicles or camping may damage the grassed area. The reserve is small and surrounded by residential properties which will have a negative effect on privacy and amenity. The reserve is used by the neighbours for walking, dog exercise and as access to nearby streets. Introduction of vehicle into a space with no access and parking facilities may provide a health and safety risk. There is no off-street parking or formed vehicle access onto the reserve. Vehicles parked on the narrow cul-de-sac on both ends may block the surrounding roading network and property access. A concrete berm and footpaths runs along the edge of the grassed area by the road and vehicle access would require driving over the kerb, potentially causing damage. Vehicle access may result in this being used as a thoroughfare causing damage to the grassed area.	Prohibit freedom camping from Hadley Street Reserve in the proposed bylaw.
Hilldale Reserve	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act	Protect the area: 2	The reserve is used by the neighbours for walking, dog exercise and as access to nearby streets. Vehicles may damage the grassed area. Due to the high water table, this area can get wet, which would result in excessive damage.	Prohibit freedom camping from Hilldale Reserve in the proposed bylaw.

			<p>Protect health and safety: 3</p> <p>Protect access: 4</p> <p>Total Score - 9</p>	<p>The reserve is surrounded by residential properties which may have a negative effect on privacy and amenity.</p> <p>Introduction of vehicle into a space with no access and parking facilities, may provide a health and safety risk to other users.</p> <p>There is no off-street parking or formed vehicle paths within the reserve. Vehicle access may result in this being used as a thoroughfare causing damage to the grassed area.</p>	
MacKenzie Reserve	Street	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act Bylaw also prohibits due to playground	<p>Protect the area: 2</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 3</p> <p>Protect access: 5</p> <p>Total Score - 10</p>	<p>Vehicles may damage the grassed area. The reserve is small and surrounded by residential properties which will have a negative effect on privacy and amenity.</p> <p>The playground on the reserve is set up to attract families with young children. Camping and vehicle movements on the reserve are likely to pose a safety risk to other users of the playground and site. There is no off-street parking or formed access into this reserve.</p> <p>A concrete berm and footpaths runs along the edge of the grassed area by the road and vehicle access would require driving over the kerb, potentially causing damage.</p> <p>Vehicles parked on the narrow road, may block easy access of the surrounding roading network.</p>	Prohibit freedom camping from MacKenzie Street Reserve in the proposed bylaw.
Porritt Glade Reserve		Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act Bylaw also prohibits due to playground	<p>Protect the area: 3</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 4</p>	<p>Vehicles or camping may damage the grassed area. The reserve is small and surrounded by residential properties, which will have a negative effect on privacy and amenity.</p> <p>The playground on the reserve is set up to attract families with young children. Limited space within</p>	Prohibit freedom camping from Porritt Glade Reserve in the proposed bylaw.

			<p>Protect access: 5</p> <p>Total Score - 12</p>	<p>the reserve to manoeuvre a vehicle will pose a safety risk to other users of the reserve.</p> <p>There is no off-street parking or formed access into this reserve.</p> <p>A concrete berm and footpaths runs along the edge of the grassed area by the road and vehicle access would require driving over the kerb, potentially causing damage.</p> <p>Vehicles parked on the narrow road, may block easy access of the surrounding roading network.</p>	
Recreation Reserve	Centre	Freedom camping is currently permitted, upon Council approval, for organised groups to freedom camp on the seal carpark in a self-contained vehicle. Part are Prohibited under bylaw	<p>Protect the area: 3</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 4</p> <p>Protect access: 2</p> <p>Total Score - 9</p>	<p>The Recreation Centre sits within this reserve. The availability and use of the facility may be reduced where large numbers of freedom campers are parking in this area.</p> <p>Underground storm water assets require protection from vehicles driving on the reserve.</p> <p>Geothermal gases can be dangerous when found in high concentrations, this makes freedom camping in this area unsuitable for tenting and gas levels should be monitored if allowing self-contained vehicle.</p> <p>Unmarked parking creates a health and safety risk to other users</p> <p>Parking on the grassed area would pose a safety risk to users of the park and basketball court.</p> <p>Vehicle access and off-street parking is available, however this is not marked.</p>	<p>Prohibit freedom camping from Recreation Centre Reserve in the proposed bylaw.</p>
Robinson Reserve	Street	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act	<p>Protect the area: 2</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 4</p>	<p>Vehicles or camping may damage the grassed area. The reserve is small and surrounded by residential properties which may have a negative effect on privacy and amenity.</p> <p>The playground on the reserve attracts recreational users and children. Camping and vehicle</p>	<p>Prohibit freedom camping from R Reserve and the adjacent road (Robinson Street) in the proposed bylaw.</p>

		Bylaw also prohibits due to playground	<p>Protect access: 4</p> <p>Total Score - 10</p>	<p>movements on the reserve are likely to pose a safety risk to other users.</p> <p>A concrete berm runs along the edge of the grassed area by the road and vehicle access would require driving over the kerb, potentially causing damage.</p> <p>The road is very narrow. Parking on the roadside may cause blockage of the surrounding road network.</p> <p>Access to the site will impact on families using the playground.</p>	
Tuwharetoa Reserve	Road	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act Bylaw also prohibits due to playground	<p>Protect the area: 2</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 4</p> <p>Protect access: 5</p> <p>Total Score - 11</p>	<p>Vehicles may damage the grassed area or the playground given the location.</p> <p>The reserve is surrounded by residential properties, freedom camping may have a negative effect on privacy and amenity.</p> <p>The playground on the reserve attracts recreational users and children. Vehicle movements on the reserve are likely to pose a safety risk to other users.</p> <p>No public facilities may create additional health and safety issues.</p> <p>There is no off-street parking and is currently fenced off to protect the area.</p> <p>A concrete kerb and footpath runs along the road edge of the reserve and concrete footpaths are throughout the reserve. Vehicle access would require driving over the kerb, and footpaths potentially causing damage.</p>	Prohibit freedom camping from Tuwharetoa Road Reserve in the proposed bylaw.
Valley Place Reserve	Road/Ryder	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under	<p>Protect the area: 3</p>	<p>Vehicles may damage the grassed area.</p> <p>The reserve is surrounded by residential properties, freedom camping may have a negative effect on privacy and amenity.</p>	Prohibit freedom camping from Valley Road and Ryder Place Reserves in the proposed bylaw.

	<p>section 44 of the Reserves Management Act Bylaw also prohibits due to playground</p>	<p>Protect health and safety: 4</p> <p>Protect access: 5</p> <p>Total Score - 12</p>	<p>The playground on the reserve attracts recreational users and children. Vehicle movements on the reserve are likely to pose a safety risk to other users. No public facilities may create additional health and safety issues. There is no off-street parking and is currently fenced off to protect the area. A concrete kerb and footpath runs along the road edge of the reserve and concrete footpaths are throughout the reserve. Vehicle access would require driving over the kerb, and footpaths potentially causing damage. Vehicles parked on the narrow side roads accessing the reserve, may block access to the surrounding roading network and properties.</p>	
<p>Valley Road/Kirk Crescent Reserve</p>	<p>Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act</p>	<p>Protect the area: 3</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 4</p> <p>Protect access: 5</p> <p>Total Score - 12</p>	<p>Vehicles may damage the grassed area. The reserve is surrounded by residential properties, freedom camping may have a negative effect on privacy and amenity. The bush area needs to be protected in its natural state. The bush area is very steep in places posing a health and safety risk, for vehicles and users. No public facilities may create additional health and safety issues. There is no off-street parking and the reserve is fenced off to protect the area. A concrete berm and footpaths runs along the road edge of the grassed area by the road and vehicle access would require driving over the kerb, potentially causing damage.</p>	<p>Prohibit freedom camping from Valley Road and Kirk Crescent Reserves in the proposed bylaw.</p>

			Vehicles parked on the narrow roads accessing the reserve, may block easy access of the surrounding roading network.	
Valley Road/Delamere Drive Reserve	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act	Protect the area: 3 Protect health and safety: 3 Protect access: 5 Total Score - 11	Vehicles may damage the grassed area. The reserve is small and surrounded by residential properties, which will have a negative effect on privacy and amenity. The reserve is available for all pedestrians to share including dog owners exercising their family pets. Enabling access to vehicles would pose a health and safety risk to other users of the reserve. No public facilities may create additional health and safety issues. There is no off-street parking or formed access into this reserve. A concrete berm and footpaths runs along the road edge of the grassed area by the road and vehicle access would require driving over the kerb, potentially causing damage. Vehicles parked on the narrow roads accessing the reserve, may block easy access of the surrounding roading network.	Prohibit freedom camping from Valley Road and Delamere Drive Reserves in the proposed bylaw.
Weld Street Reserve	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act Bylaw also prohibits due to playground	Protect the area: 2 Protect health and safety: 4 Protect access: 3 Total Score - 9	There is a low level of concern relating to this area. Families use the reserve and playground which can create a hazards with children coming and going across the road. Enabling access to vehicles would pose a health and safety risk to other users of the reserve. No public facilities may create additional health and safety issues. There is no parking available and a concrete berm surrounding the reserve. Driving over the berm and grass may cause unnecessary damage.	Prohibit freedom camping at Weld Street Reserve and the adjacent road (Weld Street) in the proposed bylaw.

Beattie Road Reserve	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act	<p>Protect the area: 3</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 2</p> <p>Protect access: 4</p> <p>Total Score - 9</p>	<p>Protection of the overflow drain is required to ensure it remains fit for the purpose of drainage. There are no known significant cultural matters on the reserve requiring protection.</p> <p>This reserve is essentially an overflow drain and as such presents a health and safety risk as the area is not suitable for vehicles or camping in any form. There is no public toilets or facilities at this reserve. There is formed access to the reserve, however there is no developed roadway or parking area. Access is only for maintenance purposes. Access needs to be protected to ensure the overflow drain is not compromised.</p>	Prohibit freedom camping from Beattie Road Reserve in the proposed bylaw.
Fenton Street Reserve	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act	<p>Protect the area: 3</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 1</p> <p>Protect access: 5</p> <p>Total Score - 9</p>	<p>The purpose of this reserve is to contribute to the environmental pleasantness and attractiveness of the area.</p> <p>The reserve is surrounded by residential properties, freedom camping may have a negative effect on privacy and amenity.</p> <p>No health and safety concerns.</p> <p>This reserve is fenced off and there is no off street parking available.</p> <p>A concrete kerb runs along the road edge of the reserve. Vehicle access would require driving over the kerb, and potentially damaging the kerb and fencing.</p>	Prohibit freedom camping from Fenton Street Reserve in the proposed bylaw.
Owen/Julian Road Reserve	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act	<p>Protect the area: 3</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 1</p>	<p>The purpose of this reserve is to contribute to the environmental pleasantness and attractiveness of the area.</p> <p>The reserve is surrounded by residential properties, freedom camping may have a negative effect on privacy and amenity.</p> <p>No health and safety concerns.</p>	Prohibit freedom camping from Owen Road and Julian Road Reserves in the proposed bylaw.

		Protect access: 5 Total Score - 9	This reserve is fenced off and there is no off street parking available. A concrete kerb runs along the road edge of the reserve. Vehicle access would require driving over the kerb, and potentially damaging the kerb and fencing.	
Reserve near Manukorihi Drive	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act	Protect the area: 4 Protect health and safety: 1 Protect access: 5 Total Score - 10	The Tarawera River and esplanade along the river embankment has high value to the community, and is both culturally and naturally significant, requiring protection. No health and safety concerns. There is no vehicle access to this reserve and no formed access ways.	Prohibit freedom camping at the reserve near Manukorihi Drive in the proposed bylaw.
Tamarangi Drive (north and south side of road)	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act	Protect the area: 3 Protect health and safety: 2 Protect access: 5 Total Score - 10	The purpose of this reserve is to contribute to the environmental pleasantness and attractiveness of the area. The reserve has residential and commercial properties along the edges, freedom camping may have a negative effect on amenity and privacy to the residential properties. No health and safety concerns. This reserve has no off street parking available. A concrete kerb runs along the road edge of the reserve. Vehicle access would require driving over the kerb, and potentially damaging the kerb and fencing.	Prohibit freedom camping from Tamarangi Drive and the adjacent road (Tamarangi Drive) Reserve in the proposed bylaw.
Cemetery	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act	Protect the area: 5 Protect health and safety: 4	The cemetery is a sensitive area with high value to the community, being both culturally and historically significant. It is important that the area be protected. Cemeteries are used frequently by pedestrians including elderly people and children. Freedom camping does pose a health and safety risk to	Prohibit freedom camping from the cemetery and the road adjacent to the cemetery.

		<p>Protect access: 3</p> <p>Total Score - 12</p>	<p>cemetery visitors, through a reduction of visibility and limited space.</p> <p>There is also health and safety concerns due to the likelihood of open ground (plots), use of digging equipment and burial services taking place.</p> <p>The cemetery has limited accessibility for vehicles to protect the grounds. Pedestrian access to the cemetery is available of Valley Road.</p> <p>Freedom camping vehicles, even parked on the road side, would impede on the access to others and the visibility of those visiting their loved ones.</p>	
Beattie Road Reservoir Reserve	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act	<p>Protect the area: 5</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 1</p> <p>Protect access: 5</p> <p>Total Score - 11</p>	<p>This reserve is cover in native trees and should be protected.</p> <p>No health and safety concerns.</p> <p>There is no road access to this reserve.</p>	Prohibit freedom camping at the Beattie Road Reservoir Reserve in the proposed bylaw.
Circus Paddock	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act	<p>Protect the area: 2</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 3</p> <p>Protect access: 4</p> <p>Total Score - 9</p>	<p>Circus paddock is used for local events. The availability and use of the area may be reduced where large numbers of freedom campers are parking in this area.</p> <p>This area may be affected by geothermal gases, however levels are monitored at the adjacent property and dangerous level are not excepted at Circus paddock. Tenting is not advisable on Circus paddock.</p> <p>Vehicle access near the skate parks and adjoining basketball court raises health and safety concerns due to the unpredictability of children and their social activities.</p> <p>Vehicle access and off-street parking is available, however the parking area is used by the Cosmopolitan Club and freedom campers may</p>	Restrict freedom camping at Circus Paddock to self-contained vehicles upon gaining prior consent from Council. Prior consent considered where other sites are unavailable and it does not affect commercial opportunities.

			<p>affect the availability of parking, negatively impacting on their commercial business. To access the grassed area, vehicle must drive over the kerb or remove a wooden post protecting the reserve from vehicle. This may cause damage to the area.</p>	
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