



WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL

Te Kaunihera a Rohe o Whanganui

AGENDA

Policy and Bylaw Committee 29 September 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Meeting of Policy and Bylaw Committee will be convened on:

Date: 29 Sep 2021

Time: 10.00am

Location: Council Chamber
101 Guyton Street
Whanganui

Kym Fell
Chief Executive

Policy and Bylaw Committee**Hearing Members**

Mayor Hamish McDouall (Chair), Deputy Mayor Cr Jenny Duncan,
Crs Charlie Anderson, Philippa Baker-Hogan, James Barron,
Josh Chandulal-Mackay, Brent Crossan, Helen Craig, Kate Joblin, Hadleigh Reid, Alan Taylor,
Rob Vinsen and Graeme Young.

Terms of Reference:**Policy and Bylaws:**

- (a) To hear and make recommendations to Council on the adoption of a bylaw.
- (b) To hear and make a determination on those submissions on proposed policies except those policies required to be adopted and consulted on under the Local Government Act in association with the long-term plan or developed for the purpose of the Local Governance Statement.

Hearing of Submissions

The Committee welcomes the opportunity to hear from the public in person during our consultation processes.

- Submitters have been allocated a time to speak to Council.
- Each submitter is allocated a ten-minute slot. This slot includes any time you need to make PowerPoint or video presentations and receive questions from the Committee.
- The Committee has already received a copy of your written submission and will have it in front of them. As a result, it is best you use the time you have in your oral submission to emphasise your main points and present any new information.
- Importantly, this is also an opportunity for the Committee to ask any questions in relation to your submission.
- When it is your time to present to the Council, the Chair will introduce you and invite you to come to the table to speak.
- Submitters are asked to sit at the table facing the chair of the meeting. There will be a microphone on the desk which you can use if you wish.
- After you have finished your submission, the Committee may want to ask you questions so they can better understand your position. Please allow for this within your allocated speaking time.
- Please be aware there are often journalists or other members of the public at the meeting. It is, therefore, possible that what you say could appear in a news report or elsewhere.

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1 APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Elected Members will be provided with the opportunity to declare any disclosable pecuniary or other non-pecuniary interest in any matter to be considered at this meeting, or declare any new conflicts that have arisen since last completing the Elected Members' Interests Register.

3 REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

3.1 CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS ON THE PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW

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Authoriser: Justin Walters - Senior Policy Analyst
Lance Kennedy - Chief Operating Officer

References:

1. [Hearing Schedule](#)  
2. [Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw](#)  
3. [Summary of Submissions](#)  

Significance of decision – In terms of the Significance and Engagement Policy 2018, the recommended decision is not significant.

Recommendation

That the Policy and Bylaw Committee:

- (a) Adopts all decisions made during the deliberations and that they be incorporated into a final amended proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2021.
- (b) Recommends that Council confirm that:
 - (i) a bylaw is the most appropriate way of addressing the issues relating to the management of freedom camping for the purposes of protecting areas, protecting access to those areas, and/or protecting the health and safety of visitors to those areas; and
 - (ii) the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2021 is the most appropriate form of a bylaw; and
 - (iii) the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2021 is not inconsistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.
- (c) Recommends that Council adopt the amended proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2021 with a commencement date of 1 November 2021.

Executive summary

The purpose of this report is for the Committee to hear and consider submissions and make recommendations on the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2021.

Background

Under s11 of the Freedom Camping Act 2011, a local authority may put in place a bylaw regulating the practice of freedom camping within their district. A bylaw may only be made if the local authority considers that doing so is necessary to protect an area, protect the health and safety of visitors to the area, or to protect access to the area. A bylaw must also be the most appropriate and proportionate way of addressing the perceived problems, and must not be inconsistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

This proposed bylaw was brought before the Strategy and Finance Committee on 29 June, and was accepted for consultation at that meeting. A copy of the [Statement of Proposal for the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw](#) is available on the Council website. A list of submitters who elected to speak in support of their submission (**Ref 1**) and a copy of [all submissions](#) is available on the Council website. An analysis of all submissions, with a summary of each submission including officer recommendations is attached (**Ref 3**).

Summary of consultation process

The consultation on the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw began Monday 12 July, running until Sunday 5 September, and was publicly notified as follows:

- Community Link;
- Council Facebook; and
- Have Your Say.

Individual notices were sent out to the Hapū collectives Tūpoho and Tamaūpoko, the commercial campgrounds operating within the Whanganui District, Fire and Emergency New Zealand, the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association, Responsible Campers Association Incorporated, Progress Castlecliff, and the Whanganui Board Riders Association.

Submissions

A total of 150 were received, with 14 submitters wanting to present their submissions to Council.

Summary of submissions to the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw

Consultation topic 1 – Freedom Camping Bylaw

Currently, there are no enforceable controls on the activity of freedom camping. This topic was asking people whether they supported introducing a bylaw that would be able to regulate freedom camping as an activity.

This question received the most responses, with the vast majority of submitters being in favour of it.

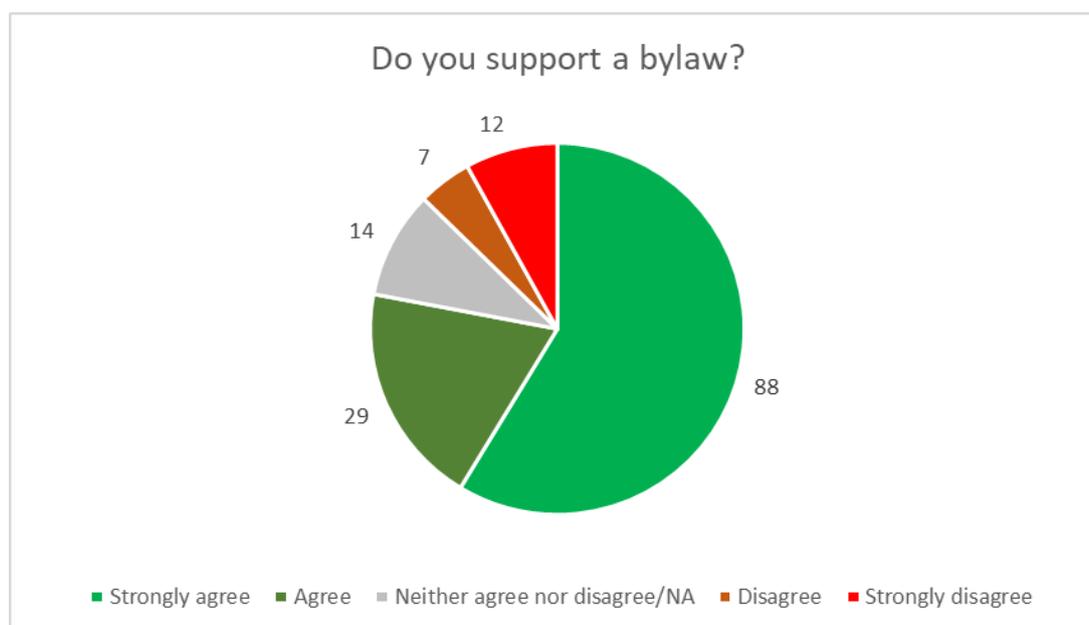


Chart 1 – Do you support the bylaw?

117 submitters either agreed or strongly agreed with the proposal to introduce a bylaw controlling freedom camping, with 19 either disagreeing or strongly disagreeing, and another 14 neither agreeing nor disagreeing, or not commenting.

The most common reasons for supporting a bylaw were concerns about long stays, followed by economic complaints – these were largely around the use of ratepayer-funded services by people who did not pay rates.

There needs to be better controls over where people are staying and for how long

Sub 005

I am seeing too many people in large buses actually living on public sites... they are not freedom camping they are freedom living.

Sub 016

Whanganui need to introduce a Freedom Camping Bylaw to control the people taking advantage and overstaying.

Sub 059

Those who opposed the proposed Bylaw mostly felt that it was unnecessary or unhelpful.

If a vehicle is registered and warranted and it is certified for self containment then in my view it may park up anywhere for as long as it's allowed to be there and provided the occupants are respectful of the environment

Sub 027

We are known as a friendly city and get many comments when we travel

Sub 012

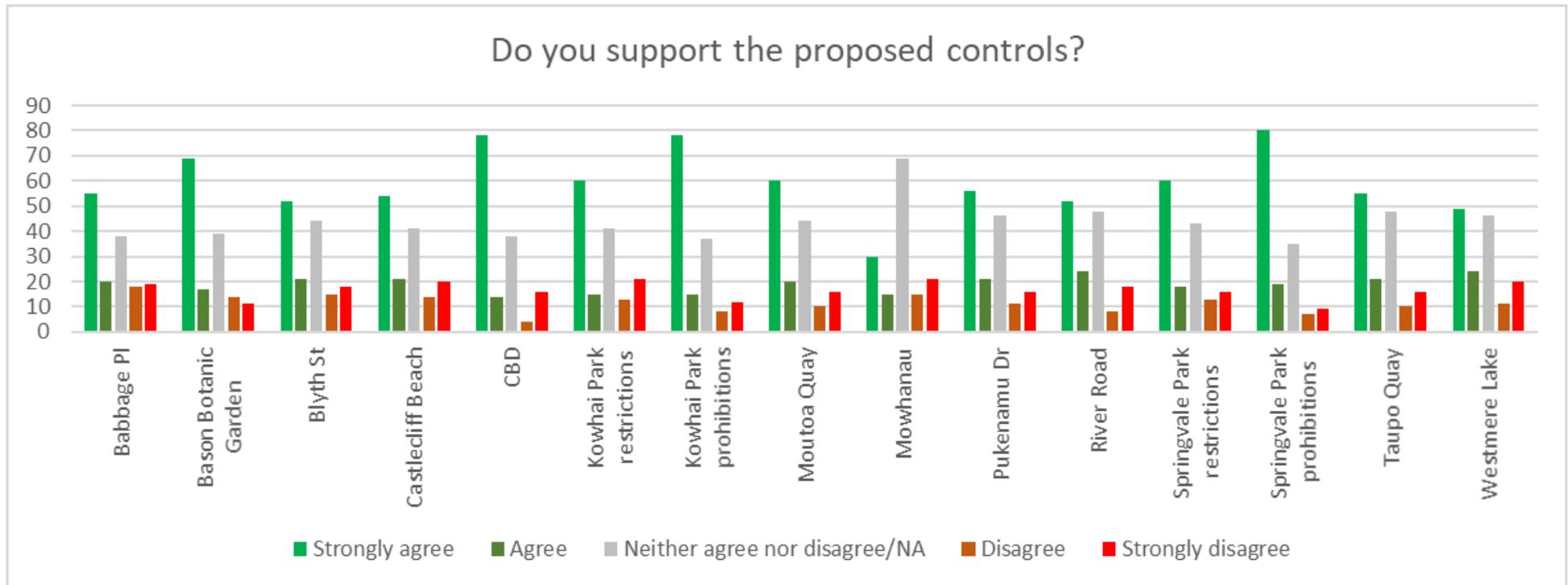
Having individual bylaws around the country causes confusion for everyone, no matter how hard you try and educate people. Areas like The Far North have proved you don't need a bylaw to manage overcrowding and undesirable behavior.

Sub 078

In almost every case, the majority of submitters supported the proposed restrictions, with the exception of Mowhanau. This is explained by the fact that the question on this area had been inadvertently left out of the questionnaire. Data was still gathered where possible, however –each of the first 50 submitters was contacted, provided them the question and invited them to answer, and their responses were included as part of their overall submission. Some submitters also independently commented on Mowhanau in the “general comments” section of their submission.

Proposed Controls

Proposed controls and prohibitions related to 15 locations across the district, each of which was treated as a distinct topic across the submission form.



Graph 1 – Do you support the proposed controls?

Consultation topic 2 – Controls on Babbage Place

The controls proposed for Babbage Place were:

- A limit of 2 nights freedom camping per calendar month;
- A maximum of 4 vehicles freedom camping at any one time;
- Self-contained vehicles only;
- Freedom camping may only occur between 7pm and 10am; and
- Freedom campers may not spread out around their vehicles.

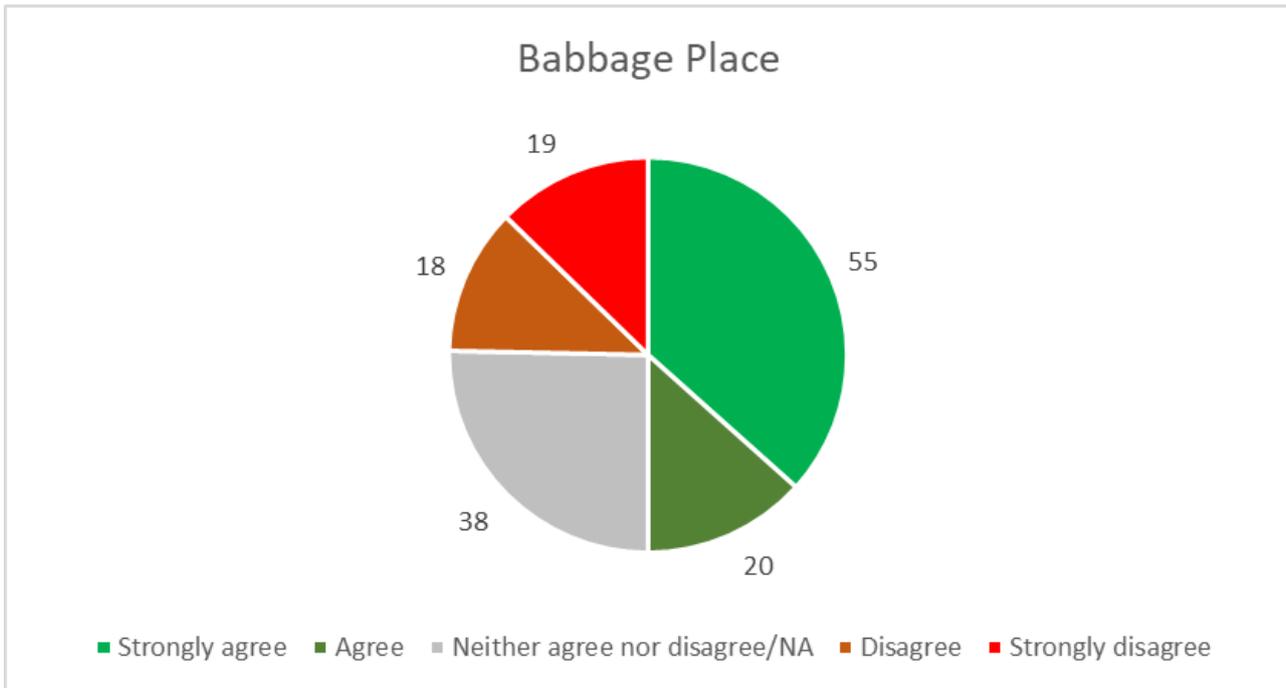


Chart 3 – Proposed Controls on Babbage Place

In total, 75 submitters either agreed or strongly agreed with the proposed controls, compared to 37 who disagreed or strongly disagreed, and 38 who neither agreed nor disagreed, or did not answer the question. The primary concern was about campers who stayed in one place for too long.

to stop campers staying too long

Sub 014

A suggestion made by all groups of submitters was that they would like to see the hour restrictions reworked.

It seems that the 7pm timeslot may be late in the evening. Suggest 5pm even though this may be during 'social' hours around Babbage Place.

Sub 033

Consultation topic 3 – Prohibition on Bason Botanic Garden

This area was proposed to be prohibited for freedom camping. This is to preserve the natural environment and the parking for visitors, and partly to protect the safety of campers as the gates are closed at night.

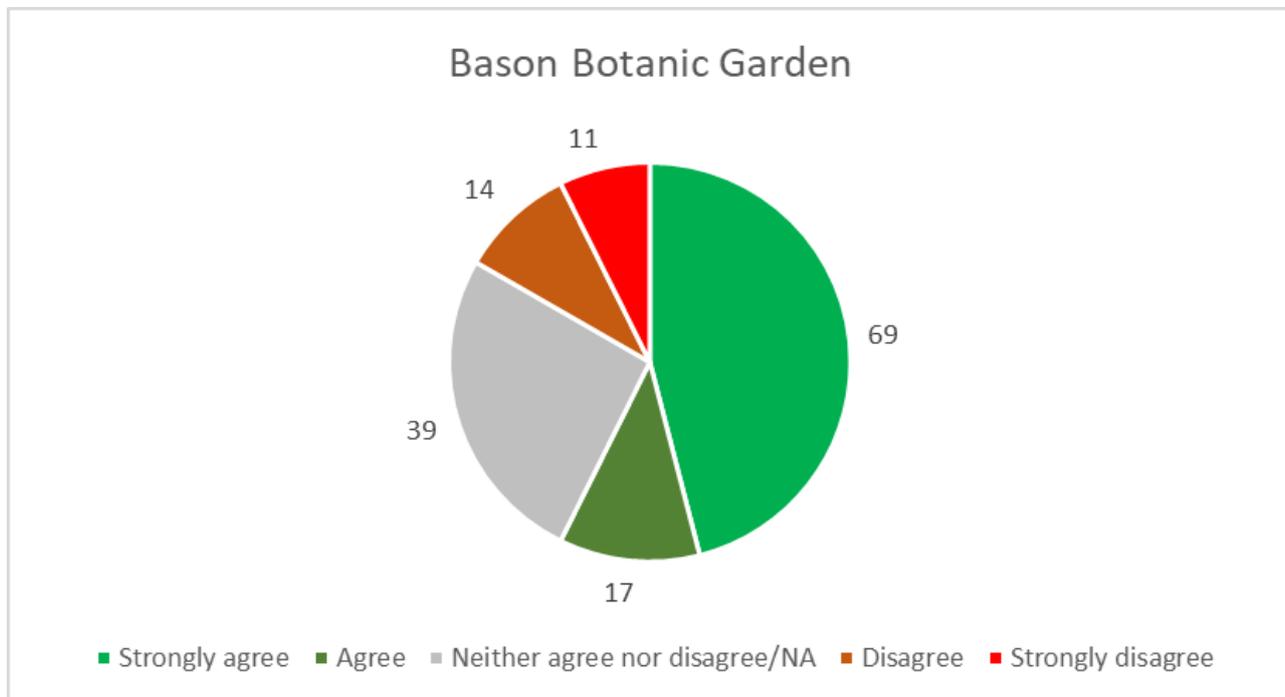


Chart 4 – Proposed Prohibition on Bason Botanic Garden

86 people either agreed or strongly agreed with the proposed restrictions for Bason Botanic Garden, compared with 39 who neither agreed nor disagreed or did not answer, and 25 who disagreed or strongly disagreed. Most submitters who agreed with the ban wanted to protect the gardens from damage resulting from camping, overcrowding, or the vandalism that might result from leaving the gates open.

If camping is permitted 24 hr access would be required resulting in vandalism Sub 040

This park is a jewel in our crown, a peaceful beautiful area for all to enjoy during the day.

Sub 049

Several people suggested allowing camping at Bason Botanic Garden subject to certain rules, but with no consistent thread.

Again. Max stay 2 days self-contained coin donation to reserve Sub 085

I am not sure if there are any parking areas here but 1 night stay for self-contained units would be good. Sub 020

Consultation topic 4 – Controls on Blyth Street

The following controls were proposed for Blyth Street:

- A limit of 2 nights freedom camping per calendar month;
- A maximum of 4 vehicles freedom camping at any one time;
- Freedom camping may only occur between 7pm and 10am; and
- Freedom campers may not spread out around their vehicles.

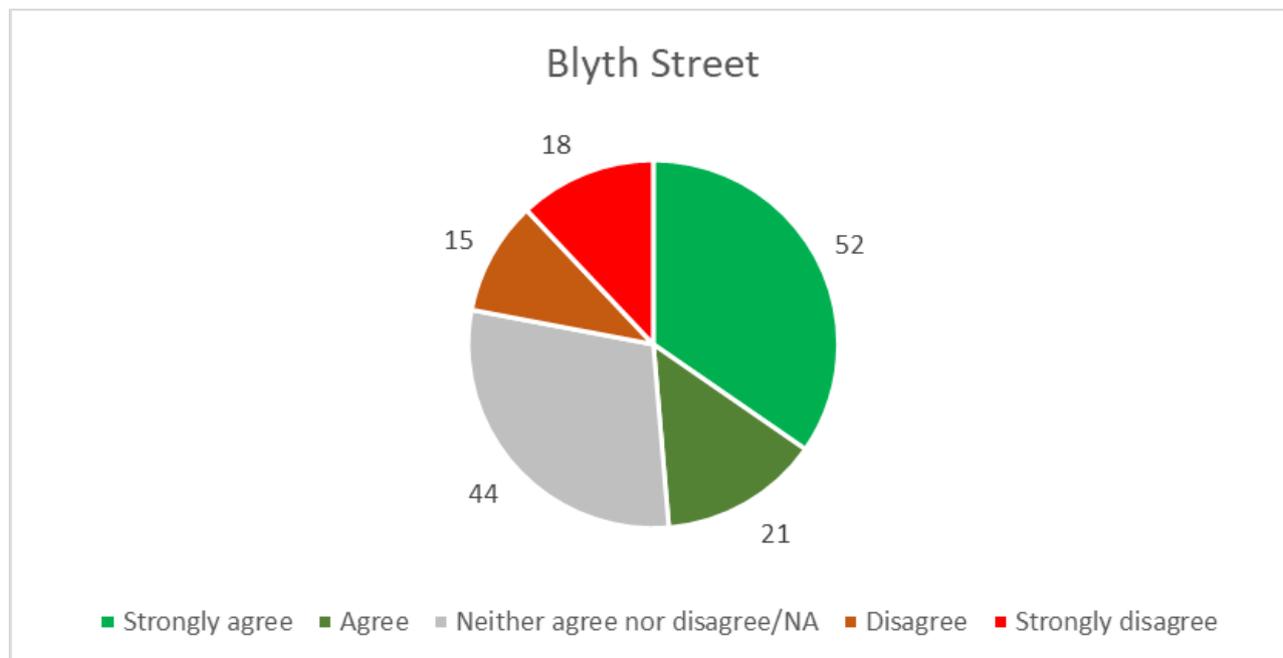


Chart 5 – Proposed Controls on Blyth Street

73 people either agreed or strongly agreed with the proposed restrictions, compared with 44 who neither agreed nor disagreed or did not answer, and 33 who disagreed or strongly disagreed. Supporters felt that, as the area is a residential area, the restrictions were necessary.

It's a residential area not a camp site.

Sub 028

Not suitable for freedom camping as impact on surrounding houses too high.

Sub 054

The most common suggestions in comments were from people who would prefer to extend the nights allowed, and those who would prefer to prohibit freedom camping in this area.

There should be no camping here at all

Sub 101

This is a residential area and camping should be prohibited.

Sub 111

Consultation topic 5 – Controls on Castlecliff Beach

The controls proposed for Castlecliff Beach were:

- A limit of 2 nights freedom camping per calendar month; and
- A maximum of 10 vehicles freedom camping between the upper and middle carparks at any one time.

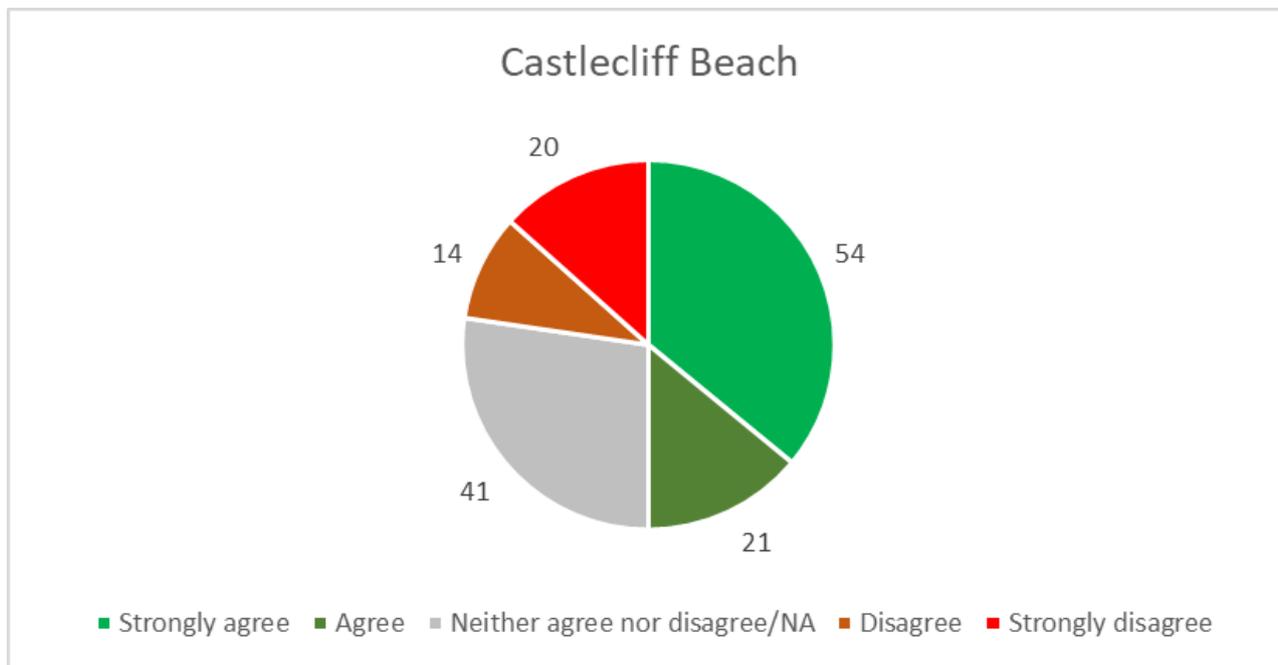


Chart 6 – Proposed Controls on Castlecliff Beach

75 submitters agreed or strongly agreed with the proposals for Castlecliff Beach, followed by 41 who neither agreed nor disagreed or didn't answer, and 34 who either disagreed or strongly disagreed. The most common reason for supporting the proposed restrictions was to support the local campsites.

There is a commercial operation nearby and it is unfair to them. *Sub 119*

There is a proper camping ground in castlecliff if they wish to stay longer. *Sub 125*

Among those who disagreed, the most common reason was because they would have preferred freedom camping to be prohibited in this area.

I think Freedom camping in this area should be prohibited. Camping grounds in Whangnau are missing out on business as a result of Freedom Camping. *Sub 021*

Consultation topic 6 – Prohibition on the Central Business District

Freedom camping was proposed to be prohibited in the Central Business District, defined as the area bordered by St Hill Street, Dublin Street, Wicksteed Street, Cameron Terrace, Bell Street, Market Place, and Taupo Quay.

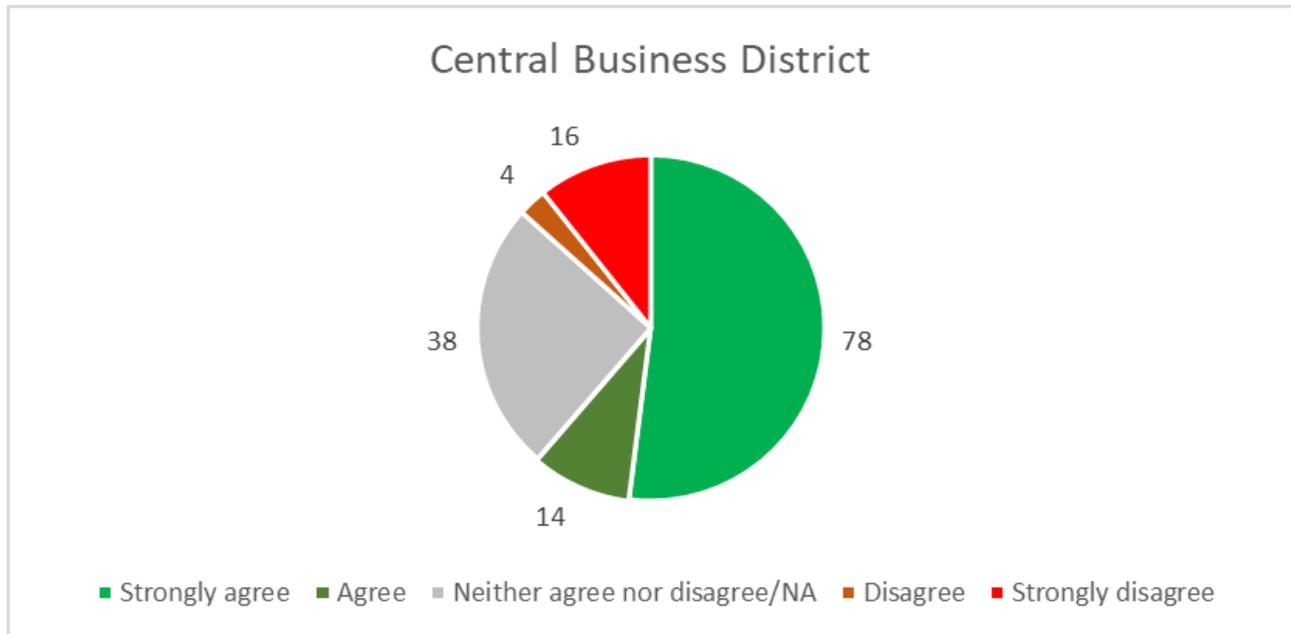


Chart 7 – Proposed Prohibition for Central Business District

92 submitters agreed or strongly agreed with the proposed prohibition, compared with 20 who either disagreed or strongly disagreed, and 38 who neither agreed nor disagreed or did not answer. Most supporters felt freedom camping should be restricted in order to make sure parking was still accessible.

I think it's sensible to prohibit freedom camping in the CBD, so the business owners & staff are able to park during their working days & move more freely. Sub 065

Yes This is the Central-ish part of Whanganui. Campers Being there will take up to much space. Sub 105

Consultation topic 7 – Controls on Kowhai Park

The following restrictions were proposed for the area between the boat ramp and the Anzac Parade toilets.

- A limit of 2 nights freedom camping per calendar month; and
- A maximum of 10 vehicles freedom camping at any one time.

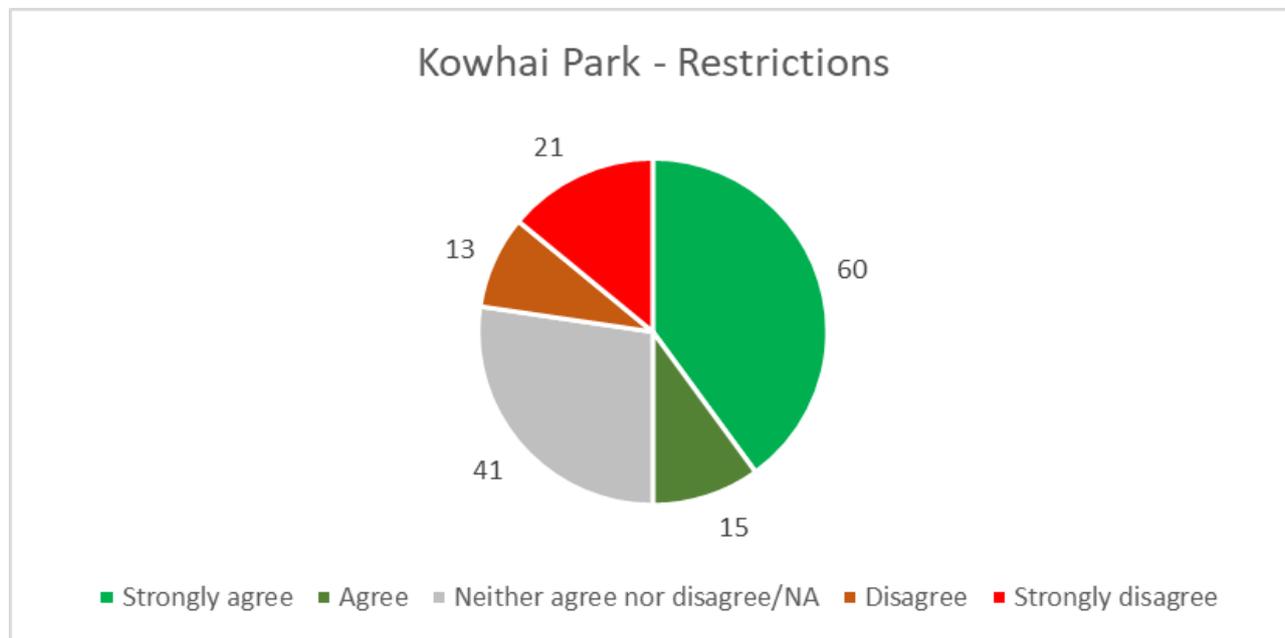


Chart 8 – Proposed Restrictions for Kowhai Park

A total of 75 people either agreed or strongly agreed with the proposed restrictions, compared to 34 who disagreed or strongly disagreed, and 41 who neither agreed nor disagreed or did not answer. Most supporters were concerned about long stays in the area.

This is an ideal place for camping for a couple of nights its not intruding on anyone but freedom people living need to be moved on as well. Sub 052

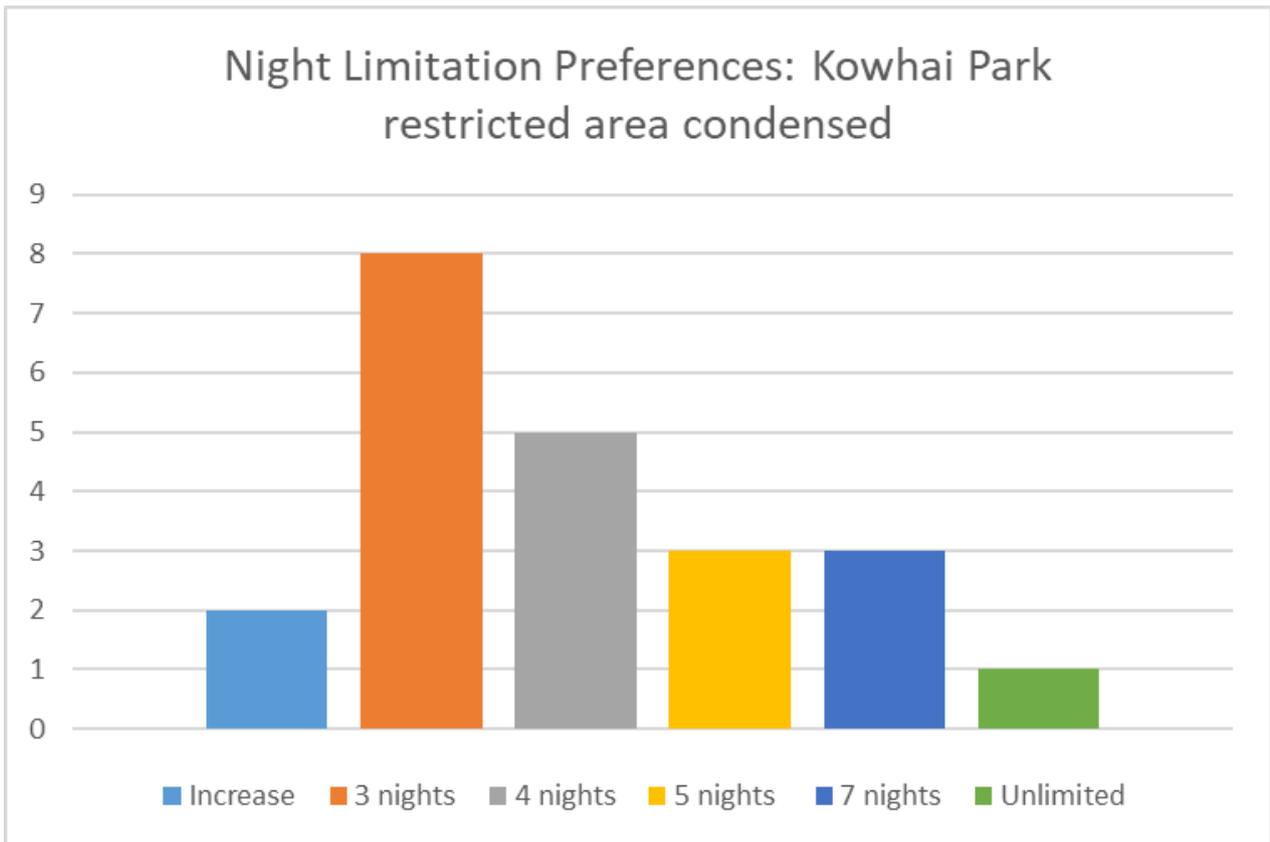
I walk here daily and have noticed that there are freedom campers that stay much longer than those passing through. They more or less set up home there... Sub 125

The most common reason for disagreeing with these proposed controls came from people who would prefer the nights allowed to be increased. This was a comment raised by those who agreed and those who neither agreed nor disagreed also.

Should be max 4 nights in a 30 day period... Sub 002

The length of stay proposed is excessively restrictive, I suggest seven nights. Sub 038

4-5 nights in any 30 day time. this allows those here for events to stay. Sub 047



Graph 2 – Night Limitation Preferences: Kowhai Park restricted area condensed

Consultation topic 8 – Prohibition on Kowhai Park

Freedom camping was proposed to be prohibited in all areas of Kowhai Park not mentioned above.

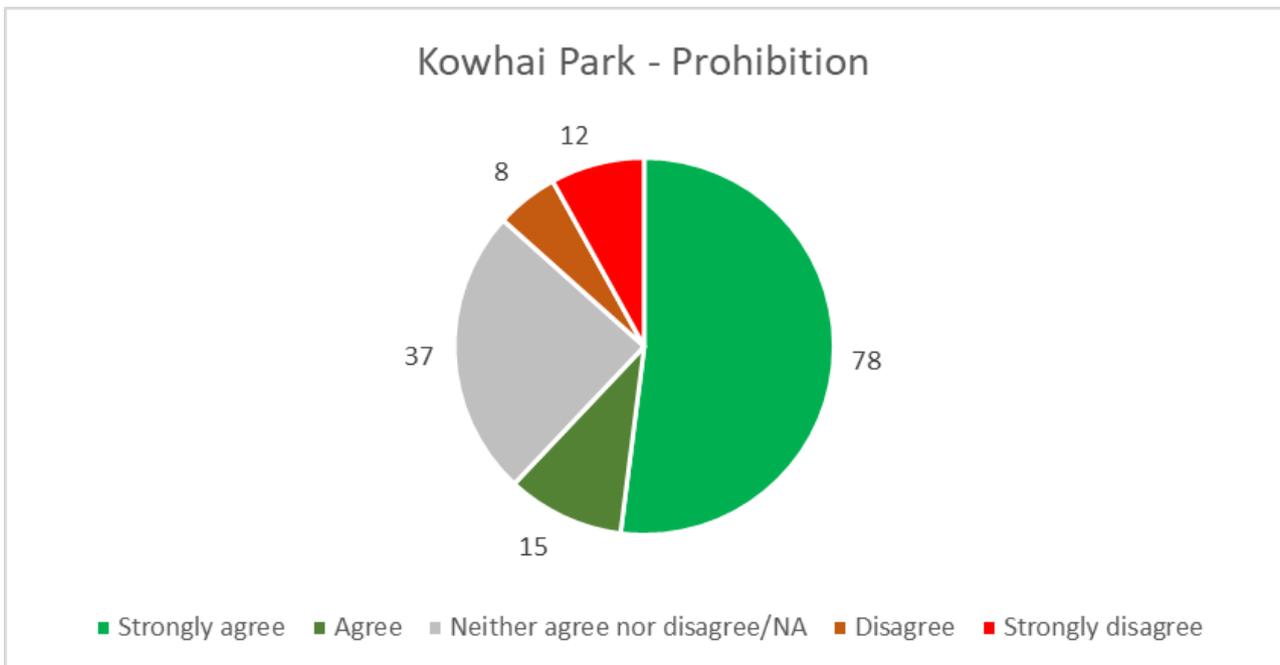


Chart 9 – Proposed prohibition for Kowhai Park

93 submitters either agreed or strongly agreed with this proposed prohibition, followed by 37 who neither agreed nor disagreed or did not answer, and 20 who either disagreed or strongly disagreed. The most common reason given by supporters was to protect the area for local use.

Kowhai park is for children no for adult campers staying days on end.

Sub 019

This is a park for Whanganui citizens and we don't want it cluttered up with oversized vehicles

Sub 030

They already have a designated area that provides amenities for nothing, they should stay within this area and not impose on the wonderful children's playground we have at Kowhai Park.

Sub 039

Consultation topic 9 – Controls on Moutoa Quay

The proposed restrictions for Moutoa Quay were:

- A limit of 2 nights freedom camping per calendar month;
- A maximum of 10 vehicles freedom camping at any one time; and
- Camping is prohibited on Friday nights.

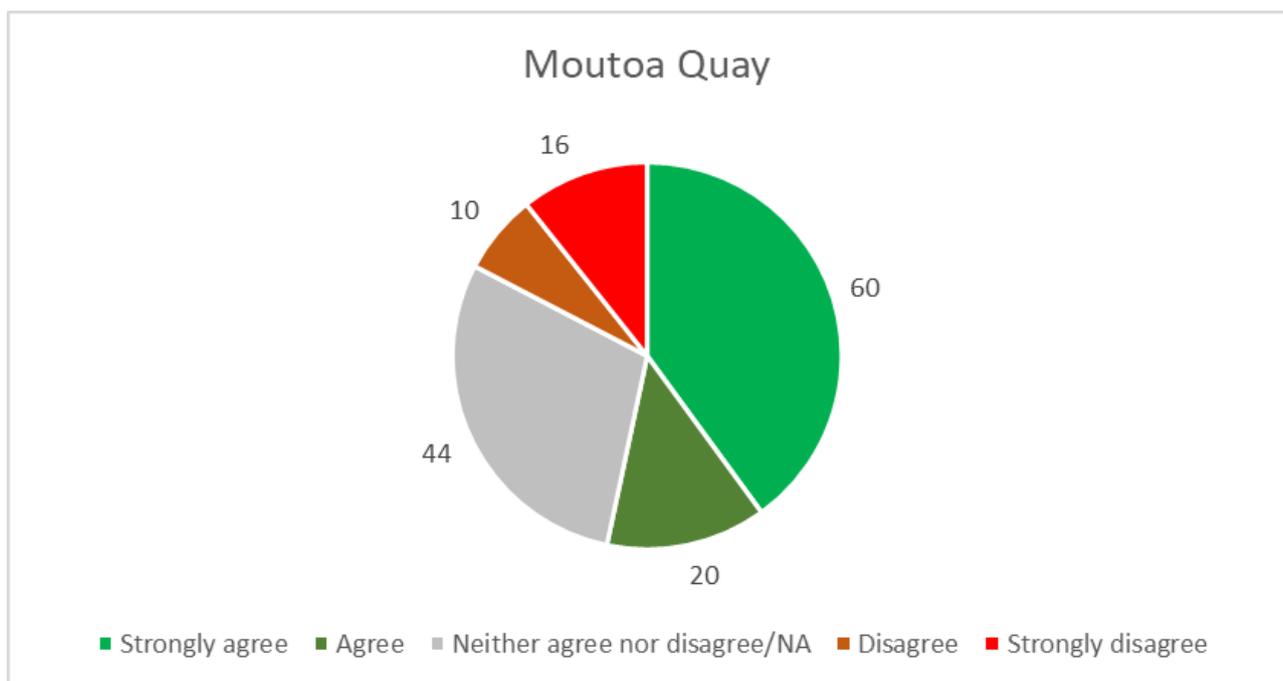


Chart 10 – Proposed restrictions for Moutoa Quay

80 submitters agreed or strongly agreed with the proposed restrictions, compared with 26 who disagreed or strongly disagreed, and 44 who neither agreed nor disagreed or did not answer. Supporters who commented were concerned about parking availability for locals.

to free up the parking area for workers and shoppers to keep available spaces for the markets
Sub 014

This allows a reasonable number of days for freedom campers to use this area. *Sub 062*

Consultation topic 10 – Controls at Mowhanau

This proposal was to allow freedom camping at the top of the lookout, subject to the following restrictions:

- A limit of 2 nights freedom camping per calendar month;
- A maximum of 3 vehicles freedom camping at any one time; and
- Freedom camping permitted in self-contained vehicles only.

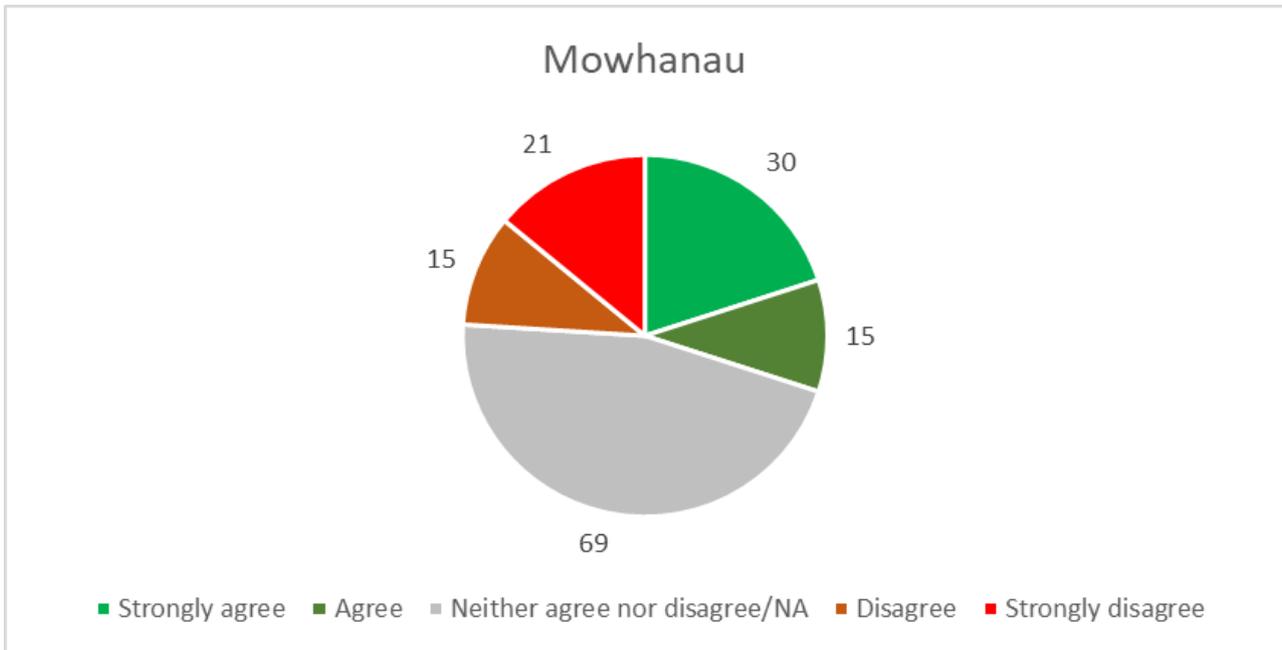


Chart 11 – Proposed restrictions on Mowhanau

69 submitters neither agreed nor disagreed or did not answer, followed by 45 who agreed or strongly agreed, and 36 who disagreed or strongly disagreed. A common comment made by submitters who both agreed and disagreed with the proposed measures was concern for the campsite near the entrance to Mowhanau.

Area to small for more than that and camp ground close already

Sub 079

There is a camp ground there so they should use it

Sub 051

Consultation topic 11 – Controls on Pukenuamu Drive

The following restrictions were proposed to apply to the carpark overlooking Bell St:

- A limit of 1 night freedom camping per calendar month;
- A maximum of 2 vehicles freedom camping at any one time;
- Freedom camping permitted in self-contained vehicles only;
- Freedom campers not to spread out around their vehicles; and
- No large vehicles.

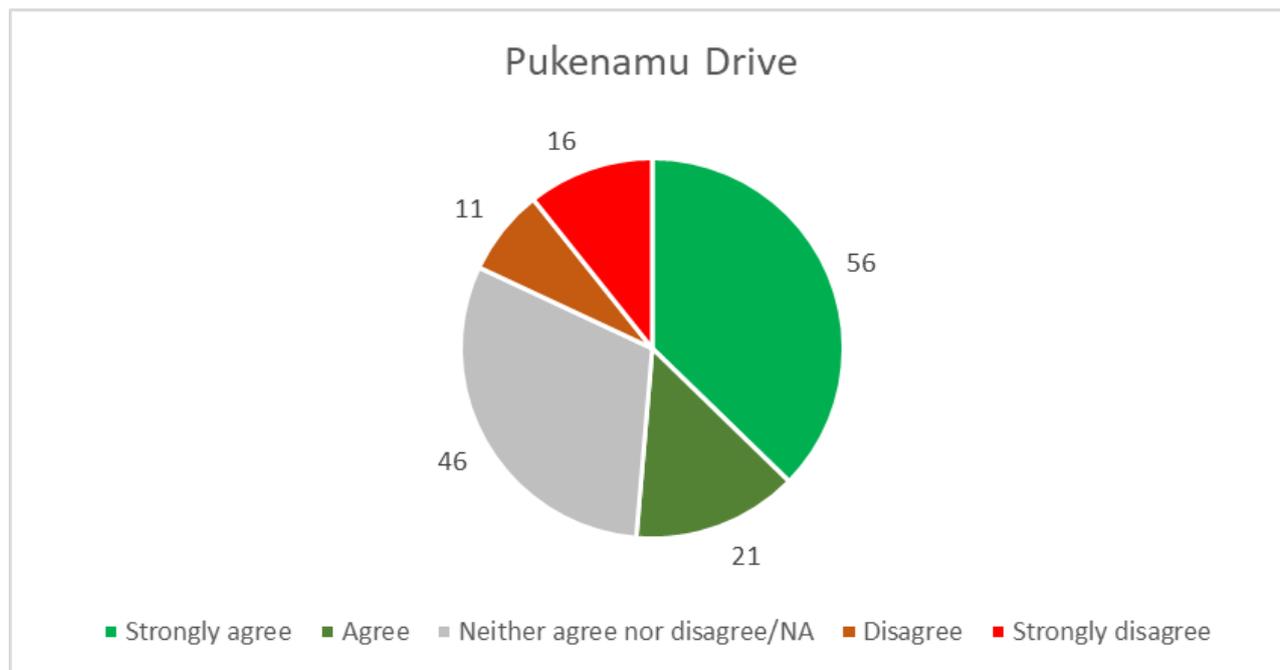


Chart 12 – Proposed restrictions on Pukenuamu Drive

77 submitters either agreed or strongly agreed with the proposed restrictions, followed by 46 who neither agreed nor disagreed or chose not to answer, and 27 who either disagreed or strongly disagreed. There were no consistent reasons by those who agreed with the proposed restrictions.

Too tight an area

Sub 028

Extended camping at this site could compromise the safety of people using the Band Rooms, and attending Musician's Club, as both these venues use Pukenuamu Drive to park their cars.

Sub 108

Submitters who disagreed mostly felt that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area.

I think this area should be prohibit freedom campers.

Sub 035

I disagree. Camping should be prohibited from this area.

Sub 111

Consultation topic 12 – Controls on the River Road

The following controls were proposed in order to control the impacts of freedom camping along River Road:

- A limit of 2 nights freedom camping per calendar month; and
- Freedom camping limited to self-contained vehicles only.

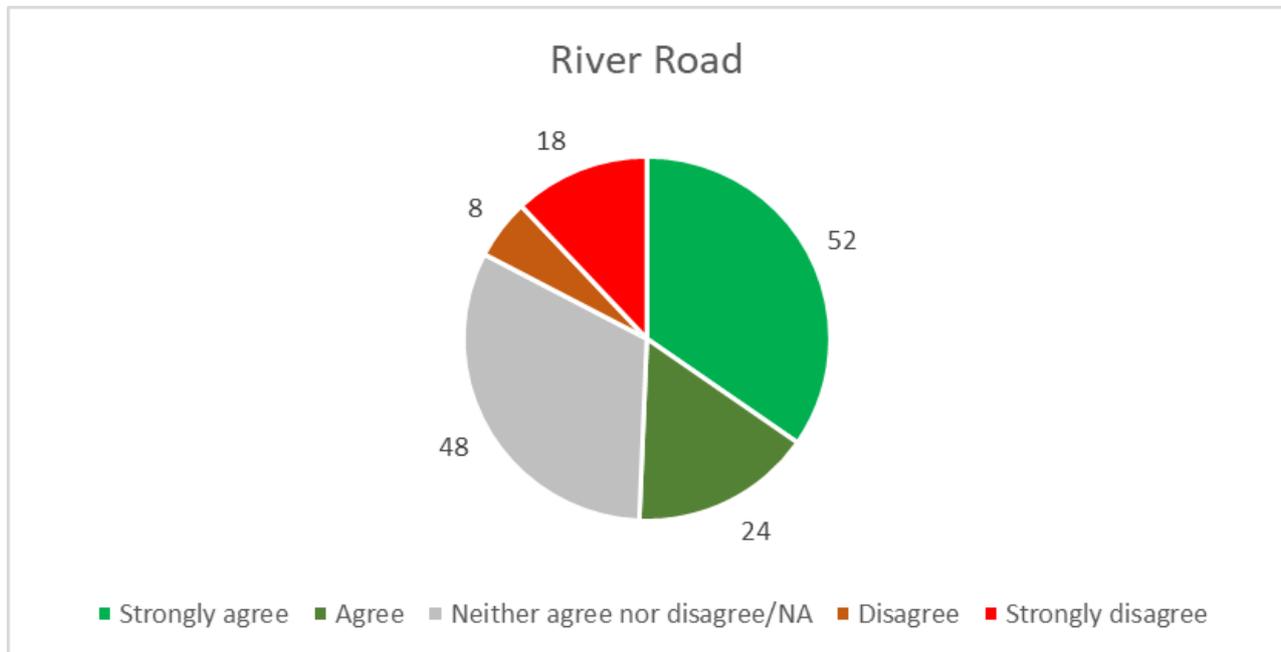


Chart 13 – Proposed restrictions on the River Road

76 submitters agreed or strongly agreed with the proposed restrictions, compared with 26 who disagreed or strongly disagreed, and 48 who neither agreed nor disagreed or did not answer. There were no consistent reasons given for supporting the proposed rules.

provide they are in an area not endangering anyone or the environment Sub 013

Needs local and Iwi feedback. Sub 145

Submitters who opposed the controls would have preferred freedom camping to be prohibited and were concerned that proper engagement had been done with tangata whenua.

Has anyone asked iwi how they feel about this issue? The River Road is highly populated with Marae and is historically of great importance to them. Sub 021

WDC should be guided by the specific hapu that this would affect. Sub 116

Consultation topic 14 – Controls on Springvale Park

The proposed restrictions for the Jubilee Stadium carpark were:

- A limit of 2 nights freedom camping per calendar month;
- A maximum of 10 vehicles freedom camping in the area at any one time; and
- Self-contained vehicles only.

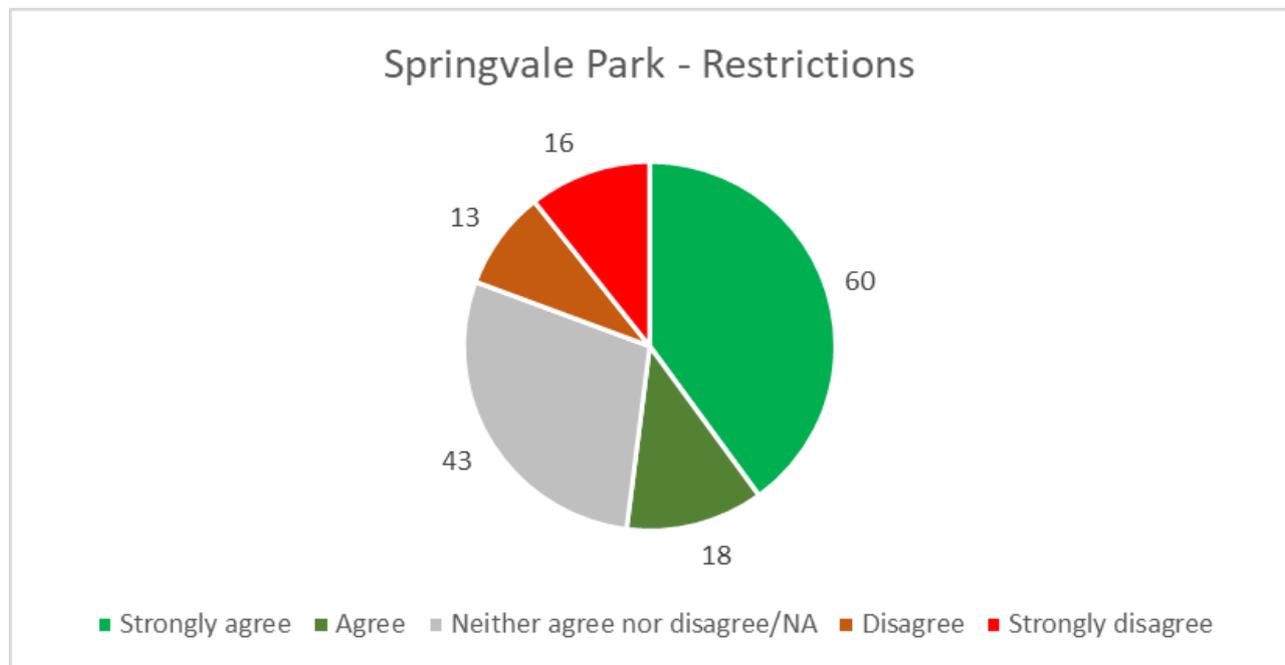


Chart 14 – Proposed restrictions on Springvale Park

78 submitters agreed or strongly agreed with proposed restrictions, followed by 43 who neither agreed nor disagreed or did not answer, and 29 who disagreed or strongly disagreed. Submitters who agreed were primarily concerned with parking availability.

to free up the parking area and so stop it looking like a camp ground Sub 014

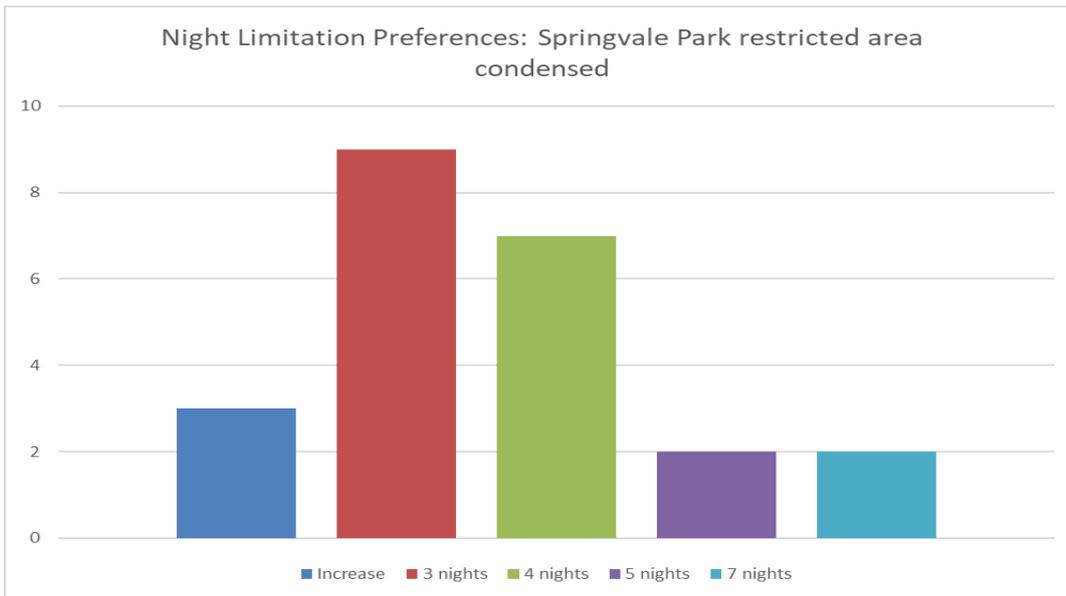
Parking can be difficult to find here when there’s a show or competition on, we don’t need freedom campers making it worse. Sub 028

The most common suggestion for this area was to increase the number of nights freedom campers would be able to stay during a calendar month. Suggestions included 3 nights, 4 nights, 5 nights, and 7 nights per calendar month.

Two nights maximum stay does not enable people to see the sights of Whanganui. Many freedom campers in self-contained motorhomes are retirement age, and would enjoy the chance to leisurely enjoy Whanganui. Sub 041

A 3 night stay in this spot would not be excessive, and would be readily monitored.

Sub 063



Graph 3 – Night Limitation Preferences: Springvale Park restricted area condensed

Consultation topic 15 – Prohibitions on Springvale Park

The proposal was to prohibit freedom camping on Springvale Park outside of the Jubilee Stadium carpark.

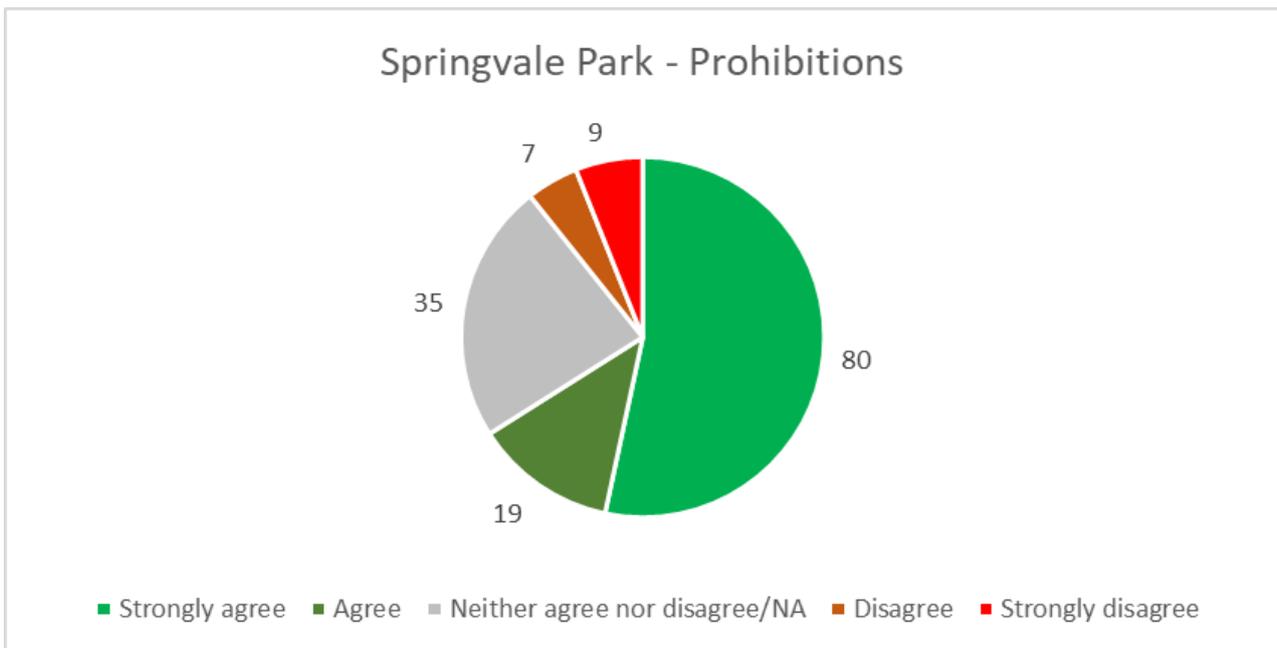


Chart 15 – Proposed prohibition on Springvale Park

99 people agreed or strongly agreed with this proposal, followed by 35 who neither agreed nor disagreed or did not answer, and 16 who either disagreed or strongly disagreed. The most common reason for supporting the prohibition was the preserve it for community use.

I believe that Freedom Camping should be prohibited from Springvale Park. There are numerous Schools in the area which require its use on a regular basis. Sub 021

This is a sports facility not a camping ground. Sub 092

Consultation topic 16 – Controls on Taupo Quay

The proposed restrictions for Taupo Quay were:

- A limit of 2 nights freedom camping per calendar month;
- A maximum of 3 vehicles freedom camping at any one time; and
- Freedom camping limited to self-contained vehicles only.

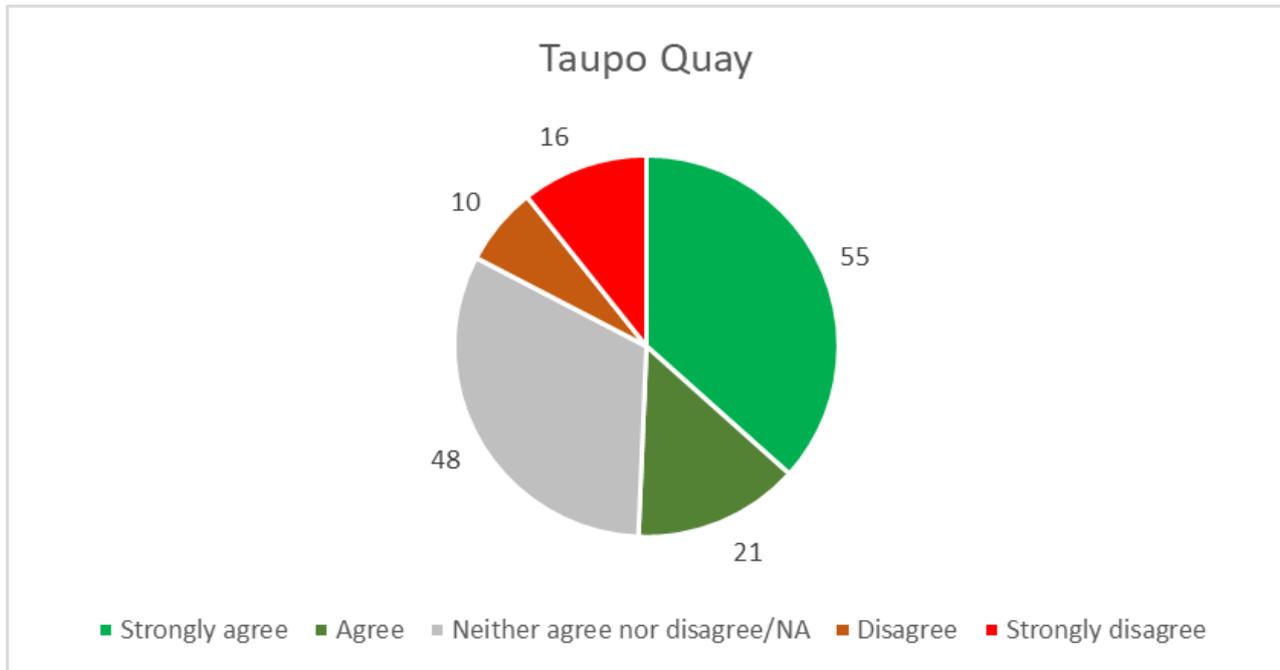


Chart 16 – Proposed restrictions on Taupo Quay

76 people agreed or strongly agreed with these proposals, compared with 48 who neither agreed nor disagreed or did not answer, and 26 who disagreed or strongly disagreed. The most common reason for supporting these controls was concerns about overcrowding in the area.

No room, limited parking, and it's a popular place for walking.

Sub 028

Again a busy area especially at the weekends.

Sub 049

Consultation topic 17 – Controls on Westmere Lake

The proposed controls on Westmere Lake were:

- A limit of 2 nights freedom camping per calendar month;
- A maximum of 3 vehicles freedom camping at any one time;
- Self-contained vehicles only.

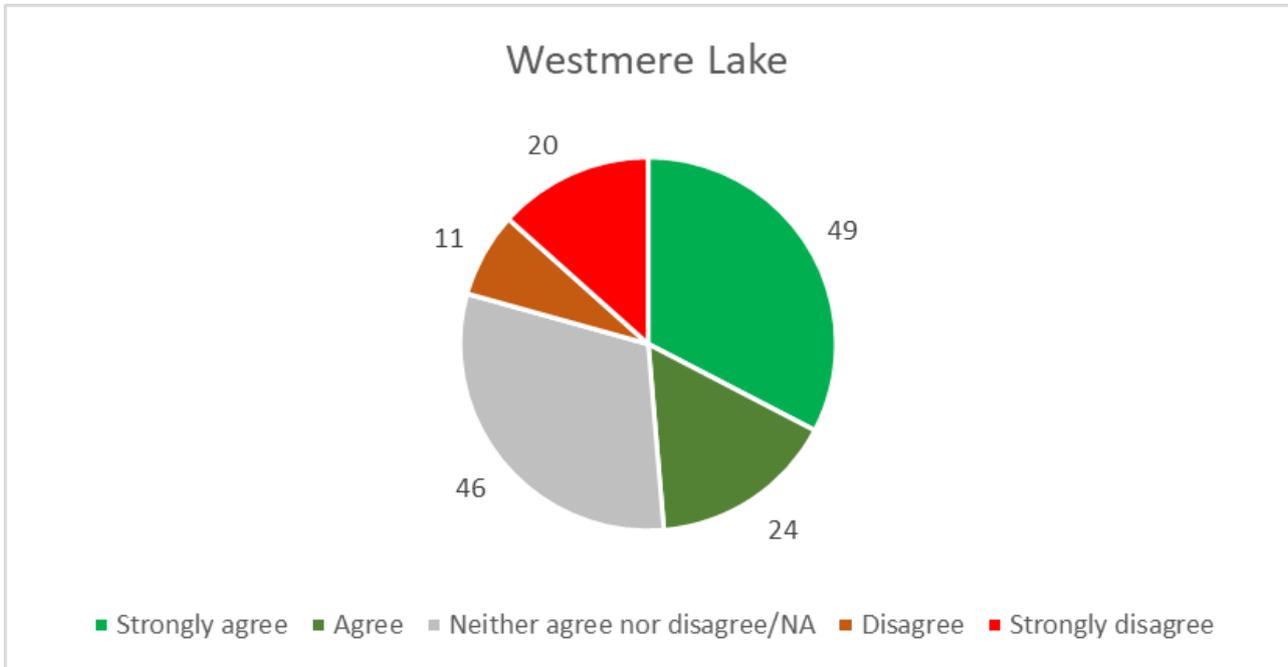


Chart 17 – Proposed restrictions on Westmere Lake

73 submitters agreed or strongly agreed with the proposed restrictions, compared with 31 who disagreed or strongly disagreed, and 46 who neither agreed nor disagreed or did not answer. Although those who agreed were more numerous, the most common reason given was from those who disagreed and would have preferred freedom camping to be prohibited here.

Where, no bloody room, seriously?

Sub 023

Westmere lake has limited parking and it is a beautiful lake and there is no need for campers to be there!

Sub 105

Consultation topic 18 – Buffer Zones

An additional restriction was proposed for almost all prohibited and restricted areas, and this is buffer zones. These are areas in which freedom camping is prohibited, to prevent people from freedom camping on the edges of restricted or prohibited areas.

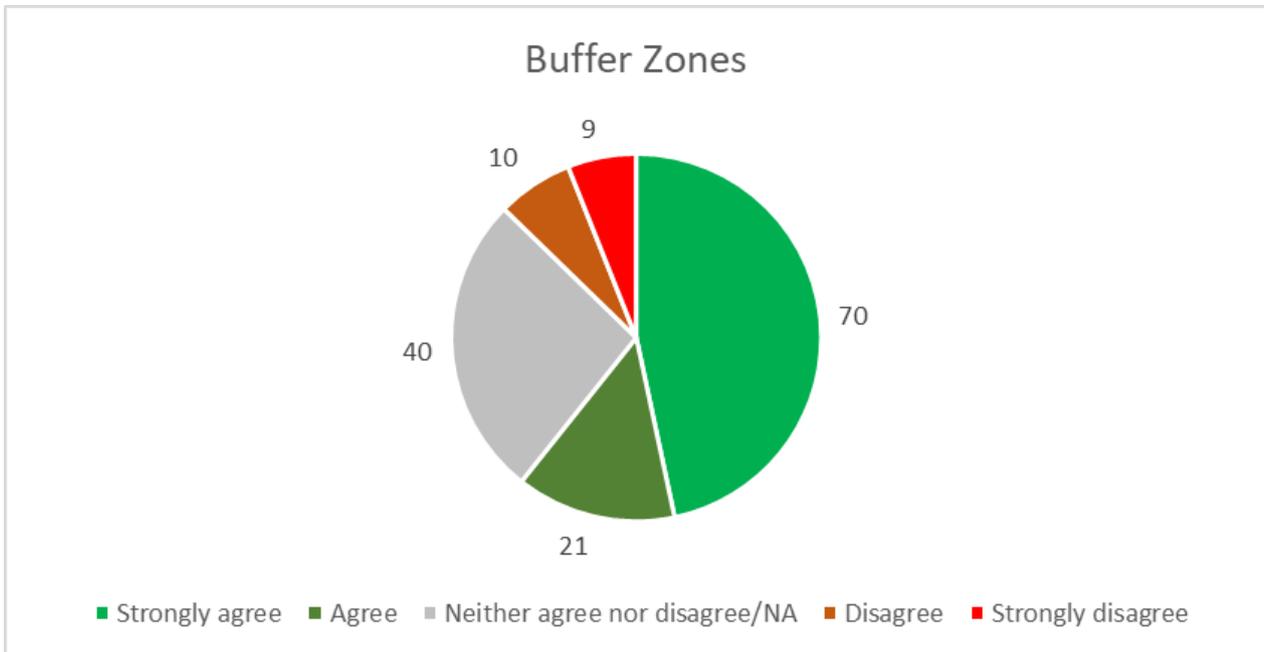


Chart 18 – Support for Buffer Zones

91 submitters agreed or strongly agreed with the proposed restrictions, followed by 40 who neither agreed nor disagreed or did not answer, and 19 who disagreed or strongly disagreed. Submitters who supported the idea mostly did so for practical reasons.

It works well in other towns I've stayed in

Sub 065

By containing freedom camping it will make for a better experience for campers and citizens

Sub 005

Consultation topic 19 – Other areas

Submitters were invited to propose other areas for restrictions, particularly if they had witnessed issues relating to freedom camping in those areas. The areas proposed by submitters were:

- North Mole;
- Morgan Street;
- Complete prohibition throughout the district;
- South Beach;
- London/Balance Street;
- Pakaitore;
- Carpark outside of Whanganui High School and Jubilee Stadium;
- Landguard's Bluff;
- Mosquito Point; and
- Wiritoa Reserve.

None of these were proposed by more than one or two people.

Next steps

The Terms of Reference for the Committee enables the Committee to make recommendations to the Council on the adoption of the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2021.

HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS - FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2021						
SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS						
Wednesday, 29 September 2021						
Time	Speaker No	Zoom	Name	Organisation	Page No	Sub No
10.00am	Welcome/Processes					
10.10am	1		Jan Pavarno	NZMCA Sou'West Freewheelers	688	100
10.20am	2	Zoom	Di Valentine		223	032
10.30am	3		Greg Enderby		45	007
10.40am	Catch up					
10.45am	4	Zoom	James Imlach	NZ Motor Caravan Association Inc.	912	131
10.55am	5		Warrick Cox		310	044
11.05am	6	Zoom	Jahn Bar		852	122
11.15am	Break					
11.30am	7		Leanne Horne		608	088
11.40am	8	Zoom	Tom Morton		754	109
11.50am	9		Jo Meiklejohn		789	114
12.00pm	Catch up					
12.05pm	10		Darryl & Jackie Dowman	Lakelands Holiday Park	993	143
12.15pm	11	Zoom	Donald Putan		1022	147
12.25pm	12		Lauren Tamehana	Safer Whanganui	1015	146
12.35pm	Catch up					
12.40pm	13	Zoom	Hayden Potaka	Whanganui Maori Regional Tourism Organisation	697	101
12.50pm	14		Tracey Munroe		462	066
End						

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Freedom Camping Bylaw 2021



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As at 29/06/2021 (Resolution by Council 2021/___)
Additions double underlined and deletions ~~struck through~~

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Freedom Camping Bylaw 2021

1 **Title**

- (1) This bylaw is the "Freedom Camping Bylaw 2021".

2 **Commencement**

- (1) This bylaw comes into force on 1 November 2021

3 **Application**

- (1) This bylaw applies to the **Whanganui District**.

4 **Purpose**

- (1) The purpose of this **Bylaw** is to regulate the practice of freedom camping in the **Defined Areas** in order to:

- (a) protect those areas;
- (b) protect the health and safety of visitors to those areas; and
- (d) protect access to those areas.

5 **Interpretation**

In this **Bylaw** unless the context otherwise requires or where otherwise expressly provided:

Act means the Freedom Camping Act 2011.

Approval means a licence, permit or other form of written approval granted to allow an activity normally restricted or prohibited under this bylaw, and includes all conditions to which the approval is subject.

Authorised Officer means any person appointed by **Council** to act on its behalf and with its authority, and may include a police officer.

Bylaw means the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2021.

Camping Paraphernalia means any item or items associated with camping including, but not limited to, detached chairs, tables, umbrellas, barbecues, rubbish and recycling receptacles, tents and other semi-permanent structures, washing lines, showering and hygiene equipment or awnings, whether or not the item or items are attached to the vehicle.

Certified Self-Contained or **Self-Contained**, unless otherwise defined in the **Act**, means a **Vehicle** that is certified under the New Zealand Standard Self-Containment of Motor Caravans NZS 5465:2001 and is designed and built for the purpose of camping, which is practically configured to meet the ablutionary and sanitary needs of the current number of occupants of that vehicle for a minimum of three days without requiring access to external services or discharge of waste, as evidenced by the display of a current self-containment warrant issued under NZS 5465:2001.

Note: If a vehicle is certified as self-contained for fewer occupants than it currently has, that vehicle is considered not to be certified as self-contained. For example, a vehicle certified to meet the needs of three occupants but which is housing four or more occupants is considered not to be certified self-contained under this Bylaw.

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Council means the Whanganui District Council or any **Authorised Officer**.

Defined Area means any area referred to in Schedule 1 Table 1 – Restricted Areas or Table 2 – Prohibited Areas.

District or **Whanganui District** means the area within the territorial boundary of the Whanganui District Council.

Freedom Camping and **Freedom Camp** have the meaning given to them by section 5 of the Act.

“5 Meaning of freedom camp

(1) *In this Act, freedom camp means to camp (other than at a camping ground) within 200 m of a motor vehicle accessible area or 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 1 or more of the following:*

- (a) *a tent or other temporary structure;*
- (b) *a caravan;*
- (c) *a car, campervan, housetruck, or other motor vehicle.*

(2) *In this Act, freedom camp 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 caravan or motor vehicle to avoid driver fatigue.”*

Local Authority Area has the meaning given to it by section 6 of the Act.

“6 Meaning of local authority area

(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 controlled or managed by or on behalf of the local authority under any enactment; and*
- (b) *includes any part of an area of land referred to in paragraph (a); but*
- (c) *does not include an area of land referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) that is permanently covered by water.*

Park/Reserve means the grassed area, in any land vested in or administered by the Council under the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977; or any park, domain or recreational area under the control or ownership of the Council.

Person includes a corporation sole, a body corporate, and an unincorporated body.

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Vehicle has the meaning given to it by s2 of the Land Transport Act 1998.

“vehicle—

- (a) means a contrivance equipped with wheels, tracks, or revolving runners on which it moves or is moved; and
- (b) includes a hovercraft, a skateboard, in-line skates, and roller skates; but
- (c) does not include—
 - (i) a perambulator or pushchair;
 - (ii) a shopping or sporting trundler not propelled by mechanical power;
 - (iii) a wheelbarrow or hand-trolley;
 - (iv) [Repealed]
 - (v) a pedestrian-controlled lawnmower;
 - (vi) a pedestrian-controlled agricultural machine not propelled by mechanical power;
 - (vii) an article of furniture;
 - (viii) a wheelchair not propelled by mechanical power;
 - (ix) any other contrivance specified by the rules not to be a vehicle for the purposes of this definition;
 - (x) any rail vehicle“

Note: vehicle includes a campervan

Washing Lines means any strung line outside of a vehicle used for hanging, airing or drying of clothes.

- (1) Any undefined words, phrases or expressions used in this bylaw have the same meaning as in the Act unless the context plainly requires a different meaning.
- (2) Explanatory notes and additional information attached to this **Bylaw** are for information purposes only, do not form part of this **Bylaw**, and may be made, amended, revoked or replaced by **Council** at any time.
- (3) ~~The Interpretation Act 1999 applies to this bylaw as if it were an enactment.~~

Parts 1 and 2 of the Legislation Act 2019 applies to this **Bylaw** as if it was legislation.

6 Freedom Camping Generally

- (1) Except with the approval of **Council**, no persons shall **Freedom Camp**:
 - (a) in contravention of controls within any area identified in Schedule 1 Table 1 – Restricted Areas; or
 - (b) within any area identified in Schedule 1 Table 2 – Prohibited Areas.

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7 **Temporary controls**

- (1) The **Council** may temporarily close or restrict **Freedom Camping** in any location where the closure or restriction is considered necessary to:
- (a) prevent damage to that location or facilities in that location; or
 - (b) allow maintenance to that location or facilities in that location; or
 - (c) protect the safety of persons or property; or
 - (d) provide for better public access, including in circumstances where events are planned for that location.
- (2) Notice will be given of any temporary closure or restriction, and the removal of any closure or restriction, in any manner the **Council** considers is appropriate to the reason for the closure or restriction. Prior notice of any temporary closure or restriction will be given where reasonably practicable.

Note: Notice may include any of the following: a sign erected in the area; advertising on the Council's website, official social media pages, or on the radio; notifications via Council-approved apps; and/or a public notice in the paper.

8 **Approval**

- (1) The Council may grant (with or without conditions) or refuse any application for an **Approval** at its discretion.
- (2) **Approvals** under clause 8(1) only be granted in relation to events.
- (3) In deciding to grant or decline any application for an **Approval** the **Council** will consider the following general matters:
- (a) compliance with the standards in schedule 1 tables 1 and 2;
 - (b) reasonableness or practicality of compliance with the general and specific conditions;
 - (c) the location of the activity and whether it is likely to impact an area, the health and safety of visitors to that area, or access to that area;
 - (d) the suitability of a person to hold an approval taking into account any known past operational issues and the applicant's experience and track record;
 - (e) whether the activity is consistent with Council policies and plans;
 - (f) whether the activity is in conjunction with any event(s).
- (4) An **Approval** may be applied for in writing to the **Council** at least 48 hours in advance of the date planned for **Freedom Camping** in the **Defined Area**.
- (5) An **Approval** must be applied for at the same time as consent for the event it is in relation to.

9 **Penalties and offences**

- (1) It is an offence under the Act to breach any provisions of the Act or any of the restrictions provided in this Bylaw.
- (2) Every person who commits an offence under the Act is liable for a penalty of any amount prescribed under [section 23](#) of the Act, or in any regulations made under [section 43](#) of the Act.

Any person who commits an offence under the Act may also be liable for costs associated with repairing any damage caused to a local authority area instead of, or in addition to, any other penalty.

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SCHEDULE 1 – LOCATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

- (1) Except as expressly provided for, **Freedom Camping** in any area identified under Schedule 1 Table 1 – Restricted Areas is subject to the following general restrictions:
- (a) All vehicles must be parked within marked spaces where provided;
 - (b) Where there are marked designated freedom camping spaces at a location, freedom camping is restricted to the designated freedom camping spaces;
 - (c) Where freedom camping occurs in ordinary marked parking spaces, freedom camping vehicles must be parked with at least one full marked space between them. Where there are specific spaces marked for freedom camping, vehicles may be parked next to each other;
 - (d) Vehicles must not be parked in such a way as to block access to or from any other vehicle or the access of any vehicle to or from any parking space that that vehicle does not directly occupy, or any public area or private property;
 - (e) Where a **Max Time** is given, these are non-consecutive and apply within any calendar month;
Note: A two night time limit means that a freedom camper can only stay in that freedom camping area for three days total within any calendar month.
 - (f) Where a **Max Vehicle** is given, that is the maximum number of vehicles that can be **Freedom Camping** in the specified area at any one time.
 - (g) Where a **Vehicle Type** is specified, only vehicles of that type can be used for **Freedom Camping** in the specified area. Where **Large Vehicles** are referred to, these refer to any vehicle of class 2 or higher;
Note: A vehicle type of "certified self-contained only" means that only vehicles that are certified as self-contained can freedom camp in the specified area. A vehicle type of "any" means that any vehicle can freedom camp in the specified area.
 - (h) Where an area is restricted to "**Contained camping only**", **Camping Paraphernalia** must be contained within any vehicle **Freedom Camping** in that area;
 - (i) Vehicles that are **Certified Self-Contained** must display evidence of their certification at all times;
- (2) **Freedom Camping** is Prohibited:
- (a) within any area identified in Schedule 1: Table 2 – Prohibited Areas;
 - (b) within 500m of the boundary of any **Defined Area** (the **Buffer Zone**), unless otherwise specified in Table 1 – Restricted Areas or Table 2 – Prohibited Areas; and
 - (c) within a tent or other structure on any **Park/Reserve** except where expressly provided for under Schedule 1: Table 1 – Restricted Areas

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(3) **Washing Lines** are prohibited within Schedule 1 Table 1 – Restricted Areas and Schedule 1: Table 2 – Prohibited Areas.

Table 1 – Restricted Areas

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Location	Restrictions	Buffer Zone
Babbage Place – the lower car park directly adjacent to Great North Road.	Max Time – 3.2 nights Max Vehicles – 4 Vehicle Type – Certified self-contained only Other Restrictions – Freedom camping may only be undertaken between the hours of 7pm and 10am, Contained camping only	200m
Blyth St – the non-restricted car park in the middle of the road at the end of Blyth Street.	Max Time – 3.2 nights Max Vehicles – 4 Vehicle Type – Any Other Restrictions – Freedom camping may only be undertaken between the hours of 7pm and 10am, Contained camping only	200m
Castlecliff Beach – the lower car park between the Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Club and the Duncan Pavilion, as well as the upper car park and beach viewing area.	Max Time – 3.2 nights Max Vehicles – 10 Vehicle Type – Any Other Restrictions – None	500m
Jubilee Stadium Carpark – the carpark directly between Jubilee Stadium and London Street.	Max Time – 3.2 nights Max Vehicles – 10 Vehicle Type – Certified self-contained only Other Restrictions – None	100m

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Table 1 – Restricted Areas		
Location	Restrictions	Buffer Zone
Kowhai Park – the designated freedom camping area between the Anzac Parade Toilets and the boat ramp. Freedom camping is prohibited in Kowhai Park outside of this area.	Max Time – <u>3.2</u> nights Max Vehicles – 10 Vehicle Type – Any Other Restrictions – None	100m
Moutoa Quay – the designated freedom campsite behind 13 Taupo Quay.	Max Time – <u>3.2</u> nights Max Vehicles – 10 Vehicle Type – Any Other Restrictions – No camping is permitted on Friday nights to allow the Saturday market to be set up	50m
Mowhanau Lookout Carpark	Max Time – <u>3.2</u> nights Max Vehicles – 3 Vehicle Type – Certified self-contained only Other Restrictions – None	200m <u>700m</u>
Pukenamu Drive – the carpark overlooking Bell Street	Max Time – 1 night Max Vehicles – 2 Vehicle Type – Certified self-contained only Other Restrictions – Contained camping only, No large vehicles	None
River Road – Entire length	Max Time – <u>3.2</u> nights Max Vehicles – Any Vehicle Type – Certified self-contained only Other Restrictions – None	500m

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Table 1 – Restricted Areas		
Location	Restrictions	Buffer Zone
Taupo Quay – the section at 83 Taupo Quay.	Max Time – 3 nights Max Vehicles – Any Vehicle Type – Certified self-contained only Other Restrictions – None	500m
Westmere Lake – the carpark on Rapanui Road.	Max Time – 3 nights Max Vehicles – 3 Vehicle Type – Certified self-contained only Other Restrictions – None	500m

Table 2 – Prohibited Areas

Table 2 – Prohibited Areas	
Location	Buffer Zone
The Bason Reserve – the entire area of the reserve.	500m
The Central Business District – the area bordered by St Hill Street, Dublin Street, Wicksteed Street, Cameron Terrace, Bell Street, Market Place, and Taupo Quay.	200m
Kowhai Park – Except as identified with Table 1 above	100m
Springvale Stadium – any area outside of the carpark between Jubilee Stadium and London Street.	100m

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Sub #	Summary of submissions	Officer comments	Officer's recommendations/ proposed actions
Enact a Bylaw			
Agree or strongly agree (117)			
001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 007, 008, 009, 010, 011, 013, 014, 015, 016, 018, 019, 020, 021, 022, 023, 024, 025, 026, 028, 030, 033, 034, 035, 036, 037, 038, 039, 040, 041, 042, 043, 044, 046, 047, 048, 049, 051, 052, 053, 054, 055, 056, 057, 058, 059, 061, 062, 063, 064, 067, 068, 069, 070, 071, 072, 073, 075, 076, 077, 079, 081, 082, 084, 085, 091, 092, 093, 094, 095, 097, 098, 099, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 110, 111, 112, 113, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 145	<p><u>Reasons:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long stays (34) • Long stays – mess (7) • Economic concerns (23) • Support campsites (22) • Eyesore (15) • Overcrowding (4) 	<p>The most common comment from submitters on this topic was on how long people were staying in one place. This tracks with the most common complaints made to Council about freedom campers. Of those who commented on the length of time campers were staying in place, 7 specified that those campers were creating mess.</p> <p>The next-most-common comment was from people who had economic concerns around freedom camping. These included those who felt that freedom campers were freeloading as well as those who felt that campers made no contribution to the local economy, with the most common comment in this category was from people concerned that their rates are subsidising an activity for the benefit of non-ratepayers.</p> <p>Submitters were also concerned about freedom campers not supporting local campsites, creating an eyesore either on their own or with associated waste, and about overcrowding at certain sites.</p>	<p>Accept the submissions.</p>

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Sub #	Summary of submissions	Officer comments	Officer's recommendations/ proposed actions
Neither agree nor disagree/No answer (14)			
006, 029, 031, 032, 045, 060, 074, 088, 128, 143, 144, 146, 147, 148, 150	<u>Reasons:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental concerns (2) • Nights should be extended (2) • Long stays (3) • Support campsites (3) 	While many didn't provide reasons for neither agreeing nor disagreeing, those who did mentioned concerns around the environmental impacts of freedom camping, that the number of nights should be extended, that freedom campers were staying in place too long, and that they should be supporting local campsites.	Note the submissions
Disagree or strongly disagree (19)			
012, 017, 027, 050, 065, 066, 078, 080, 083, 086, 087, 089, 090, 096, 109, 114, 115, 129, 149	<u>Reasons:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restrictions are unnecessary (6) • Cost of enforcement (2) • Extend nights (2) • Homelessness (2) 	The most common reason for disagreeing with the proposed restrictions was that they were perceived to be unnecessary. Where submitters provided reasons, they said this was because campers were already respectful of their environments (1), that there are other ways to manage their behaviour (1), and that there wasn't sufficient legal basis to impose restrictions (1).	Note the submissions

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Nights' Stay (34)			
002, 006, 012, 013, 020, 022, 024, 032, 033, 034, 038, 041, 047, 060, 063, 066, 072, 073, 074, 091, 098, 099, 100, 105, 110, 111, 115, 126, 128, 130, 133, 136, 137, 138	<p><u>Numbers proposed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 (18) • 4 (11) • 5 (3) 	<p>A significant number of submitters proposed increasing the maximum number of nights that freedom campers are allowed to stay in one place per calendar month. The most common suggestion was 3 nights.</p> <p>A review of nearby territorial authorities shows no consistent rules in this area. It is noted that self-containment certification depends on 3 days, and that a limit of 3 nights would allow 3 days to stay in place and then a fourth day to empty a waste tank. Also the 2 night limitation was introduced to allow campers to visit for the duration of a long weekend, and it is recognised that some public holidays extend the weekend to 4 full days, and allowing another day would also allow somebody to stay from Friday to Sunday and then depart on Monday.</p> <p>Based on these considerations, officers recommend that the default stay – which currently applies to all areas except Pukenuamu Drive – be set at 3 nights per calendar month.</p>	<p>Accept the submissions in part.</p> <p>That the default number of nights be increased from 2-3 nights.</p>

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Buffer Zones			
Agree or strongly agree (91)			
001, 003, 004, 005, 007, 008, 009, 010, 011, 013, 014, 018, 019, 020, 021, 023, 024, 025, 026, 028, 030, 033, 034, 035, 036, 037, 038, 039, 040, 042, 043, 046, 048, 049, 051, 053, 054, 056, 057, 058, 059, 064, 065, 067, 068, 069, 070, 071, 073, 075, 076, 077, 079, 081, 082, 084, 085, 090, 093, 094, 097, 099, 100, 102, 103, 104, 106, 107, 108, 112, 113, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 132, 133, 135, 136, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144	<u>Reasons:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practicality (6) 	Most submitters were in favour of the buffer zones for practical reasons. These included making enforcement generally easier, making restrictions as a whole clearer and easier to follow, and encouraging the use of restricted areas over unrestricted areas.	Accept the submissions.
Neither agree nor disagree/No answer (40)			
006, 012, 015, 016, 022, 029, 031, 032, 041, 044, 045, 050, 055, 060, 062, 063, 072, 074, 078, 088, 089, 091, 092, 095, 105, 109, 110, 111, 116, 122,	No consistent reasons given.		Note the submissions

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128, 130, 131, 134, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150			
Disagree or strongly disagree (19)			
002, 017, 027, 047, 052, 061, 066, 080, 083, 086, 087, 096, 098, 101, 114, 115, 124, 126, 137	<u>Reasons:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unnecessary (3) 	Most submitters opposed buffer zones because they felt that they were unnecessary. This included because it was discouraging travellers when we should be encouraging them, and that signage was sufficient on its own.	Note the submissions

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Controls on Babbage Place			
Agree or strongly agree (75)			
003, 004, 005, 008, 009, 010, 011, 013, 014, 015, 018, 019, 020, 023, 024, 025, 026, 028, 030, 033, 035, 036, 037, 038, 039, 040, 042, 046, 048, 049, 051, 054, 057, 058, 059, 061, 062, 063, 064, 067, 068, 070, 071, 075, 076, 077, 079, 081, 084, 085, 092, 094, 101, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 112, 120, 121, 124, 125, 127, 131, 132, 133, 135, 139, 140, 141, 142, 144, 145	<u>Reasons</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long stays (6) • Local parking (4) • Should use campsites (2) • Residential area (2) • Should only be used as a rest stop (2) 	<p>The most common sentiment once again was concern for how long people would stay in place without a bylaw.</p> <p>Next-most-common was that the parking should be kept free for locals to use, then that campers should use commercial campsites, that Babbage Place is a residential area and so not appropriate for freedom camping, and that the area should only be used as a rest stop in transit and not for people intending to stay.</p>	Accept the submissions
Neither agree nor disagree/No answer (38)			
006, 007, 016, 022, 029, 031, 032, 034, 041, 043, 044, 045, 050, 055, 060, 069, 074, 088, 091, 093, 095, 097, 100, 102, 110, 111, 119, 122, 123, 126, 128, 129, 130, 138, 146, 147, 148, 150	<u>Reasons</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unfamiliar with area (4) • Extend days (2) • Extend hours (2) • Homelessness (2) 	<p>The most common sentiment given for neither agreeing nor disagreeing was just not being familiar with the area. Some submitters felt that the days or hours should be extended (i.e. people should be allowed to set up earlier in the day), or that this would have a disproportionate impact on homeless people.</p>	Note the submission

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Disagree or strongly disagree (37)			
001, 002, 012, 017, 021, 027, 047, 052, 053, 056, 065, 066, 072, 073, 078, 080, 082, 083, 086, 087, 089, 090, 096, 098, 099, 109, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 134, 136, 137, 143, 149	<u>Reasons</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend nights (8) • Extend hours (6) • Prohibit (6) • Overkill (2) 	<p>Most submitters who gave reasons for disagreeing felt that the number of nights provided per month should be increased. The most common suggestion (5 submitters) was that it should be increased to 3 nights.</p> <p>Other submitters felt that the hours provided should be extended with no consistent theme. Another common feeling was that camping should be prohibited.</p>	Note the submissions
<u>Decision Matrix</u>			
Are the controls necessary to protect the area?		✘	
Are the controls necessary to protect access to the area?		✔	
Are the controls necessary to protect visitors to the area?		✘	
Is there a known issue in the area currently?		✘	
- If yes: are the controls proportionate?		✘	
Is enforcement practicable?		✔✔	

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Prohibited within Bason Botanic Gardens			
Agree or strongly agree (86)			
001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 008, 010, 011, 013, 014, 015, 018, 021, 022, 023, 024, 025, 026, 028, 030, 033, 035, 036, 037, 038, 039, 040, 046, 047, 049, 051, 052, 053, 056, 057, 058, 059, 061, 062, 064, 067, 068, 069, 071, 072, 073, 075, 076, 077, 079, 084, 092, 094, 095, 097, 099, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 111, 112, 113, 117, 119, 120, 122, 123, 125, 127, 132, 133, 135, 136, 137, 139, 142, 143, 144, 145, 149	<u>Reasons</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect gardens (23) • Support campsites (3) 	The most common sentiment for people who agreed with the proposed prohibition was to protect the Botanic Gardens. This included both protection of the gardens themselves from damage, as well as preserving them for use by visitors.	Accept the submissions
Neither agree nor disagree/No answer (39)			
006, 007, 016, 020, 029, 031, 032, 034, 041, 042, 043, 044, 045, 048, 050, 054, 055, 060, 066, 070, 074, 078, 081, 088, 091, 093, 098, 109, 110, 115,	<u>Reasons</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow restricted (4) 	Some submitters who commented neither agreed nor disagreed because they would have preferred freedom camping to be allowed but restricted in the area.	Note the submissions

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Sub #	Summary of submissions	Officer comments	Officer's recommendations/ proposed actions
126, 128, 130, 131, 138, 146, 147, 148 150			
Disagree or strongly disagree (25)			
009, 012, 017, 019, 027, 063, 065, 080, 082, 083, 085, 086, 087, 089, 090, 096, 114, 118, 121, 124, 129, 134, 135, 140, 141	<u>Reasons</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow restricted (6) 	The majority of submitters who disagreed on this issue felt that freedom camping should be allowed in Bason Botanic Gardens subject to restrictions such as a standard fee, or day/vehicle limits.	Note the submissions
<u>Decision matrix</u>			
Are the controls necessary to protect the area?		✓	
Are the controls necessary to protect access to the area?		✗	
Are the controls necessary to protect visitors to the area?		✓	
Is there a known issue in the area currently?		✗	
- If yes: are the controls proportionate?		✗	
Is enforcement practicable?		✓	

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Controls on Blyth Street			
Agree or strongly agree (73)			
001, 003, 004, 005, 008, 009, 010, 011, 013, 014, 015, 018, 019, 020, 023, 025, 026, 028, 030, 033, 035, 036, 037, 038, 039, 040, 042, 046, 047, 048, 049, 051, 054, 057, 058, 059, 061, 062, 063, 064, 067, 068, 070, 071, 075, 077, 079, 081, 084, 085, 092, 094, 097, 103, 106, 108, 112, 120, 121, 124, 125, 127, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 137, 139, 140, 142, 144, 145	<u>Reasons:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential area (7) • Should use campsites (3) • Tourist area (3) 	<p>The most common reason given for supporting the proposed restrictions was that Blyth Street is a residential area.</p> <p>Other submitters felt that freedom campers should be using campsites if they wanted to stay longer, or that the parking should be kept available for visitors to Durie Hill Tower.</p>	Accept the submissions.
Neither agree nor disagree/No answer (44)			
006, 007, 016, 022, 029, 031, 032, 034, 041, 043, 044, 045, 050, 052, 055, 060, 069, 074, 076, 082, 087, 088, 091, 093, 095, 100, 102, 105, 110, 113, 116, 119, 122, 123, 126, 128,	<u>Reasons:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unfamiliar with area (5) 	The most common comment from those who neither agreed nor disagreed was that they weren't familiar with this area.	Note the submissions.

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Sub #	Summary of submissions	Officer comments	Officer's recommendations/ proposed actions
129, 130, 138, 141, 146, 147, 148 150			
Disagree or strongly disagree (33)			
002, 012, 017, 021, 024, 027, 053, 056, 065, 066, 072, 073, 078, 080, 083, 086, 089, 090, 096, 098, 099, 101, 104, 107, 109, 111, 114, 115, 117, 118, 136, 143, 149	<u>Reasons:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibit (9) • Extend nights (4) • Extend hours (3) 	<p>Most submitters who disagreed or strongly disagreed did so because they felt that freedom camping should be prohibited rather than restricted.</p> <p>Other submitters felt that the nights or hours provided should be extended.</p>	Note the submissions.

Summary of Submissions on Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw			
Sub #	Summary of submissions	Officer comments	Officer's recommendations/ proposed actions
<u>Decision matrix:</u>			
	Are the controls necessary to protect the area?	✘	
	Are the controls necessary to protect access to the area?	✔	
	Are the controls necessary to protect visitors to the area?	✘	
	Is there a known issue in the area currently?	✘	
	- If yes: are the controls proportionate?	✘	
	Is enforcement practicable?	✔✔	

Summary of Submissions on Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw			
Sub #	Summary of submissions	Officer comments	Officer's recommendations/ proposed actions
Controls on Castlecliff Beach			
Agree or strongly agree (75)			
004, 005, 007, 008, 009, 010, 013, 014, 015, 018, 020, 023, 025, 026, 028, 030, 033, 035, 036, 037, 039, 040, 042, 046, 049, 051, 053, 054, 057, 058, 059, 062, 063, 064, 065, 067, 068, 069, 071, 075, 076, 077, 079, 081, 082, 084, 085, 092, 094, 097, 099, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 108, 111, 117, 119, 120, 123, 124, 125, 127, 131, 132, 133, 135, 137, 139, 140, 142, 144, 145	<u>Reasons:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support campsites (15) • Overcrowding (4) • Long stays (2) • Protect area (2) 	<p>The most common sentiment for agreeing with the proposed restrictions was to support local campsites, and that those campsites should be used if a camper is intending to stay for a longer period.</p> <p>Other submitters were concerned about overcrowding, particularly during the summer, campers staying in place for a longer period of time, and that the restrictions would help protect the character of the area.</p>	Accept the submissions.
Neither agree nor disagree/No answer (41)			
001, 003, 006, 011, 012, 016, 019, 022, 024, 029, 031, 032, 034, 041, 043, 044, 045, 050, 055, 060, 072, 073, 074, 078, 088, 091, 093, 095, 100, 110, 113, 122, 126, 128, 129, 130, 138, 146, 147, 148, 150	<u>Reasons:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend nights (3) 	<p>The most common comments in this category were from people who felt the number of nights should be increased. Two submitters thought it should be 3 nights per calendar month.</p>	Note the submissions.

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Sub #	Summary of submissions	Officer comments	Officer's recommendations/ proposed actions
Disagree or strongly disagree (34)			
002, 017, 021, 027, 038, 047, 048, 052, 056, 061, 066, 070, 080, 083, 086, 087, 089, 090, 096, 098, 101, 107, 109, 112, 114, 115, 116, 118, 121, 134, 136, 141, 143, 149	<u>Reasons:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibit (13) • Extend days (7) • Unrestricted (2) 	<p>Most who disagreed with the proposed controls thought that freedom camping should be prohibited in this area instead. Largely this was to support the local campsite (10).</p> <p>Other submitters felt that the number of days provided should be increased, with 3 suggesting it should be 3 nights per calendar month, and 2 submitters felt that freedom camping should be unrestricted.</p>	Note the submissions.
<u>Decision matrix:</u>			
Are the controls necessary to protect the area?		✘	
Are the controls necessary to protect access to the area?		✔	
Are the controls necessary to protect visitors to the area?		✘	
Is there a known issue in the area currently?		✘	
- If yes: are the controls proportionate?		✘	
Is enforcement practicable?		✔✔	

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Sub #	Summary of submissions	Officer comments	Officer's recommendations/ proposed actions
Prohibition on Central Business District			
Agree or strongly agree (92)			
001, 003, 004, 005, 008, 009, 010, 011, 013, 014, 015, 018, 019, 020, 021, 023, 024, 025, 026, 028, 030, 033, 035, 036, 037, 038, 039, 040, 042, 046, 047, 048, 049, 051, 054, 056, 057, 058, 059, 061, 062, 064, 065, 067, 068, 069, 070, 071, 075, 076, 077, 079, 081, 082, 084, 085, 092, 094, 095, 097, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 111, 112, 113, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 127, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 138, 139, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145	<u>Reasons:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking (17) • Safety (4) • Mess (2) 	<p>The most common reason for supporting the proposed restrictions in the CBD was in order to make sure that temporary parking is still available for visitors and locals.</p> <p>Another reason was safety, which included both the safety of freedom campers and the safety of other users of the CBD.</p>	Accept the submissions.
Neither agree nor disagree/No answer (38)			
002, 006, 007, 012, 016, 022, 029, 031, 032, 034, 041, 043, 044, 045, 050, 052, 055, 060, 066, 073, 074, 078, 088, 091, 093, 098, 099, 110, 115, 116,	No consistent reasons given		Note the submissions.

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Sub #	Summary of submissions	Officer comments	Officer's recommendations/ proposed actions
126, 128, 130, 140, 146, 147, 148, 150			
Disagree or strongly disagree (20)			
017, 027, 053, 063, 072, 080, 083, 086, 087, 089, 090, 096, 109, 114, 117, 118, 129, 131, 137, 149	<u>Reasons:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camper access to CBD (2) • Homeless space (2) 	The main reasons for disagreeing with this proposed restriction were concerns about campers having access to the CBD, and that there should be space available for homeless people to sleep. Officers note that this rule does not prevent campers from parking in the CBD area, only from camping there.	Note the submissions.
<u>Decision matrix:</u>			
Are the controls necessary to protect the area?		✓	
Are the controls necessary to protect access to the area?		✓✓	
Are the controls necessary to protect visitors to the area?		✗	
Is there a known issue in the area currently?		✗	
- If yes: are the controls proportionate?		✗	
Is enforcement practicable?		✓✓	

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Sub #	Summary of submissions	Officer comments	Officer's recommendations/ proposed actions
Controls on Kowhai Park			
Agree or strongly agree (75)			
004, 005, 007, 008, 009, 010, 011, 013, 014, 015, 018, 025, 026, 028, 030, 033, 035, 036, 037, 039, 040, 042, 046, 049, 051, 052, 054, 056, 057, 058, 059, 061, 062, 063, 064, 065, 067, 068, 069, 070, 071, 075, 076, 077, 079, 081, 084, 085, 092, 094, 095, 097, 099, 102, 103, 104, 106, 107, 108, 119, 121, 123, 124, 125, 127, 131, 132, 133, 135, 137, 139, 140, 141, 142, 144	<u>Reasons:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long stays (12) • Eyesore (9) 	<p>The most common reason for supporting the proposed restrictions on the Kowhai Park freedom camping zone was to control people who were staying there long-term.</p> <p>Other submitters were concerned about the visual impact of freedom camping and felt that the proposed measures would help to control that.</p>	Accept the submissions.
Neither agree nor disagree/No answer (41)			
001, 003, 006, 012, 016, 020, 029, 031, 032, 043, 044, 045, 050, 053, 055, 060, 073, 074, 078, 088, 091, 093, 098, 100, 105, 110, 111, 113, 114, 115, 116, 120, 126, 128, 129, 130, 138, 146, 147, 148, 150	<u>Reasons:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend nights 	<p>Most submitters in this category would have preferred the number of nights available per month to be higher than was proposed. Two submitters each suggested increasing to three and four nights per month.</p>	Note the submissions.

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Sub #	Summary of submissions	Officer comments	Officer's recommendations/ proposed actions
Disagree or strongly disagree (34)			
002, 017, 019, 021, 022, 023, 024, 027, 034, 038, 041, 047, 048, 066, 072, 080, 082, 083, 086, 087, 089, 090, 096, 101, 109, 112, 117, 118, 122, 134, 136, 143, 145, 149	<u>Reasons:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend nights (10) • Prohibit (9) • Reduce numbers (2) 	<p>The most common reason for disagreeing with the proposed restrictions was because submitters would have preferred for more nights to be available. The most common suggestion (4 submitters) was 4 nights per months, followed by 3 nights per month (3 submitters).</p> <p>The next-most-common reason was that submitters would prefer for freedom camping to be prohibited in the area entirely.</p>	Note the submissions.
<u>Decision matrix:</u>			
Are the controls necessary to protect the area?		✓	
Are the controls necessary to protect access to the area?		✓	
Are the controls necessary to protect visitors to the area?		✓	
Is there a known issue in the area currently?		✓ ✓	
- If yes: are the controls proportionate?		✓	
Is enforcement practicable?		✓ ✓	

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Sub #	Summary of submissions	Officer comments	Officer's recommendations/ proposed actions
Prohibition on Kowhai Park			
Agree or strongly agree (93)			
001, 004, 005, 007, 008, 009, 010, 011, 013, 014, 015, 019, 020, 021, 023, 024, 025, 026, 028, 030, 033, 034, 035, 036, 037, 038, 039, 040, 042, 046, 048, 049, 051, 052, 053, 054, 056, 057, 058, 059, 061, 062, 063, 064, 067, 068, 070, 071, 073, 075, 076, 077, 079, 081, 082, 084, 085, 090, 092, 094, 095, 097, 099, 101, 102, 103, 104, 106, 107, 108, 111, 112, 113, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 127, 132, 133, 135, 139, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 149	<u>Reasons:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local use (14) • Other areas available (6) • Campsites (4) 	<p>The most common reason for supporting the proposed prohibition on Kowhai Park was to preserve the area for use by locals, especially families. There was some specific concern (2 submitters) around safety specifically for children.</p> <p>Another common reason for supporting the prohibitions was because the other areas provided for freedom camping – especially the Kowhai Park site at the north end – would provide sufficient camping spaces, and that further ones in the rest of the park would be unnecessary.</p> <p>Some submitters also felt that campers should be using local campsites rather than camping freely.</p>	Accept the submissions.
Neither agree nor disagree/No answer (37)			
002, 003, 006, 012, 016, 018, 029, 031, 032, 041, 043, 044, 045, 050, 055, 060, 069, 074, 078, 088, 091, 093, 098, 105, 110, 115, 116, 126, 128, 129,	No consistent reasons given.		Note the submissions.

Summary of Submissions on Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw			
Sub #	Summary of submissions	Officer comments	Officer's recommendations/ proposed actions
130, 131, 138, 146, 147, 148, 150			
Disagree or strongly disagree (20)			
017, 022, 027, 047, 065, 066, 072, 080, 083, 086, 087, 089, 096, 100, 109, 114, 134, 136, 137, 140	<u>Reasons:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Another site (2) • Camper parking (2) 	The main reasons for disagreeing with these proposals were from people concerned for campers' ability to park, and those who felt that another site would be necessary.	Note the submissions.
<u>Decision matrix:</u>			
Are the controls necessary to protect the area?		✓	
Are the controls necessary to protect access to the area?		✓	
Are the controls necessary to protect visitors to the area?		✓	
Is there a known issue in the area currently?		✓✓	
- If yes: are the controls proportionate?		✓	
Is enforcement practicable?		✓✓	

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Sub #	Summary of submissions	Officer comments	Officer's recommendations/ proposed actions
Controls on Moutoa Quay			
Agree or strongly agree (80)			
001, 003, 004, 005, 008, 009, 010, 011, 014, 018, 019, 020, 023, 025, 026, 028, 030, 033, 035, 036, 038, 039, 040, 042, 047, 048, 049, 051, 052, 053, 054, 056, 057, 058, 059, 061, 062, 063, 064, 067, 068, 069, 070, 071, 073, 075, 079, 081, 082, 084, 085, 092, 094, 095, 097, 099, 100, 103, 104, 105, 106, 108, 119, 120, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 132, 133, 135, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 144	<u>Reasons:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local parking (6) • Use local accommodation (3) 	<p>Most submitters supported these proposed controls to prevent the spaces from being overused by campers and limiting the ability of locals to park there.</p> <p>Other submitters felt that if campers wanted to stay longer than the time provided, they should be using hotels or campsites.</p>	Accept the submissions.
Neither agree nor disagree/No answer (44)			
006, 007, 012, 015, 016, 022, 024, 029, 031, 032, 034, 037, 041, 043, 044, 045, 050, 055, 060, 065, 072, 074, 076, 077, 078, 088, 091, 102, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 115, 116, 122,	<u>Reasons:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce numbers (2) 	Several submitters agreed with the proposals generally, but would have preferred if there were fewer vehicles allowed at any one time.	Note the submissions.

Summary of Submissions on Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw			
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126, 128, 130, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150			
Disagree or strongly disagree (26)			
002, 013, 017, 021, 027, 046, 066, 080, 083, 086, 087, 089, 090, 093, 096, 098, 101, 107, 114, 117, 118, 124, 134, 136, 143, 145	<u>Reasons:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend nights (6) • Prohibit (4) 	<p>The most common reason for disagreeing with the proposed restrictions was because submitters would have preferred the night limitation to be extended. The most common suggestion (2 submitters) was 4 nights, followed by 3 nights (1 submitter). Other submitters didn't make alternate suggestions.</p> <p>Other submitters felt that camping should be entirely prohibited in this area. The reasons for this varied, including difficulty parking, the cultural significance of the Awa, and that campers should be using commercial campsites.</p>	Note the submissions.

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Sub #	Summary of submissions	Officer comments	Officer's recommendations/ proposed actions
<u>Decision matrix:</u>			
	Are the controls necessary to protect the area?		✘
	Are the controls necessary to protect access to the area?		✔
	Are the controls necessary to protect visitors to the area?		✘
	Is there a known issue in the area currently?		✘
	- If yes: are the controls proportionate?		✘
	Is enforcement practicable?		✔✔

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Sub #	Summary of submissions	Officer comments	Officer's recommendations/ proposed actions
Controls on Mowhanau			
Agree or strongly agree (45)			
023, 024, 025, 033, 037, 038, 042, 044, 048, 049, 054, 057, 058, 059, 062, 063, 064, 065, 067, 068, 069, 071, 075, 079, 082, 084, 092, 094, 100, 103, 106, 108, 117, 119, 124, 125, 127, 131, 132, 133, 135, 137, 138, 139, 140	<u>Reasons:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proximity of campsite (9) 	<p>The most common comment from those who supported the proposed controls were that they didn't want freedom camping to be unrestricted with a commercial campsite so close by.</p> <p>As a result of the number of submitters concerned about the local campsite, officers are providing an alternative proposal. Support for a local business is not sufficient justification for prohibiting camping in the area entirely, however the buffer zone may be increased to 700m. This would exclude the area around the campsite as well as the entirety of Mowhanau, which would mean that the provided space is the only area that freedom camping is allowed within Mowhanau.</p>	<p>Accept the submissions.</p> <p>That the buffer for Mowhanau be increased from 200m – 700m.</p>
Neither agree nor disagree/No answer (69)			
001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008, 009, 010, 011, 012, 014, 015, 016, 018, 019, 020, 021, 022, 026, 027, 028, 029, 030, 032, 034, 035, 039, 040, 041, 043, 045, 046, 050, 053, 055, 056, 060, 066, 072, 073,	No consistent reasons given.		Note the submissions.

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Sub #	Summary of submissions	Officer comments	Officer's recommendations/ proposed actions
074, 076, 077, 078, 081, 088, 091, 093, 095, 097, 102, 109, 110, 113, 114, 120, 123, 126, 128, 130, 142, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150			
Disagree or strongly disagree (36)			
013, 017, 031, 036, 047, 051, 052, 061, 070, 080, 083, 085, 086, 087, 089, 090, 096, 098, 099, 101, 104, 105, 107, 111, 112, 115, 116, 118, 121, 122, 129, 134, 136, 141, 143, 144	<u>Reasons:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proximity of campsite (15) • Extend nights (6) • Unrestricted (3) 	<p>The most common reason for opposing the freedom camping proposal in this area was due to the fact that a commercial campsite is operating out of Mowhanau and campers should be using that instead.</p> <p>Another common reason was because submitters felt that more nights should be allowed, followed by submitters who felt that this site would be a good area for freedom camping to be unrestricted.</p>	Note the submissions.

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Sub #	Summary of submissions	Officer comments	Officer's recommendations/ proposed actions
<u>Decision matrix:</u>			
	Are the controls necessary to protect the area?	✓	
	Are the controls necessary to protect access to the area?	✓	
	Are the controls necessary to protect visitors to the area?	✗	
	Is there a known issue in the area currently?	✗	
	- If yes: are the controls proportionate?	✗	
	Is enforcement practicable?	✓	

Summary of Submissions on Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw			
Sub #	Summary of submissions	Officer comments	Officer's recommendations/ proposed actions
Controls on Pukenuamu Drive			
Agree or strongly agree (77)			
003, 004, 005, 008, 009, 010, 013, 014, 015, 018, 019, 020, 022, 025, 026, 028, 030, 033, 036, 037, 038, 039, 040, 042, 046, 047, 048, 049, 054, 056, 057, 058, 059, 061, 062, 063, 064, 067, 068, 069, 070, 071, 072, 073, 075, 077, 079, 081, 082, 084, 085, 092, 094, 097, 100, 102, 103, 104, 107, 108, 112, 117, 120, 125, 127, 129, 131, 132, 133, 135, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 144	No consistent reasons given.		Accept the submissions.
Neither agree nor disagree/No answer (46)			
001, 006, 007, 011, 012, 016, 024, 029, 031, 032, 034, 041, 043, 044, 045, 050, 055, 060, 066, 074, 076, 078, 088, 091, 093, 095, 098, 101, 105, 106, 109, 110, 113, 115, 119, 121, 122, 123, 126, 128, 130, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150	<u>Reasons:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibit (2) • Unfamiliar with the area (2) 	The common sentiments from this group of submitters were that they would prefer camping to be prohibited here, and that they weren't familiar with the area in question.	Note the submissions.

Summary of Submissions on Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw			
Sub #	Summary of submissions	Officer comments	Officer's recommendations/ proposed actions
Disagree or strongly disagree (27)			
002, 017, 021, 023, 027, 035, 051, 052, 053, 065, 080, 083, 086, 087, 089, 090, 096, 099, 111, 114, 116, 118, 124, 134, 136, 143, 145	<u>Reasons:</u> • Prohibit (10)	The most common reason for disagreeing with the proposed restrictions was because submitters would prefer for camping to be prohibited in this area. Reasons included wanting to support campsites, a concern about parking, and the area being too close to a tapu site.	Note the submissions.
<u>Decision matrix:</u>			
Are the controls necessary to protect the area?		✓	
Are the controls necessary to protect access to the area?		✓	
Are the controls necessary to protect visitors to the area?		✗	
Is there a known issue in the area currently?		✗	
- If yes: are the controls proportionate?		✗	
Is enforcement practicable?		✓✓	

Summary of Submissions on Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw			
Sub #	Summary of submissions	Officer comments	Officer's recommendations/ proposed actions
Controls on the River Road			
Agree or strongly agree (76)			
003, 004, 005, 008, 009, 010, 013, 014, 015, 018, 020, 022, 024, 025, 026, 028, 033, 035, 036, 037, 039, 040, 042, 046, 048, 049, 051, 052, 053, 056, 057, 058, 059, 062, 064, 065, 067, 068, 069, 070, 071, 072, 076, 077, 079, 081, 082, 084, 092, 094, 097, 099, 100, 102, 103, 104, 106, 108, 111, 112, 120, 121, 123, 125, 127, 131, 132, 133, 135, 137, 139, 140, 141, 143, 144, 145	No consistent reasons provided.		Accept the submissions.
Neither agree nor disagree/No answer (48)			
006, 007, 011, 012, 016, 023, 029, 030, 031, 032, 034, 041, 043, 044, 045, 050, 054, 055, 060, 061, 063, 073, 074, 078, 085, 088, 091, 093, 095, 098, 105, 107, 109, 110, 113, 115, 117, 119, 122, 126, 128, 130, 138, 142, 146, 147, 148, 150	<u>Reasons:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend nights (3) • Unfamiliar/uninterested (3) 	The main reasons for this response were submitters felt that the number of nights should be extended, or they were unfamiliar with the area or not interested enough to have an opinion.	Note the submissions.

Summary of Submissions on Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw			
Sub #	Summary of submissions	Officer comments	Officer's recommendations/ proposed actions
Disagree or strongly disagree (26)			
001, 002, 017, 019, 021, 027, 038, 047, 066, 075, 080, 083, 086, 087, 089, 090, 096, 101, 114, 116, 118, 124, 129, 134, 136, 149	<u>Reasons:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibit (5) • Tangata whenua (5) • Extend nights (4) 	<p>There were two main reasons for opposing these proposed restrictions. The first was from submitters who would prefer freedom camping to be prohibited entirely along the River Road, and the second was from those who wanted to ensure that the restrictions matched up with the needs and values of tangata whenua. Officers note that the Tamaūpoko hapū collective have been consulted with on the proposed restrictions and, while full engagement is ongoing, no significant objections have been raised to the proposed rules. A review of the bylaw is expected in the next 12 months to assess its effectiveness.</p> <p>Another group of submitters would have preferred that the nights provided be extended.</p>	Note the submissions.

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<u>Decision matrix:</u>			
	Are the controls necessary to protect the area?	✓	
	Are the controls necessary to protect access to the area?	✓	
	Are the controls necessary to protect visitors to the area?	✗	
	Is there a known issue in the area currently?	✗	
	- If yes: are the controls proportionate?	✗	
	Is enforcement practicable?	✗ - Distance	

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Controls on Springvale Park			
Agree or strongly agree (78)			
001, 003, 004, 005, 007, 008, 009, 010, 011, 014, 015, 018, 019, 020, 023, 025, 026, 028, 030, 033, 035, 036, 039, 040, 042, 048, 049, 051, 053, 057, 058, 059, 061, 062, 063, 064, 067, 068, 069, 070, 071, 075, 076, 077, 079, 082, 084, 094, 095, 097, 102, 103, 104, 106, 107, 108, 112, 117, 119, 120, 121, 123, 124, 125, 127, 129, 131, 132, 133, 135, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 144, 145	<u>Reasons:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking (12) • Events (6) • Long stays (6) • Safety (3) 	<p>Most people who supported the proposed restrictions did so out of concern for access to parking at Jubilee Stadium. Another subset of submitters were specifically concerned about public access during events, which is provided for under the main part of the bylaw, not the section on Jubilee Stadium specifically.</p> <p>Other submitters were concerned about campers staying in place for long periods of time, and a smaller group were concerned about safety, particularly children.</p>	Accept the submissions.
Neither agree nor disagree/No answer (43)			
006, 012, 013, 016, 022, 029, 031, 032, 034, 037, 044, 045, 046, 050, 054, 055, 056, 060, 066, 073, 074, 078, 085, 088, 091, 092, 093, 109, 110, 111, 113, 114, 115, 116, 122, 126, 128, 130, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150	<u>Reasons:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend nights (5) • Parking concerns (3) • Vehicle numbers (3) 	<p>The most common response was from submitters who felt that the number of nights provided should be extended.</p> <p>Other submitters were concerned about the impact of freedom campers on parking, and whether the right number of vehicles were being allowed under the proposal. One submitter felt there should be more</p>	Note the submissions.

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		vehicles, one submitter felt there should be less, and one didn't specify.	
Disagree or strongly disagree (29)			
002, 017, 021, 024, 027, 038, 041, 043, 047, 052, 065, 072, 080, 081, 083, 086, 087, 089, 090, 096, 098, 099, 100, 101, 105, 118, 134, 136, 14	<p><u>Reasons:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend nights (9) • Prohibit (8) • More vehicles (3) 	<p>Most submitters disagreed because they felt that the number of nights allowed under the proposition should be extended.</p> <p>Other submitters felt that freedom camping should be prohibited entirely in the Jubilee Stadium carpark, while others felt that the number of vehicles allowed should be increased.</p> <p>One submitter who would have preferred camping to be prohibited attended a local school and talked about themselves and their friends being barked at by dogs that were sometimes not on leashes. A possible solution without prohibiting camping entirely would be to specify parks that campers are allowed to use and keep them to the centre of the carpark, making them easier to avoid.</p>	<p>Accept in part the submissions.</p> <p>That an additional clause be added to Schedule 1 (1)</p> <p><u>"Where there are marked designated freedom camping spaces at a location, freedom camping is restricted to the designated freedom camping spaces;"</u></p>

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<u>Decision matrix:</u>			
	Are the controls necessary to protect the area?	✓✓	
	Are the controls necessary to protect access to the area?	✓✓	
	Are the controls necessary to protect visitors to the area?	✓	
	Is there a known issue in the area currently?	✓✓	
	- If yes: are the controls proportionate?	✓	
	Is enforcement practicable?	✓✓	

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Prohibition on Springvale Park			
Agree or strongly agree (99)			
001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 007, 008, 009, 010, 011, 013, 014, 015, 018, 020, 021, 023, 024, 025, 026, 028, 030, 033, 034, 035, 036, 038, 039, 040, 042, 043, 046, 047, 048, 049, 051, 052, 053, 054, 056, 057, 058, 059, 061, 062, 063, 064, 067, 068, 069, 070, 071, 073, 075, 076, 077, 079, 081, 082, 084, 090, 092, 094, 095, 097, 099, 100, 101, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 111, 112, 113, 115, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 123, 124, 125, 127, 129, 132, 133, 135, 136, 139, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 149	<u>Reasons:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community use (13) • Area provided already (3) 	<p>The most common reason for supporting this prohibition was to protect the park area for use by the community. This included individuals, school groups, sports groups, and for all recreational purposes.</p> <p>A smaller group of submitters supported the proposed rule because sufficient areas are provided already under the proposed bylaw.</p>	Accept the submissions.
Neither agree nor disagree/No answer (35)			
006, 012, 016, 022, 029, 031, 032, 037, 041, 044, 045, 050, 055, 060, 066, 072, 074, 078, 088, 091, 093, 102, 109, 110,	No consistent reasons given.		Note the submissions.

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Sub #	Summary of submissions	Officer comments	Officer's recommendations/ proposed actions
116, 122, 126, 128, 130, 131, 138, 146, 147, 148, 150			
Disagree or strongly disagree (16)			
017, 019, 027, 065, 080, 083, 085, 086, 087, 089, 096, 098, 114, 134, 137, 140	No consistent reasons given.		Note the submissions.
<u>Decision matrix:</u>			
Are the controls necessary to protect the area?		✓	
Are the controls necessary to protect access to the area?		✓	
Are the controls necessary to protect visitors to the area?		✓	
Is there a known issue in the area currently?		✓✓	
- If yes: are the controls proportionate?		✓	
Is enforcement practicable?		✓✓	

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Controls on Taupo Quay			
Agree or strongly agree (76)			
003, 004, 005, 008, 009, 010, 011, 014, 015, 018, 020, 025, 026, 028, 030, 033, 035, 036, 037, 039, 040, 042, 046, 048, 049, 051, 053, 054, 056, 057, 058, 059, 061, 062, 063, 064, 067, 068, 069, 070, 071, 072, 075, 076, 077, 079, 081, 082, 084, 092, 094, 095, 097, 099, 100, 103, 104, 106, 107, 108, 112, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 132, 134, 135, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 144, 145	<u>Reasons:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overcrowding (3) 	The main reason for supporting the proposed controls was concerns about overcrowding if freedom camping remains unrestricted. This included concerns for the way the area looks to tourists, as well as local access to parks and general use of the area.	Accept the submissions.
Neither agree nor disagree/No answer (48)			
001, 006, 007, 012, 013, 016, 019, 022, 029, 031, 032, 034, 041, 043, 044, 045, 050, 052, 055, 060, 073, 074, 078, 087, 088, 090, 091, 093, 098, 102, 105, 109, 110, 111, 113, 115, 116, 118, 119, 121, 122, 128, 130, 133, 146, 147, 148, 150	<u>Reasons:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend nights (3) • Prohibit (2) • No comment (2) 	The majority of submitters in this category would have preferred if the nights allowed were increased.	Note the submissions.

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Disagree or strongly disagree (26)			
002, 017, 021, 023, 024, 027, 038, 047, 065, 066, 080, 083, 085, 086, 089, 096, 101, 114, 117, 120, 124, 126, 136, 137, 143, 149	<u>Reasons:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibit (6) • Extend nights (5) 	Most submitters who disagreed would have preferred freedom camping to be prohibited entirely within this area. Other submitters felt that the number of nights allowed should be increased.	Note the submissions.
<u>Decision matrix:</u>			
Are the controls necessary to protect the area?		✘	
Are the controls necessary to protect access to the area?		✔	
Are the controls necessary to protect visitors to the area?		✘	
Is there a known issue in the area currently?		✘	
- If yes: are the controls proportionate?		✘	
Is enforcement practicable?		✔✔	

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Controls on Westmere Lake			
Agree or strongly agree (73)			
008, 010, 013, 015, 018, 020, 022, 024, 025, 026, 028, 030, 033, 035, 036, 037, 038, 040, 042, 046, 047, 048, 049, 051, 052, 053, 054, 057, 058, 059, 062, 063, 064, 067, 068, 069, 071, 072, 073, 076, 077, 079, 081, 082, 084, 085, 094, 097, 099, 100, 103, 104, 106, 108, 112, 115, 120, 121, 124, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 144, 149	<u>Reasons:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local use (3) • Space (3) 	Submitters agreed with these proposals to keep the area available for local use.	Accept the submissions.
Neither agree nor disagree/No answer (46)			
006, 007, 009, 011, 012, 014, 016, 019, 029, 031, 032, 034, 039, 041, 043, 044, 045, 055, 056, 060, 066, 074, 078, 088, 091, 092, 093, 095, 098, 102, 109, 110, 111, 113, 114, 118, 119, 122, 123, 126, 128, 130, 146, 147, 148, 150	<u>Reasons:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking (3) • Extend nights (2) 	Submitters were concerned about the availability of parking for locals and visitors, and how many nights were allowed under the proposal.	Note the submissions.

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Disagree or strongly disagree (31)			
001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 017, 021, 023, 027, 050, 061, 065, 070, 075, 080, 083, 086, 087, 089, 090, 096, 101, 105, 107, 116, 117, 132, 134, 136, 143, 145	<u>Reasons:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibit (11) • Mess (4) • Extend nights (2) 	Submitters in general would prefer freedom camping to be prohibited in this area. The reasons varied, from those concerned about mess to parking and visitor access. Other submitters would have preferred the number of nights allowed to be increased.	Note the submissions.
<u>Decision matrix:</u>			
Are the controls necessary to protect the area?		✓	
Are the controls necessary to protect access to the area?		✓	
Are the controls necessary to protect visitors to the area?		✗	
Is there a known issue in the area currently?		✗	
- If yes: are the controls proportionate?		✗	
Is enforcement practicable?		✓	

Additional areas			
Sub #	Area proposed	Officer comments	Officer's recommendations/ proposed actions
013, 021, 035, 055, 087, 101, 105, 112, 117, 118, 121, 143	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morgan Street (1), - Limit campervans for safety • North Mole (2), - Won't be appropriate once the area is upgraded, - Rubbish, - Interrupting local access, • All of Whanganui (6), • South Beach (2), • London/Balance Street (1), • Pakaitore (1), • Landguard's Bluff (1), - Rubbish, - Interrupting local access, • Mosquito Point (1), - Locals using the area, possibly somewhere to add a toilet and allow light campers • Wiritoa Reserve (1). 	<p>None of these themes were frequent, aside from the suggestion to prohibit camping wherever it was not explicitly allowed. The Act requires Council to identify the locations where freedom camping is controlled or prohibited and then only for the purposes of protecting the area, protecting access to an area or visitors to an area.</p> <p>North Mole is marked to consider on review, when the upgrades currently in progress have been completed and officers can assess whether or not it meets the criteria recommended for inclusion.</p>	Note the submissions.